

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 21, 2025



Welcome

Processional Hymn - CP # 123 Once in Royal David's City

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Opening Litany

We gather today in great hope,

longing to see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.

May our worship strengthen our hands,

make firm our trembling knees, and unburden our fearful hearts.

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Knowing that God is near, let us be patient with the times and with one another.

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To all who ask about our hope,

let us tell the good news of what we have seen and heard.

The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.

THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from Genesis Chapter 3. *God tells a sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Advent Introit - Ralph Manuel

Hymn - CP # 89 verse 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

THE SECOND LESSON

A reading from Isaiah chapter 40. *The prophet Isaiah proclaims the coming of the one who will prepare the way for the coming of the Christ.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Advent Promise - Paul Laubengayer

THE THIRD LESSON

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 9. *Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Who on Earth Could Know - Valerie MacKenzie

Hymn - CP #125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

THE FOURTH LESSON

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 11. *Isaiah foreshadows the Peace that Christ, the Prince of Peace, brings.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: When Love Came Down - Townend & Shackley

THE FIFTH LESSON

A reading from the gospel of Luke Chapter 1. *The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Ave, Ave, The Angel Sang - Robert Lau

Hymn - CP # 155 verses 1, 3, 4 From East to West, from Shore to Shore

THE SIXTH LESSON

A reading from the gospel of Luke chapter 2. *Luke recounts the story of Jesus' birth.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Sleep, My Little One - John Levitt

THE SEVENTH LESSON

A reading from the gospel of Luke chapter 2. *The shepherds go to the manger.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Carol for Advent - Besig & Price

Hymn - CP # 139 verses 1 & 2 The First Nowell

THE EIGHTH LESSON

A reading from the gospel of Matthew, chapter 2. *The star leads the wise men to Jesus.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: What is This Lovely Fragrance - Arr. Healy Willan

THE NINTH LESSON

A reading from the gospel of John, chapter 1. *The great mystery of the Incarnation is foretold.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus - Derek Hakes

Hymn - CP # 138 verses 1 & 2 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers into one, we pray the prayer taught to us by Jesus, saying,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn - CP # 118 verses 1 & 3 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude