

Loving the Triune God, Loving our Neighbors, Transforming the Fallen World

Lessons & Carols: A Christmas Eve Service 24 December 2023



Welcome & The Bidding Prayer

The Bidding Carol

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus





First Lesson From Genesis 3:8-19

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise, and that the Woman's seed will bruise the serpent's head.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence





Second Lesson From Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

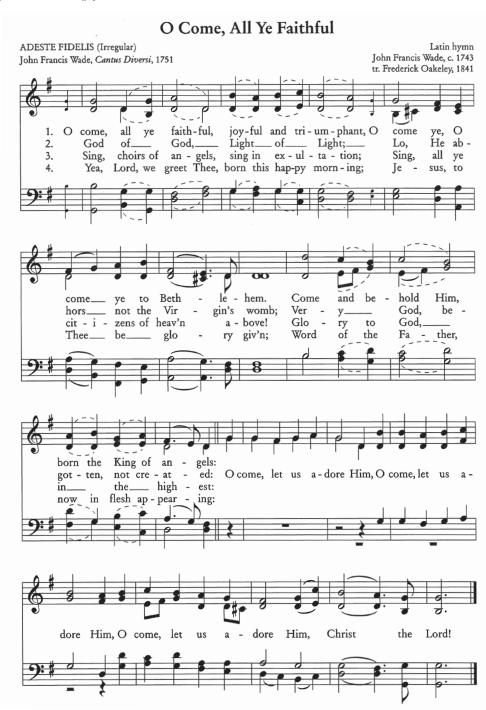
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen





Third Lesson From Isaiah 9:1-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.





Fourth Lesson From Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is fore-shown.





Fifth Lesson From The Gospel of Luke 1:26–38

The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary.

What Child Is This





Sixth Lesson From The Gospel of Matthew 1:18-23

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come





Seventh Lesson From The Gospel of Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.





Eighth Lesson From The Gospel of Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

The First Noel





Ninth Lesson From The Gospel of John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. (Lighting of candles)





Nativity Prayer of St. Augustine

Let the just rejoice,

For their Justifier is born.

Let the sick and infirm rejoice,

For their Saviour is born.

Let the captives rejoice,

For their Redeemer is born.

Let slaves rejoice,

For their Master is born.

Let free men rejoice,

For their Liberator is born.

Let all Christians rejoice,

For Jesus Christ is born.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Benediction

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

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