

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Holy Trinity Church, Jersey

Sunday 19th December 2021

at 6 pm



**Choir:** ‘Come all ye worthy gentlemen’ *traditional, setting by Jonathan Willcocks*

The Lord be with you,

All ***and with thy spirit.***

Introduction and Bidding Prayer

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

1st Lesson: Genesis 3: 8-15

 *In the Garden of Eden, God tells Adam that the serpent will be punished*

Hymn

On Christmas night all Christians sing,

To hear the news the angels sing, *(repeat)*

News of great joy, news of great mirth,

News of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,

Since our Redeemer made us glad, *(repeat)*

When from our sin he set us free,

All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,

Then life and health come in it’s place, *(repeat)*

Angels and men with joy may sing,

All for to see the new born King.

All out of darkness we have light,

Which made the angels sing this night, *(repeat)*

Glory to God and peace to men,

Now and for evermore, Amen.

2nd Lesson: Genesis 22: 15-19

*God makes a promise to Abraham*

**Choir:**  ‘Remember, O thou man’ – *traditional, setting by Thomas Ravenscroft*

3rd Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2,6,7

*The prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of Christ*

Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing

Glory to the new born King;

Peace on earth and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled:

Joyful all ye nations rise,

Join the triumph of the skies,

With th’angelic host proclaim,

Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Glory to the new born King.*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,

Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold him come

Off-spring of a virgin’s womb:

Veiled in flesh the God-head see,

Hail th’incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with man to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings

Risen with healing in his wings;

Mild he lays his glory by,

Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of ea rth

Born to give them second birth.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 and others (NEH26)*

4th Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-3a, 4a, 6-9

*Isaiah speaks of the peace that Christ will bring to the world*

Hymn

# Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,

And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:

*And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly, holly, holly!*

*And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly!*

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,

And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,

And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:

Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red,

Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead:

5th Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38

*The Angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary*

**Choir:** ***‘***A maiden most gentle’ – *traditional French, setting by Andrew Carter*

Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem,

 How still we see thee lie!

 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

 The silent stars go by.

 Yet in thy dark streets shineth

 The everlasting light;

 The hopes and fears of all the years

 Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God, the King,

And peace to men on earth.

For Christ is born of Mary;

And, gathered all above,

While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wondering love.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,

Descend to us we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in,

Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels

The great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Emmanuel.

6th Lesson: Luke 2: 1, 3-7

*The birth of Jesus is described by St Luke*

Hymn

Silent night, Holy night

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin and her child

Holy infant, so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace

Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, Holy night

Shepherds quail at the sight

Glories stream from heaven afar

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia

Christ the Saviour is born

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Silent night, Holy night

Son of God, love’s pure light

Radiant beams Thy Holy face

With the dawn of saving grace

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth

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7th Lesson: Luke 2: 8-1

*The Shepherds journey to the manger*

**Choir:** ***‘***O Holy Night’ *– J S Dwight & Adolphe Adam*

8th Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11

*Three wise men follow the star and are led to Jesus*

*A collection for the ongoing work of the church will be taken during the next carol*

Hymn

The first Nowell the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter’s night that was so deep:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*

*Born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star

Three Wise Men came from country far

To seek for a king was their intent

And to follow the star wheresoever it went:

Then entered in those Wise Men three

Full reverently upon their knee

And offered there in his presence

Both gold and myrrh and frankincense:

Then let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heavenly Lord

That hath made heaven and earth of naught

And with his blood mankind hath bought:

*Please remain standing for the Final Reading*

9th Lesson: John 1: 1-5, 10-12, 14

*St John unfolds the mystery of Christ’s birth*

This is the Gospel of the Lord *-* ***Praise to you O Christ***

**Choir:** ***‘***Christmas Fanfare’ *– Martin Shaw*

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.***

Hymn

O come, all ye faithful,

Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him

Born the King of Angels:

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*Christ the Lord!*

God of God,

Light of Light,

Lo! He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;

Very God,

Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,

Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:

Glory to God

In the highest:

The Blessing:

Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, revealed in his glory, worshipped by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, exalted to the highest heavens. Blessed be God our strength and salvation. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, now and for ever.

**Choir:** ‘Christmas is coming’ *- traditional English Round arr. by Andy Beck.*

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**You are warmly invited to join us at any or all of the following services over the twelve days of Christmas and into the New Year:**

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 8.30 am Holy Communion

 11 am Nativity & Parish Communion

Sunday 26th December 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd January 11am Epiphany Service with carols

Sunday 9th January 11 am Traditional ‘Plough Sunday’ Service