



## LESSONS AND CAROLS

Monday, December 21, 2020 - 7pm

*The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.*

### OPENING SONG:

#### Once in Royal David's City



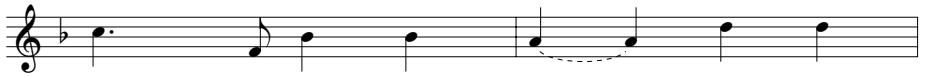
1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is  
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would  
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a  
hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly  
day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y  
sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the  
maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian  
help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove: And he



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus  
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on  
 chil - dren all should be Kind, o -  
 feels for all our sad - ness, And he  
 leads his chil - dren on To the



Christ her lit - tle Child.  
 earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 be - dient, good as he.  
 shares in all our glad - ness.  
 place where he has gone.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Tune: IRBY, 8 7 8 7 7; Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876; harm. by Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

## GREETING & OPENING PRAYER

### FIRST LESSON:

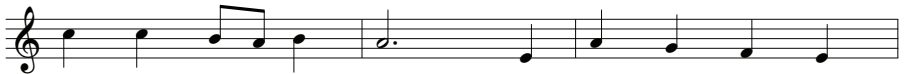
[Genesis 3:1-15](#)

### SONG:

## Our Father, We Have Wandered



1. Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered And  
 2. And now at length dis - cern - ing The  
 3. O Lord of all the liv - ing, Both



hid - den from your face; In fool - ish - ness have  
 e - vil that we do, Be - hold us, Lord, re -  
 ban - ished and re - stored, Com - pas - sion - ate, for -



squan - dered Your leg - a - cy of grace. But  
 turn - ing With hope and trust to you. In  
 giv - ing, And ev - er - car - ing Lord, Grant

now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, We  
 haste you come to meet us And  
 now that our trans - gress - ing, Our  
  
 rise with fear and shame, As, dis - tant but com -  
 home re - joic - ing bring, In glad - ness there to -  
 faith - less - ness may cease. Stretch out your hand in  
  
 pell - ing, We hear you call our name.  
 greet us With calf and robe and ring.  
 bless - ing, In par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006, © 1980, ICEL  
 Tune: PASSION CHORALE, 7 6 7 6 D; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

## SECOND LESSON:

*[Jeremiah 23:5-8](#)*

## SONG:

### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing From  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The  
 3. O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der With  
  
 ten - der stem hath sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage  
 Rose I have in mind, With Mar - y we be -  
 sweet - ness fills the air, Dis - pel in glo - rious  
  
 com - ing As seers of old have sung. It  
 hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind. To  
 splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry - where; True

came, a blos - som bright, A - mid the cold of  
 show God's love a - right, She bore to us a  
 man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death now

win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
 save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*; *Speier Gesangbuch*, 1599; tr. sts. 1-2 by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934; st. 3, *The Hymnal 1940*  
 Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

## THIRD LESSON:

[\*Isaiah 11:1-10\*](#)

## SONG:

### Creator of the Stars of Night

Latin, 9th cent.

Ed Bolduc

Vss.: *Creator alme siderum*

Tr. by John Mason Neale, alt.

Ref.: E.B.

#### VERSES 1-3

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. When we were draw - ing toward the night,
3. At your great name, O Je - sus, now

1. Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light;
2. You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
3. All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;

1. O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all, \_\_\_\_\_ We pray you
2. Not as a king but as the child \_\_\_\_\_ Of Ma - ry,
3. All things on earth with one ac - cord, \_\_\_\_\_ Like those in

1. hear us when we call.  
 2. blame-less moth - er mild.  
 3. heav - en, call you Lord.

REFRAIN

Come, come in your ho - ly light, we pray. O

come, come re - deem us, Lord.

come, come re - deem us, Lord. Lord. Re -

BRIDGE

joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O —

Is - ra - el. Re - Is - ra - el.

FINAL REFRAIN

Come, come in your ho - ly light, we pray. O

come, come re - deem us, Lord.

# FOURTH LESSON:

*Isaiah 9:1-6*

## SONG:

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



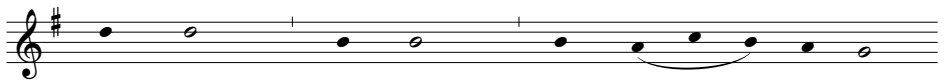
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;  
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
In an - cient times once gave the law,  
That trust your might - y power to save,  
Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Tune: VENI VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

SONG:

Blessed One

VERSES



1. O bright Moth - er of mer - cy, so pure and so brave,
2. God ex - alt - ed you, daugh - ter, and called you in time
3. Your con - sent to God's Spir - it was fruit - ful and free,
4. Now we hail you, O daugh - ter of mer - cy and light;



1. I hon - or your vir - tue and dig - ni - ty praise.
2. to of - fer your womb to bring forth the di - vine.
3. ac - cept - ing God's Son in a great mys - ter - y.
4. O pray we em - brace peace and good, love and right.



1. Ev - 'ry an - gel sa - lutes you, the earth calls you blessed.
2. You were will - ing to serve though you knew not a man.
3. For the Lord you re - mained ev - er - vir - gin in faith,
4. You are splen - did, en - throned a - bove moon, star, and earth.



1. We look to you, Moth - er, for mer - cy and rest.
2. You trust - ed in God and said "yes" to his plan.
3. de - liv - ered from doubt and as - sist - ed by grace.
4. O queen of the heav - ens, your Son saved the world!

REFRAIN



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, a -



ve, a - ve, a - ve, bless - ed one.

## SONG:

## Silent Night, Holy Night



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,



all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,  
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885  
 Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863



## SONG:

## We Three Kings of Orient Are



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing  
 2. Born a babe on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold we  
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense  
 4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a  
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him rise, King and



gifts we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,  
 bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,  
 owns a De - i - ty nigh, Prayer and prais - ing  
 life of gath - 'ring gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 God and sac - ri - fice: Heav'n sings, "Hal - le -



Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.  
 Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.  
 Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.  
 lu - jah!" "Hal - le - lu - jah!" earth re - plies.



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with



roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing, still pro -



ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

# EIGHTH LESSON:

*John 1:1-14*

## SONG:

### Be the Light

E.B. & Jack Busche

Ed Bolduc

#### REFRAIN

Be the light— shin - ing bright. Turn our nights back  
in - to day. Be the peace we want to know.—  
Son of God, — Love Di - vine,  
come in - to our lives and be the light.—

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff changes to 6/4 time and contains the melody for the third line. The fourth staff returns to 4/4 time and contains the melody for the fourth line, ending with a double bar line.

SONG:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Incorporating ADESTE FIDELES

John Angotti

REFRAIN 1



Come and a - dore - him. — Come and be - hold - him. —



Come and re - ceive - him, — Je - sus Christ, the Lord, —



God present a - mong us — with mer - cy and jus - tice. —



O come, all — ye faith - ful, — to the sup - per of the



Lord.

BRIDGE



O come, all ye faith - ful. — Come, all ye faith - ful. —



Come to the ta - ble of life. — O —

REFRAIN 2

Come and a - dore\_ him.\_ Come and be-hold him.

Now you've re - ceived him. Go be Christ to\_ the world.

God pres-ent a - mong us\_

with mer-cy and jus - tice.\_ O come, all\_ ye

faith - ful,\_\_\_\_\_ to the sup-per of the\_ Lord.

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# CLOSING SONG:

## Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1

*Cantor:*

Awake now, friends, the time is near! *Verse Response*

Soon the Lord of Life will appear. *Verse Response*

Stay awake, prepare God's way: *Verse Response*

This is what the Scriptures say! *Refrain*

Verse Response

*All:*

Come, O come, Em - man - u - el!

Refrain

Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el shall

come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Verse 2

*Cantor:*

Let us see your living face, *Verse Response*

sons and daughters of one living race. *Verse Response*

Show us mercy, show us love. *Verse Response*

Send salvation from above. *Refrain*

Verse 3

*Cantor:*

God's glory now shall be revealed. *Verse Response*

The blind will see, the sick be healed. *Verse Response*

All will sing together in peace. *Verse Response*

All will sit together at the feast. *Refrain*

Text: Tony E. Alonso, b.1980

Tune: Based on VENI EMMANUEL; Tony E. Alonso, b.1980

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