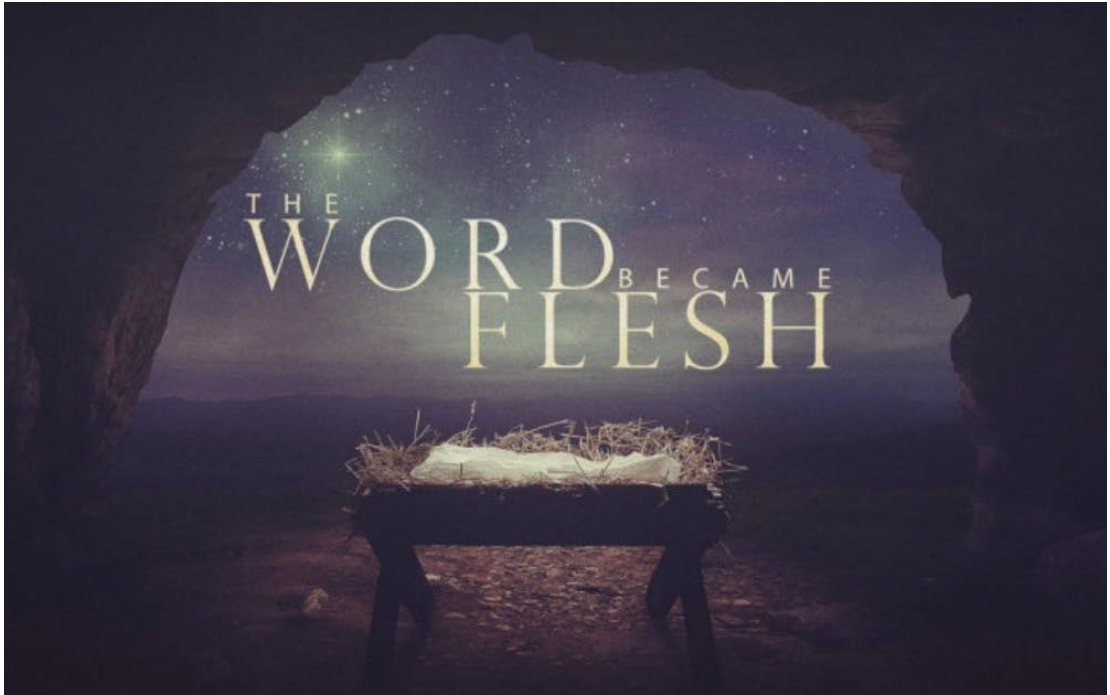


SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Joy to the World

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1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room, And
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Re -
prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,

(1. And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n

Joy to the World

cont'd.

And heav'n, and heav'n, and na - ture sing.
Re - peat, re - peat, the sound - ing joy.
And won - ders, won - ders, of His love.

and na - ture sing,)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together.

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

All Sing

Angels We Have Heard on High

Here & next page.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,

4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The score is presented in a single system with two staves.

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music consists of chords and single notes, with lyrics written below the staves.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

This system contains the first part of the refrain. It features a melodic line in the treble staff and a supporting bass line in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Glo - - - - - ri - a' are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating a long note.

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

This system contains the second part of the refrain. It continues the melodic and bass lines from the previous system. The lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -' are written below the staves.

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

This system contains the third part of the refrain. It concludes the melodic and bass lines. The lyrics '- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' are written below the staves.

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they 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,

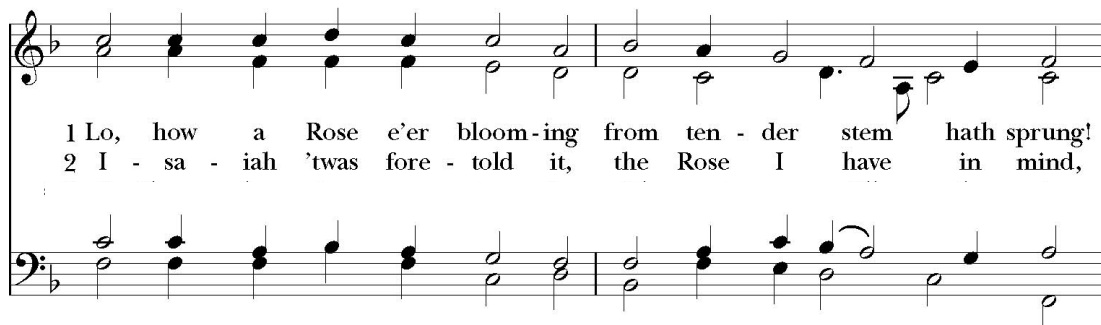
"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel."

And to the man he said,

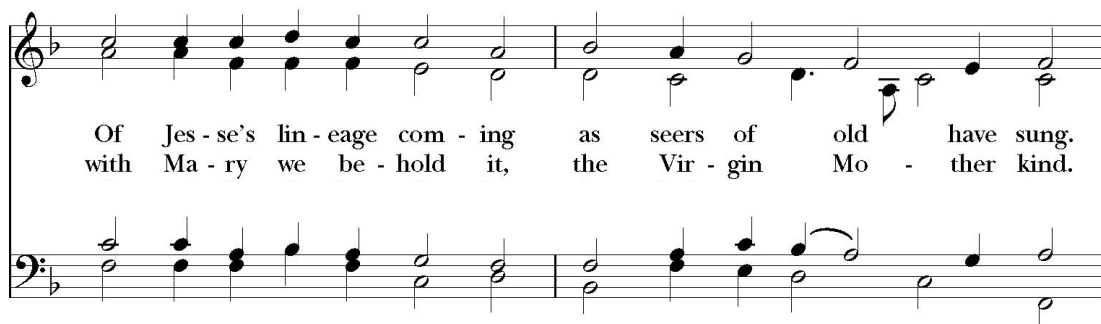
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
 and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
 'You shall not eat of it',
cursed is the ground because of you;
 in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
5 for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return."

All Sing

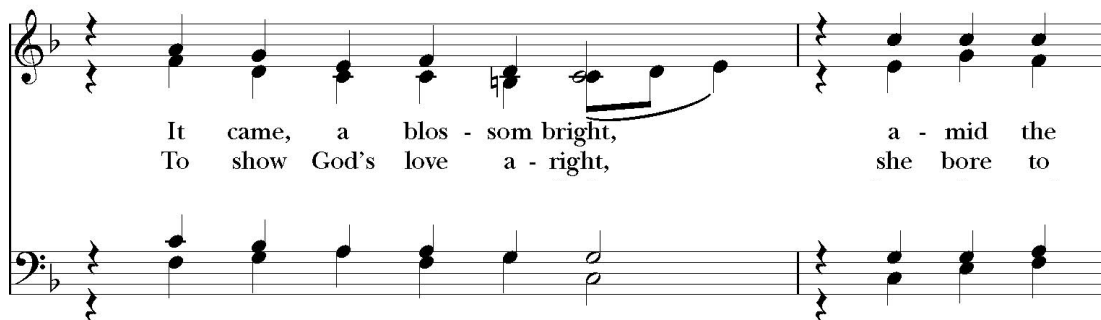
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
To show God's love a - right, she bore to



cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.

Lesson 2

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

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.”

All Sing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O

3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;

3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

O Come, All Ye Faithful

cont'd.

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first line of music ends with a double bar line. The second line of music begins with a 3-measure rest in the treble staff, followed by the lyrics '3 glo - ry to God,'. The melody continues with a long note on 'God,' followed by a 3-measure rest, then continues with 'glo - ry in the high - est;'. There are dashed lines above the notes for 'hold' and 'God,' indicating a breath or a long note.

Refrain

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

The Refrain section begins with a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a 4-measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -'. The bass staff has a 4-measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'O come, let us a -'. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The Refrain section is marked with a double bar line at the end.

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

The second system of music continues the Refrain. It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first line of music ends with a double bar line. The second line of music begins with a 4-measure rest in the treble staff, followed by the lyrics 'dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.'. The melody continues with a long note on 'dore him, Christ the Lord.'. There are dashed lines above the notes for 'dore him, Christ the Lord.' indicating a breath or a long note.

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Mid'ian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

All Sing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Here & next page.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;

4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.

love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

cont'd.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the dark of doubt a-way;

Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!

joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Lesson 4

Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A shoot shall come out from the stump 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.
With righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
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.

All Sing

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

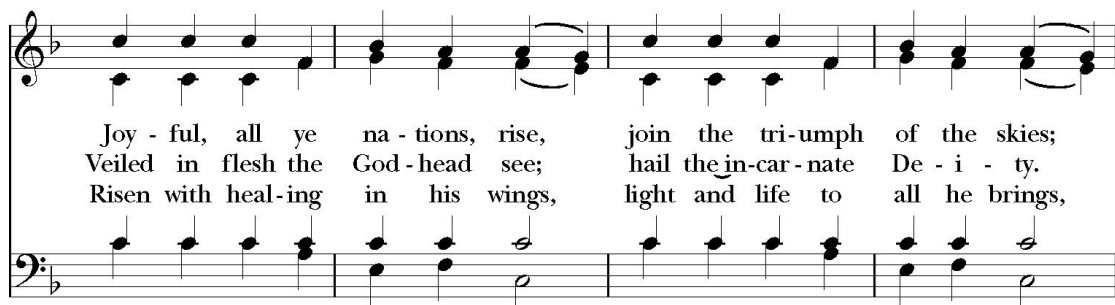
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1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

cont'd.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Lesson 5

Luke 1: 26–35; 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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, favored 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 favor 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 forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.” 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.

All Sing

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

cont'd.

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Lesson 6

Luke 2: 1; 3–7

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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 in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

All Sing

O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!

4. O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;

4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:

4. We hear the Christ-mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.

4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em-man - u - el!

Lesson 7

Luke 2: 8–16

The shepherds go to the manger.

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 Savior, 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 favors!”

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.

All Sing

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1. In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For his bed a
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: Shep - herds keep - ing Vi - gil till the

cat - tle stall; Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing
morn - ing new. Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry,

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are wing - ing
Tid - ings of a gos - pel true. Thus re - joic - ing,

An - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing Greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe was born for you.

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Please stand as you are able.

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

What Child Is This

cont'd.

Refrain

The musical score for the refrain is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has the lyrics 'This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds'. The second system has the lyrics 'guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to'. The third system has the lyrics 'bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.' The music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with chords and moving lines in both hands.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Lesson 9

John 1:1-18

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Meditation

Rev. Paul Moore

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

While Shepherds kept Their Watching

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born! 1 While shep - herds kept their

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -

Repeat Refrain

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

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Your **Vestry** members request your prayers for this congregation and their leadership. They want to be in conversation with you. Speak with them so they know the needs of the congregation:

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Welcome to Saint Paul's!

We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. During the pandemic, we share Communion in spirit. We ask that those worshiping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

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