



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

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**Prelude:** Wachtet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Processional Hymn:** BB#733 – “ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY”

*Please remain seated*

*Solo*

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

*Please stand and sing*



2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of  
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - our and o -  
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he  
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing  
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing



all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a  
- bey, love and watch the low - ly maid - en, in whose gen - tle arms he  
grew, he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and smiles like us he  
love, for that child so dear, and gen - tle is our Lord in heaven a -  
by, we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on



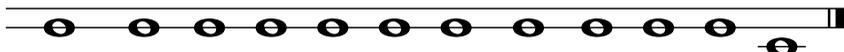
stall. With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Sav - iour holy.  
lay: Christ - ian child - ren all must be mild, o - bed - ient, good as he.  
knew: and he feeleth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our gladness.  
- bove; and he leads his child - ren on to the place where he is gone.  
high, where, like stars, his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). MUSIC: Irby; Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).

**Children’s Focus & Advent Candle-Lighting**

*Please be seated*

*Priest:*



Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Al - le - lu - ia!

*People:*



A light no darkness can extinguish. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Priest:* Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Those who follow him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of peace.

*People:* **May God's peace be in our lives and in the world. Amen.**

## **The Bidding Prayer**

*Please kneel or be seated*

*Priest:* Beloved in Christ, at this Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and in mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore, let us read and mark in the Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God. Gracious God, send your Son to us:

*All:* **That he may dwell in us forevermore.**

*Priest:* But first, let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world and for all people according to their needs, for unity and harmony within the church he came to build.

*Prayers for the church are offered*

*Priest:* Gracious God, send your Son to us:

*All:* **That he may dwell in us forevermore.**

*Priest:* And because his heart would rejoice in this, let us remember in his name especially the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed. Let us pray for those in need of healing.

*The names of the sick and suffering are offered*

*Priest:* I invite your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in the sanctity of silence.

*Please offer your prayers, as the Spirit moves you*

*Priest:* Gracious God, send your Son to us:

*All:* **That he may dwell in us forevermore.**

*Priest:* Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, and all that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are One forevermore. Let us pray for those who have died, and have entered into eternity with the Father.

*The names of those who have died are offered*

*Priest:* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

*All:* **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Priest:* Gracious God, send your Son to us:

*All:* **That he may dwell in us forevermore.**

*Priest:* These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, saying,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton Nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne. Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, dans les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

LESSON I (The Garden of Eden)

*Please be seated*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Genesis 3.8-15

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

### **Adam Lay Ybounden - Boris Ord (1897-1961)**

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter, thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden, written in their book.  
Nor had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a-been heavené queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we mourn singen. Deo gracias!

Hymn: #98 – “HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOUR COMES”

*Please stand & sing*



1. Hark the glad sound! the Sav - iour comes, the Sav - iour pro - mised  
 2. Christ comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's bon - dage  
 3. Christ comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to  
 4. Our glad hos - an - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro -



long: let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song. TEXT: Philip  
Doddridge (1702-  
1751). MUSIC:  
Bristol: Thomas  
Ravenscroft  
(1590?- 1634?).  
 held; the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield  
 cure, and from the trea - sur - ies of grace to bless the hum - ble poor.  
 - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal ar - ches ring with thy be - lov - ed name

LESSON II (Le Seigneur fait sa promesse à Abraham)

*Please be seated*

L'ange du Seigneur appela Abraham du ciel une seconde fois et dit : « Je le jure par moi-même, oracle du Seigneur. Parce que tu as fait cela et n'as pas épargné ton fils unique, je m'engage à te bénir, et à faire proliférer ta descendance autant que les étoiles du ciel et le sable au bord de la mer. Ta descendance occupera la Porte des ennemis ; c'est en elle que se béniront toutes les nations de la terre parce que tu as écouté ma voix. »

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

*Reader:* Parole du Seigneur.

Genesis 22.15-18

**People:** Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Sussex Carol** - arr. David Willcocks ((1919-2015))

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring.  
 News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?  
 When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place;  
 Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:  
 "Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore, Amen!"

### LESSON III (Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 9.2, 6-7

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Hymn: #145 – “GOOD KING WENCESLAS”

*Please stand & sing*



1. Good King Wen - ces - las looked out on the feast of Ste - phen,  
2. “Hith - er, page, and stand by me, if thou knowest it, tel - ling:  
3. “Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, bring me pine - logs hith - er;  
4. “Sire, the night is dark - er now, and the wind blows strong - er:  
5. In his mas - ter's steps he trod, where the snow lay dint - ed;



when the snow lay round a - bout, deep, and crisp, and e - ven.  
yon - der pea - sant, who is he? Where and what his dwel - ling?”  
thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thith - er.”  
fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no lon - ger.”  
heat was in the ve - ry sod which the Saint had print - ed.



Bright - ly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cru - el,  
“Sire, he lives a good league hence, un - der - neath the moun - tain,  
Page and mon - arch forth they went, forth they went to - geth - er,  
“Mark my foot - steps, my good page; tread thou in them bold - ly.  
There - fore, Chris - tians all, be sure, wealth and rank pos - sess - ing,



when a poor man came in sight, gath - ering win - ter fu - el,  
right a - gainst the for - est fence, by St. Ag - nes' foun - tain.”  
through the rude wind's wild la - ment, and the bit - ter wea - ther.  
Thou shalt find the win - ter's rage freeze thy blood less cold - ly.”  
ye who now will bless the poor, shall your - selves find bless - ing.

TEXT: John Mason Neale (1818-1866).  
MUSIC: Tempus Adest Floridum; Melody Piaie Cantiones (1582).

LESSON IV (The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown)

*Please be seated*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 11.1-9

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**The Bell Carol - Philip Ledger (1937-2012)**

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And mild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, this Christmastide.

Till, ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, this Christmastide.

And in despair I bowed my head;  
There is no peace on earth, I said;  
For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, this Christmastide.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, this Christmastide.

LESSON V (The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary)

*Please remain seated*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will

give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Luke 1.26-33, 38

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

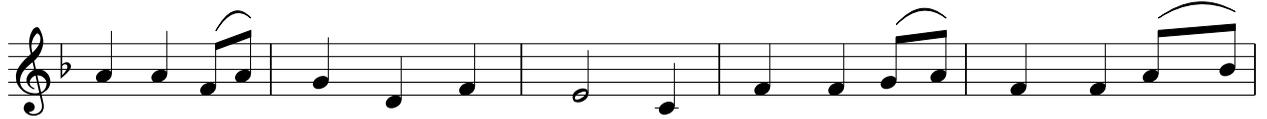
*A moment of silence is observed*

Hymn: “AWAY IN A MANGER”

*Please stand & sing*



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit-tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low-ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit-tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for



Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus--look  
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit-tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from on high and stay by my side un-til morn-ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care, and fit us for heav-en to live with you there.

TEXT: American (19th cent.). MUSIC: Cradle Song; William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921).

LESSON VI (St. Luc annonce la naissance de Jésus)

*Please be seated*

Or, en ce temps-là, parut un décret de César Auguste pour faire recenser le monde entier. Ce premier recensement eut lieu à l'époque où Quirinius était gouverneur de Syrie. Tous allaient se faire recenser, chacun dans sa propre ville ; Joseph aussi monta de la ville de Nazareth en Galilée à la ville de David qui s'appelle Bethléem en Judée, parce qu'il était de la famille et de la descendance de David, pour se faire recenser avec Marie son

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was

épouse, qui était enceinte. Or, pendant qu'ils étaient là, le jour où elle devait accoucher arriva ; elle accoucha de son fils premier-né, l'emballa et le déposa dans une mangeoire, parce qu'il n'y avait pas de place pour eux dans la salle d'hôtes.

expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*Reader:* Parole du Seigneur.

Luc 2.1-7

**People:** Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

*A moment of silence is observed*

### **Il est né le divin enfant** - arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Il est né le divin enfant, Jouez hautbois, résonnez musettes;  
Il est né le divin enfant, Chantons tous son avènement !

Depuis plus de quatre mille ans, Nous le promettaient les prophètes,  
Depuis plus de quatre mille ans, Nous attendions cet heureux temps.

Ah! Qu'il est beau, qu'il est charmant, Ah! que ses grâces sont parfaites!  
Ah! Qu'il est beau, qu'il est charmant, Qu'il est doux ce divin enfant!

Une étable est son logement, Un peu de paille est sa couchette;  
Une étable est son logement, Pour un dieu quel abaissement!

O Jésus! O Roi, tout-puissant, Si petit enfant que vous êtes,  
O Jésus! O Roi tout-puissant, Régniez sur nous entièrement!

### LESSON VII (The Shepherds go to the Manger)

*Please remain seated*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Luke 2.8-16

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silence is observed*

Hymn: #121 – “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

*Please stand & sing*



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A -  
 For Christ is born of Ma - - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove, while  
 How si - lent-ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous Gift is giv'n; as  
 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast



- bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet  
 mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love. O  
 love im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of God's heav'n. No  
 out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We



in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; The  
 morn - ing stars to - ge - ther, pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and  
 ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where  
 hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O



hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night  
 prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.  
 meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

TEXT: Phillips  
 Brooks (1835-1893).  
 MUSIC: Forest  
 Green; English trad.

LESSON VIII – The Wise Men are led by a Star to Jesus

*Please be seated*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have

found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Matthew 2.1-11

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Bel astre que j'adore - Maurice Dela (1919-1978)**

Bel Astre que j'adore, Soleil, qui luis pour moi, C'est toi seul que j'implore, Je veux n'aimer que Toi, C'est ma plus chère envie, Seigneur, en ce beau jour, Où je ne dois la vie Qu'à ton immense amour.

Du fond de cette crèche, J'entends, rempli de foi, Ta voix qui ne me prêche Que cette douce loi.  
Divine et pure flamme, Descends du haut des cieux, Remplis, remplis mon âme  
Oh! viens combler mes vœux!

Et vous, chœurs angéliques Qui du Seigneur naissant Chantez dans vos cantiques L'heureux avènement  
Venez pour moi saints anges Redire au doux Sauveur Vos hymnes de louange Les chants de mon bonheur.

**Hymn: #136 – “WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS”**

*Please stand & sing*



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night all seat - ed on the  
2. "Fear not," said he, for migh - ty dread had seized their trou - bled  
3. To you in Da - vid's town this day is born of Da - vid's  
4. the heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis -  
5. Thus spake the ser - aph: and forth - with ap - peared a shin - ing  
6. "All glor - y be to God on high, and to the world be



ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down and glor - y shone a - round.  
mind. "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and hu - man - kind.  
line a Sav - iour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
- played, all mean - ly wrapped in swad - dling bands, and in a man - ger laid."  
throng of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:  
peace; good will hence - forth from heaven to earth be - gin, and nev - er cease."

TEXT: Luke 2.8-14; para. Nahum Tate (1652-1715). MUSIC: Winchester Old; Melody Whole Book of Psalms, 1592.

**LESSON IX (St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation)**

*Please be seated*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him

not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us (*a moment of silence is observed*) and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

John 1.1-14

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Offertory Hymn: BB#75 – “O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

*Please remain standing to sing*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O  
 2. God of God Li - ght of Li - ght, lo, he ab -  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing, all ye  
 4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, Leav - ing their

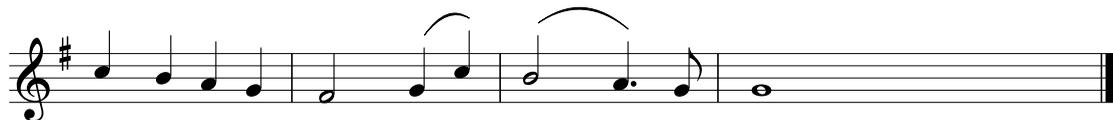


come ye, to Beth - le - hem. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 - hors not the vir - gin's womb; ve - ry God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted:  
 cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, in the - high - est;  
 flocks draw nigh with low - ly fear; We too will thi - ther bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## Offertory Sentence

*All sing*



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-



- low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

TEXT: Thomas Ken (1637-1710). MUSIC: Old 100th; Melody Geneva, 1551.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## Closing Prayers

*Priest:* O Almighty God, we beseech you, give us grace to receive your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and to believe in his name, whose birth we have this day celebrated in sacred song; and grant that abiding steadfast in your faith, we may evermore rejoice in your salvation; through the merits of the same your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* O God, to whom glory is sung in the highest, while on earth peace is proclaimed to people of good will: Grant that good will to us your servants, cleanse us from all our sins, and give perpetual peace to us and to all people; through your mercy, O God, who is blessed and governs all things, world without end.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Blessing

## Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #138 – “HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

*Please stand & sing*



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glor-y to the new - born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored; Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!”  
 late in time, be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th’in - car - nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glor - y by, born that we no more may die,



with th’an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
 pleased as one of us to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, “Glor-y to the new-born King!”

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). MUSIC: Mendelssohn; Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847).

**Dismissal**

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Choir:* Amen.

**Postlude:** Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661) - *J. S. Bach* (1685-1750)



We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our services today.  
If you are a visitor, we invite you to make yourself known to one of our Greeters or Clergy.

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue aux visiteurs et aux nouveaux venus à nos services d'aujourd'hui et nous vous invitons à vous faire connaître auprès d'une des personnes à l'accueil ou auprès d'un membre du clergé.

**Ministering in the service today ... Celebrant:** The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison; **Readers:** Leonora Dowker, Pascal Brandt-Gagnon, Sylvia White, Rod de Courcy-Ireland, Jane Wigglesworth, Ariana Winn, Marleen O'Connell, Hilliard Goldfarb, The Rev. Deborah Noonan; **Greeters:** Tony Hadley, Gael Goodeve, Eric Painter; **Altar Guild:** Evelyn Hadley; **Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Elodie Lambert; **Music Director:** Jean Sébastien Allaire; **Organist:** Philip Crozier

#### Our Mission Statement:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"      "Connaître le Christ et le faire connaître"

#### TODAY

**Following the 10:30 a.m. service ...** We invite everyone to join us for refreshments  
**Advent Study** after the 10:30 service - meeting in the Boardroom.

#### THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Community Lunch
<b>Wednesday- Thursday</b>	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Community Lunch
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:15 p.m.	Holy Communion (Chancel)
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Boutique St. Georges (Lower Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

#### NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 16, 2018

#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zephaniah 3.14-20 / Philippians 4.4-7 / Luke 3.7-18

**9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion** (Chapel)

*Preacher:* The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison

**10:30 a.m.**

**Sung Eucharist**

*Preacher:* The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison

## NOTICES

**A Life Celebration Service for Carol Johansen** will take place on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** at St. John the Baptist Church. The church is located at 233 Ste-Claire Avenue, Pointe Claire, H9S 4E3 which is between Brunet and Drayton when travelling east on Avenue Ste-Claire from Avenue Cartier. Ste-Claire Avenue lies about halfway between Highway 20, going south and Lakeshore Boulevard on Cartier Avenue in Pointe Claire.

**2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES:** Your 2019 church envelopes are ready for pick up in the Parish Hall following the service today. If you do not have envelopes and would like a set, please contact the Church office.

**END OF YEAR REMINDER:** In order to receive an Income Tax credit for contributions to the church, **all** donations must be received no later than **December 31, 2018.**



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate to the Flower Fund to decorate the Church, please place your envelope in the offering plate marked "Flower Fund".

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ADVENT STUDY – Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - *Advent through Poetry and Art.*** The mysteries and miracles of this season are sometimes difficult to put into words. Come and explore Advent through art and poetry as we reflect together on the season's themes of waiting, hope and expectation. Led by the Rev. Debbie Noonan, the associate priest for Christian Formation.



**CIVITAS<sup>x</sup>, “MEALS TO THE STREETS” - Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** We hope you will join us to have fun and do good with PEACE Initiatives Canada, a Muslim-led non-profit. For over a year we've been bringing meals and compassionate listening to the homeless in the downtown. We need volunteers to help prep, prepare and package meals starting at 9:30 and/or to join one of our crews to go out to the streets or help with clean-up from 11:30 onwards. For more information, please speak to Deborah Hinton, Honor Barrett or Carole Kapelanski at the church office (514) 866-7113.