



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

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Prelude: Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
(Come now, Saviour of the Gentiles)

Processional Hymn: "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).

Advent Candle-Lighting & Children's Focus

Please be seated

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Voice 1: This is our Advent Wreath.

Voice 2: Why is it round?

Voice 1: Its roundness reminds us of God's love that goes on forever.

Voice 2: Why is it green?

Voice 1: The evergreen leaves remind us that new life will come.

Voice 2: Why do we have candles?

Voice 1: The candles remind us of Christ's light coming into the world.

Priest: Today we light three candles.

We name this candle Hope.

We name this candle Peace.

We name this candle Joy.

Priest: O God, as light comes from these candles, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

All: **We look forward to Jesus coming.**

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 soumet pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartient le règne, la puissance et la gloire, dans les siècles des siècles. Amen.

LESSON I - THE GARDEN OF EDEN - READ BY SYLVIA WHITE

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.**

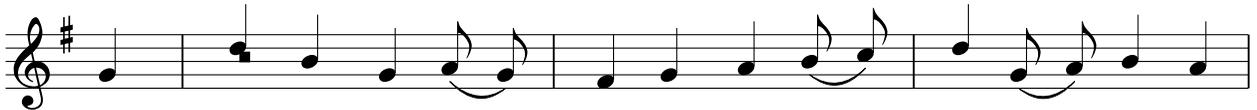
A moment of silence is observed

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: “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;
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

TEXT: Philip
Dodderidge (1702-
1751). MUSIC:
Bristol; Thomas
Ravenscroft
(1590?- 1634?).

LESSON II - Le Seigneur fait sa promesse à Abraham – read by

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

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

les nations de la terre parce que tu as écouté ma voix. » 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

Angelus ad virginem – arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Gabriel, to Mary came, and entered at her dwelling,
With his salutation glad her maiden fears dispelling,
All hail, thou queen of virgins bright! God, Lord of earth and heaven's height,
Thy very Son shall soon be born in pureness, the Saviour of mankind.
Thou art the gate of heaven bright, the sinners' healer kind.

How could I a mother be that am to man a stranger?
How should I my strong resolve, my solemn vows endanger?
Power from the Holy Ghost on high shall bring to pass this mystery.
Then have no fear; be of good cheer, believing that still thy chastity,
In God's almighty keeping shall all unsullied be.

Then to him the maid replied, with noble mien supernal,
Lo! The humble handmaid I of God the Lord eternal!
With thee, bright messenger of heaven, by whom this wondrous news is given,
I well agree and long to see fulfilled thy gracious prophecy.
As God my Lord doth will it, so be it unto me!

Hail! Thou Mother of the Lord, who bring'st of gifts the rarest,
Peace to angels and to men, when Christ the Lord thou barest!
Do thou, we pray, entreat thy Son for us our longed redemption
Himself to win, and from our sin release us; His succor for to give,
That, when we hence are taken, we too in heaven may live.

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: "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 Pia 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 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'emballota et le déposa dans

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 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

une mangeoire, parce qu'il n'y avait pas de place pour eux dans la salle d'hôtes. 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

Dans Cette Étable – *Humphrey Clucas (1941-)*

Dans cette étable que Jésus est charmant, qu'il est aimable dans son abaissement!
Que d'attraits à la fois ! Tous les palais des rois n'ont rien de comparable,
aux charmes que je vois dans cette étable.

Que sa puissance paraît bien en ce jour, malgré l'enfance où l'a réduit l'amour! Notre ennemi
dompté, l'enfer déconcerté, font voir qu'en sa naissance rien n'est si redouté que sa puissance.

Plus de misère! Un Dieu souffre pour nous et de son père apaise le courroux;
c'est en notre faveur qu'il naît dans la douleur;
pouvait-il pour nous plaire unir à sa grandeur plus de misère?

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: "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

Noël Nouvelet - arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici. Dévotes gens, crions à Dieu merci!
Chantons Noël pour le Roi nouvelet! *Noël nouvelet. Noël chantons ici!*

L’Ange disait: « Pasteurs partez d’ici. L’âme en repos et le cœur réjoui;
En Bethléhem trouverez l’agnelet! » *Noël nouvelet. Noël chantons ici!*

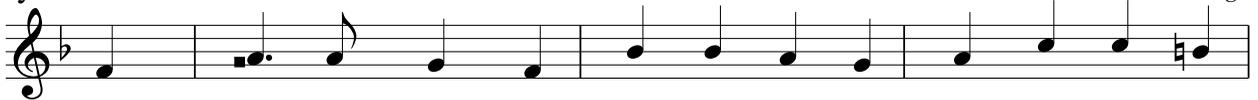
En Bethléhem, étant tous réunis, Trouvent l’Enfant, Joseph, Marie aussi!
La crèche était au lieu d’un bercelet! *Noël nouvelet. Noël chantons ici!*

Bientôt les rois par l’étoile éclaircis, De l’Orient dont ils étaient sortis,
A Bethléhem vinrent un matinet! *Noël nouvelet. Noël chantons ici!*

Voici mon Dieu, mon Sauveur Jésus-Christ, Par qui sera le prodige accompli,
De nous sauver par son sang vermeillet! *Noël nouvelet. Noël chantons ici!*

Hymn: “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.

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: "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.

TEXT: St. 1,2,3,
 John Francis
 Wade (1711-
 1786); st. 4,
 Etienne-Jean-
 Francois
 Borderies, 1822.
 MUSIC: Adeste
 Fideles; Melody
 attrib. John
 Francis Wade
 (1711-1786).

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.**

Sir Christèmas – William Mathias (b. 1934)

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell...

Who is there that singeth so, nowell, nowell, nowell?

I am here, Sir Christèmas. Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas!

Welcome to us all, both more and less, Come near, Nowell!

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, tidings I you bring:

A maid hath borne a child full young, which causeth you for to sing: Nowell!

Christ is now born of a pure maid, born of a pure maid;

In an ox-stall he is laid; Wherefore sing we at a brayed: Nowell!

Buvez bien, buvez bien par toute la companie!

Make good cheer and be right merry and sing with us now joyfully: Nowell!

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: "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!"

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in peace and serve in the kingdom of God. Alleluia!

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

Choir: Amen.

Postlude: Fughetta - Vom Himmel hoch da komm' ich her (BWV 701) - *J.S. Bach*
(*From heaven above to earth I come*)

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Our Motto

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



Our Mission Statement:

To actively witness to the faith that is given to each of us as we open our hearts and minds to God, and to share this wholeheartedly with those who live, work and study in downtown Montreal through the transforming love of Jesus and the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

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.

***The Flowers on the tablet today are given to the greater glory of God
by Faye Le Page in loving memory of the late Joy Le Page.***

Ministering in the service today ... Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Mancor; **Readers:** Sylvia White, Celine Giangi, Rod de Courcy-Ireland, Dan Rhicard; Jane Wigglesworth, Ariana Winn, David Wigglesworth, Hilliard, Goldfarb, Leonora Dowker; **Greeters:** Royal Leduc, Sylvia White, Gustavo Arroyo; **Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Elodie Lambert; **Music Director:** Jean-Sébastien Allaire; **Organist:** Philip Crozier

TODAY

Following the 10:30 a.m. service ... We invite everyone to join us for refreshments.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Saturday	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Community Lunch
Wednesday	12:15 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Holy Communion (Chancel)
	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Boardroom)
Thursday	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Boutique St. Georges (Lower Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 22, 2019

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT –

9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Chapel) <i>Preacher:</i> The Rev. Deborah Noonan
10:30 a.m.	Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

NOTICES

CELEBRATION SUNDAY – If it is your birthday during the month of **December** or you are celebrating a significant life event, please let the office know. We will have cake or goodies to mark the occasion and read the names of those who are celebrating **that month**. We will celebrate December and January birthdays at the end of January.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT COMING UP! - The Christmas Pageant will be on **Sunday 22 December**.). The last rehearsal is today following the service.

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".

END OF YEAR REMINDER: In order to receive Income Tax credit for contributions to the church, **all** donations must be received no later than **December 31, 2019**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STRINGS AT ST. GEORGE'S WINTER STUDENT RECITAL – **Today, Sunday December 15th at 7pm!** You are all invited to our Musician-in-Residence, Beatrice Ferreira's recital for her students held here at St. George's Church. All of her students have been working extremely hard on their repertoire and are excited to share it with you. Join us for an evening of wonderful music and to support these young musicians. **Admission:** \$12 (\$8 students) Free admission for current SSG studio students! Recital to be followed by a wine and cheese reception.



CIVITAS^x, “MEALS TO THE STREETS” – Saturday, December 21st. Our volunteer base is growing and we need members of St-George’s community to join us to provide a welcoming presence and to fill in where needed. Join us to have fun and do good with our partners PEACE Initiatives Canada, a Muslim-led non-profit and many others when we will make and deliver our 5000th meal together. For more information, please speak to Deborah Hinton, Honor Barrett or Carole Kapelanski at the church office.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, December 22 - Advent 4

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe

10:30 a.m.

Choral Eucharist and Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

10:30 p.m.

Procession and Choral Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Mancor

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Deborah Noonan

Sunday, December 29 – Christmas 1

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Mancor

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist and Baptism

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Mancor