

# *A Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols*



All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Chelmsford, Massachusetts

December 13, 2020

Online & 4:00 PM Zoom Viewing

## Organ Prelude:



Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Celebrant:* Light and Peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### A Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be 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. 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; 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 goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this town. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and 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 his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

*Presider 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.**

*Presider* 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. Amen.

Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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**The First Lesson:** Genesis 3:8-15

Reader: Adam Weller-Fahy, Chorister

**First Carol: Hymn 54: *Savior of the Nations, Come***

Tune: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

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| <p>1. Savior of the nations, come!<br/>Virgin's Son, make here your home.<br/>Marvel now, both heaven and earth,<br/>that the Lord chose such a birth.</p> <p>3. Thus on earth the Word appears,<br/>gracing his created spheres;<br/>hence to death and hell descends,<br/>then the heavenly throne ascends.</p> | <p>2. Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child<br/>of the Virgin undefiled!<br/>Mighty God and Mary's son,<br/>eager now his race to run!</p> <p>4. Come, O Father's saving Son,<br/>who o'er sin the victory won.<br/>Boundless shall your kingdom be;<br/>grant that we its glories see.</p> |
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Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

**The Second Lesson:** Genesis 22:15-18

Reader: Kiley Williams, Chorister

**Second Carol: Hymn 104: A stable lamp is lighted**

Words: Richard Wilbur (1921-2017)

Music: David Hurd (1950-)

All Saints' Youth Choirs  
Kiley Williams, solo stanza 3  
Connie Pawelczak, piano



1. A stable-lamp is lighted  
Whose glow shall wake the sky;  
The stars shall bend their voices,  
And every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry,  
And straw like gold shall shine;  
A barn shall harbor heaven,  
A stall become a shrine.
2. This child through David's city,  
Shall ride in triumph by;  
The palm shall strew its branches,  
And every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry  
Though heavy, dull, and dumb,  
And lie within the roadway  
To pave his kingdom come.
3. Yet he shall be forsaken  
And yielded up to die;  
The sky shall groan and darken,  
And every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry,  
For stony hearts of men:  
God's blood upon the spearhead,  
God's love refused again.
4. But now, as at the ending,  
The low is lifted high;  
The stars shall bend their voices,  
And every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry  
In praises of the child  
By whose descent among us  
The worlds are reconciled.

**The Third Lesson:** Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

Reader: Laura Marshall, Director of Religious Education

**Third Carol: Handbells: For unto us a child is born**

G. F. Handel, arr. Kevin McChesney

*All Saint's Bell Choir; Leah Marshall, piano*

(Recorded at All Saints Church Lessons and Carols, 2010)



**The Fourth Lesson:** Isaiah 11:2, 3, 4, 6-9

Reader: Bob Andrews, Acolyte Master

**Fourth Carol: Organ:** *Lo, How a rose is blooming (Es ist ein Ros entsprungen)* – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

**The Fifth Lesson:** Luke:1:26-35, 38

Reader: Mike Brodeur, Lector Coordinator

**Fifth Carol: Chant:** *The Magnificat* (S242)

Gregorian Chant, Tonus Peregrinus



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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**The Sixth Lesson:** Matthew 1:18-23

Reader: James Scoville, Choir Member

**Sixth Carol: Organ:** *Joseph dearest, Joseph mine* - Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



**The Seventh Lesson:** Luke 2:8-16

Reader: Dr. Carl Klein, Choirmaster & Organist

**Seventh Carol:** *The shepherds*

Words: Carol McClure (1955-)

Music: Hyun Kook (1967-)

All Saints' Parish Choir, Maggie Marshall, Director  
(Recorded at All Saints' Church Lessons & Carols, 2012)

1. So hush'd the night, so still the air  
As humble shepherds watched o'er their sheep,  
Even the glory of the heavens could not rouse  
their flocks from sleep.  
But then one voice, one angel voice,  
resounded over the hills they strayed,  
God's own herald pierced the silence  
With the words, "be not afraid!"
2. Such angel words, from angel voice,  
Caught weary shepherds, their lambs and ewes  
By surprise; and so they listened  
To the angel's joyous news:  
"For unto you is born this day God's Son  
your Savior the Christ, our Lord  
You shall find him in a manger,  
Holy Child, by Heaven adored.
3. Angels sang in the splendor,  
Praising God for Jesus' birth,  
Sounding, "Glory in the highest,  
God's peace to all on earth."  
And shepherds, awed by what they heard,;  
Inspired together by angel bands,  
Walked in wonder toward the manger,  
That dark night in Bethlehem.
4. So hushed the night, so still the air  
As humble shepherds who sought God's Son  
Would, themselves, become the bearers  
Of the tidings, "Christ has come."

**The Eighth Lesson:** Matthew 2:1-11

Reader: Laura Barry, Senior Warden

**Eighth Carol: Hymn 640:** "*Watchmen, tell us of the night*" tune: *Aberystwyth*  
The Women of All Saints' Parish Choir; James Scoville as the Watchman

**The Ninth Lesson:** John 1:1-14  
Reader: Paul Kolbet, Interim Rector

**Ninth Carol: Hymn 111 "Silent Night" tune: *Stille nacht***  
*All Saints' Youth and Parish Choirs*

Sil - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Sil - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Sil - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven 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 hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Priest:** *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

**Priest:** *Let us pray.*

### **The Collect for Advent III**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

**Organ Postlude:** *Offertoire on Old Noels* – Henri Dallier (1849-1934)  
(incorporating “A stable lamp is lighted”!)



### **STATEMENT OF INCLUSION FOR ALL SAINTS' PARISH**

All Saints' Episcopal Church welcomes all people who seek the love of God without regard to ability, age, color, economic circumstance, ethnic background, family configuration, gender, nationality, or sexual orientation.

We promise to "seek and to serve Christ in all persons, ...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

(From the Baptismal Covenant.)

### *All Saints' Episcopal Church*

The Reverend Paul Kolbet, Rector  
Carl Klein, Minister of Music  
Debbie Psilopoulos, Handbell Choir Director  
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