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A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS
LESSONS AND CAROLS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 12 P.M.

AND

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 5:30 P.M.

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

PRELUDE

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her

Georg Böhm
(1661-1733)*The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.*

HYMN

YORKSHIRE

1 Chris - tians, a - wake, sa - lute the hap - py morn
 2 Then to the watch - ful shep - herds it was told,
 *3 He spoke, and straight - way the ce - les - tial choir
 *4 In Beth - le - hem the hap - py shep - herds sought
 5 Let us, like these good shep - herds, then em - ploy

1 where - on the Sa - vior of the world was born;
 2 who heard the an - gel - ic her - ald's voice: "Be - hold,
 3 in hymns of joy, un - known be - fore, con - spire;
 4 to see the won - der God for us had wrought,
 5 our grate - ful voic - es to pro - claim the joy;

1 rise to a - dore the mys - ter - y of love,
 2 I bring good tid - ings of a Sa - vior's birth
 3 the prais - es of re - deem - ing love they sang,
 4 and found, with Jo - seph and the bless - ed maid,
 5 trace we the Babe, who hath re - trieved our loss,

1 which hosts of an - gels chant - ed from a - bove;
 2 to you and all the na - tions on the earth:
 3 and heaven's whole orb with al - le - lu - ias rang;
 4 her Son, the Sa - vior, in a man - ger laid;
 5 from his poor man - ger to his bit - ter cross;

1 with them the joy - ful tid - ings first be - gun of
 2 this day hath God ful - filled his prom - ised word, this
 3 God's high - est glo - ry was their an - them still, peace
 4 a - mazed, the won - drous sto - ry they pro - claim, the
 5 tread - ing his steps, as - sist - ed by his grace, till

1 God In - car - nate and the Vir - gin's Son.
 2 day is born a Sav - ior, Christ the Lord."
 3 on the earth, and un - to men good will.
 4 ear - liest her - alds of the Sa - vior's name.
 5 our first heaven - ly state a - gain takes place.

THE BIDDING

BELOVED in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and 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 Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this city and diocese of New York.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Celebrant and People

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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

MAY the almighty God bless us with his grace;
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life,
and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of angels bring us all.
People Amen.

The People sit.

CAROL

Sung by the Choir

Jacques Cohen
(b. 1969)

GAUDETE, gaudete! Christus est natus
ex Maria virgine gaudete!

*Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born
Of the Virgin Mary, rejoice!*

Tempus adest gratiae, hoc quod optabamus,
carmina laetitiae devote reddamus.

*The time of grace has come, which we have waited for.
Let us devotedly render Him joyful songs.*

Gaudete...

Rejoice...

Deus homo factus est, natura mirante.
Mundus renovatus est a Christo regnante.

*God has become Man and nature is astounded.
The world has been renewed by the reigning Christ.*

Gaudete...

Rejoice...

Ezechielis porta clausa pertransitur,
Unde lux est orta, salus invenitur.

*The closed gate of Ezekiel has been passed through.
From there the light has risen; salvation is found.*

Gaudete...

Rejoice...

Ergo nostra contio psallat jam in lustro.
Benedicat domino, salus regi nostro.

*Therefore let our gathering now praise him in brightness!
Bless the Lord! Greeting to our King.*

Anonymous 16th Century

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

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.
 Ne had the apple, the apple taken been,
 Ne had never our ladie abeen heav'ne queen.
 Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
 Therefore we moun singen Deo Gratias!

15th Century English

The People stand.

HYMN

GOD REST YOU MERRY

GOD rest you merry, gentlemen,
 let nothing you dismay,
 for Jesus Christ our Saviour
 was born on Christmas Day;
 to save us all from Satan's power
 when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father
 a blessed angel came
 and unto certain shepherds
 brought tidings of the same,
 how that in Bethlehem was born
 the Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings
 rejoicèd much in mind,
 and left their flocks a-feeding
 in tempest, storm and wind,
 and went to Bethlehem straightway
 this blessèd babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
 all you within this place,
 and with true love and brotherhood
 each other now embrace;
 this holy tide of Christmas
 all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

London Carol, Eighteenth Century

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9
The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

DING dong! merrily on high
 in heav'n the bells are ringing:
 Ding dong! verily the sky
 is riv'n with angel singing.
 Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
 let steeple bells be swungen,
 And io, io, io,
 by priest and people sungen.
 Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
 your matin chime, ye ringers;
 may you beautifully rhyme
 your evetime song, ye singers.
 Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CAROL

Sung by the Choir

Traditional English Carol
arr. John Rutter
 (b. 1945)

ANGELUS ad virginem sub intrans in conclave,
 virginis formidinem de mulcens inquit 'Ave!
 Ave, regina virginum; caeli terraeque Dominum
 concipies et paries intacta salute hominum;
 tu porta caeli facta, medela criminum.'

*The angel to the Virgin said, entering into her bower,
 for dread of quaking of this maid, he said 'Hail!
 with great honoure. 'Hail! be thou queen of maidens mo,
 Lord of heaven and earth also, conceive thou shalt,
 and bear withal the Lord of might, heal of all mankind.
 He will make the gate of heaven bright, medicine of all our sin.'*

'Quomodo conciperem quae virum non cognovi?
 Qualiter infringerem quod firmament vovi?'
 'Spiritus Sancti gratia perficiet haec omnia;
 ne timeas, sed gaudeas, segura quod castimonia
 manebit in te pura Dei potentia.'

*'How can I conceive, when I have not known a man?
 How can I break promises that I have vowed with a determined mind?'
 'The grace of the Holy Spirit shall do all this.
 Do not be afraid, but rejoice without worry, for your chastity
 will remain in you unspoiled through the power of God.'*

Anonymous 13th Century

The People stand.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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The People sit.

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1, 3-20
Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

CAROL

Sung by the Boy Choristers

William Bradley Roberts
(b. 1947)

LITTLE Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee;
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.

William Blake (1757-1927)

The People stand.

FIFTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

The People sit.

CAROL

Sung by the Choir

Toby Young
(b. 1990)

STARS in heaven shining bright,
dance across the black of night,
sun and moon, and winds that blow,
sing unto the earth below:
Parvula infinitas mundum transformabis.
[Tiny infinity, you will transform the world.]

Soil and stone, seed and flower,
celebrate this holy hour;
shepherd, kings, and mother mild,
come adore the true Christ Child!
Parvula infinitas mundum transformabis.

Child of heaven, Son of Man,
born before this world began;
Holy Child, so young, so old,
save us as the prophets told.
Parvula infinitas mundum transformabis.

Charles Anthony Silvestri (b. 1965)

The People stand and remain standing for the final responsory and blessing.

THE COLLECT

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

RESPONSORY

Plainsong
arr. Martin Baker
(b. 1967)

An offering will be taken during this carol.

CHRISTUS vincit,
Christus regnat,
Christus imperat.

*Christ conquers,
Christ reigns,
Christ commands.*

Exaudi Christe.
Summo Divinitas
et universali Patri vita.

*Hear us, Christ.
Divinity, to the supreme
and universal Father we pray: give life.*

Salvator mundi,
tu nos adjuva.
Sancta Maria,
tu nos adjuva.
Sancte Petre,
tu nos adjuva.
Sancte Paule,
tu nos adjuva.

*Savior of the world,
come to our aid.
Holy Mary,
come to our aid.
Saint Peter,
come to our aid.
Saint Paul,
come to our aid.*

Rex regem,
Rex noster,
gloria nostra.

*King of Kings,
our King,
our glory.*

Ipsi soli imperium,
gloria, et potestas,
per immortalia saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

*To him alone be majesty,
glory, and power,
to everlasting ages of ages.
Amen.*

Christus vincit...

Christ conquers...

THE BLESSING

MAY he who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

VOLUNTARY

Carillon Op. 27 no. 4

Marcel Dupré
 (1886-1971)

There will be a short Said Mass following this service. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

**2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS
AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE**



Thursday, December 15

5:30 p.m. – tickets required

Christmas on Fifth Avenue

Music of *Britten, Bingham, Head, Hendrie, Ridout, Rutter, and Wills*

The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

Bridget Kibbey, *harp*

Nicolas Haigh, *Miller-Scott Organ*

Jeremy Filsell, *conductor*



Saturday, December 17

4 p.m.

The Blessing of the Crèche: *A service for children and their families*

sung by The Noble Singers



Sunday, December 18, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Wills, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Tuesday, December 20

5:30 p.m.

A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*



Saturday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Cohen, Vaughan Williams, Sheppard, Young, Wills, Bradley, Hurd, and Bassi*

10 p.m. (Doors open at 9:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND BRASS

10:30 p.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT MASS)

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Brass

Music of *Lassus, Young, Wills, Bradley, and Filsell*

Sermon by The Rector



Sunday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m.

SAID EUCHARIST at the High Altar

11 a.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Young, Cohen, and Bradley*

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

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Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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