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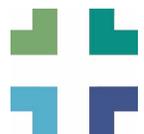
## What Child Is This?

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FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018



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# God's People Gather for Worship

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

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Organ Preludes

Justin Maxey

Welcome and Announcements

Bidding Prayer:

*Beloved in Christ, be it this Advent season our care and delight to prepare ourselves 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.*

*Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this place, glad with our carols of praise.*

*But first, because this of all things would rejoice His heart, let us pray to Him for the needs of the whole world, and all His people; for peace upon the earth He came to save; for our love and unity within the one Church He did build; for brotherhood and goodwill amongst all men.*

*And particularly at this time let us remember before Him the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; 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 Him them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a great light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore 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:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*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.*

## First Lesson:

Genesis 3:8-19

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Choir and Congregation

*(As the choir begins to sing, the first candle of the Advent wreath will be lighted.)*

### ***(Choir only)***

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,  
Our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And orderest all things far and nigh,  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny,  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

### ***(With Congregation)***

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease.  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

VENI EMMANUEL  
trans. John Mason Neale  
and by Henry Sloane Coffin  
arr. Trevor Manor

## Second Lesson:

Genesis 22:15-18

Festival First Nowell

Congregation and Choir

*(With Congregation)*

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.

*Refrain*

Nowell, Nowell,  
Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

*(Choir Only)*

*They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.*

*(Refrain)*

*(With Congregation)*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood our life hath bought.

*(Refrain)*

THE FIRST NOWELL  
English Carol  
arr. Dan Forrest

## Third Lesson:

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*(At the conclusion of our Third Lesson, children are dismissed to Children's Worship,  
and our ushers will come forward to receive our morning offering.)*

## Sussex Carol

Choir

*On Christmas night, all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring;  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth*

*Then why should men on earth be sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?*

*When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and heath come in its place.  
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:  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore, Amen!"*

SUSSEX CAROL  
English traditional  
arr. Elaine Hagenberg

## Fourth Lesson:

**Luke 2:1, 3-7**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Congregation and Choir

*(All With Congregation)*

Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king."

Christ by highest Heaven adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus, our Immanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king."

Hail the Heaven born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn king."

MENDELSSOHN  
Charles Wesley  
arr. David Willcocks

## Fifth Lesson:

Luke 2:8-16

*Gloria*

Choir

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Ancient Liturgical  
Michael John Trotta

*Translation:*

*Glory be to God on high,  
And on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
We worship thee, we glorify thee,  
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
Art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

**Sixth Lesson:**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

O Holy Night

Choir

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoicing.  
For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, o hear the angel voices.  
O night, divine, o night, when Christ was born.  
O night, o holy night, o night divine.*

*Christ is the Lord, o praise His name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim.  
O holy night!*

CANTIQUE DE NOEL  
Placide Cappeau  
trans. John S. Dwight  
arr. Gary Fry

## Seventh Lesson:

John 1:1-14

O Come All Ye Faithful

Congregation and Choir

*(All With Congregation)*

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.

*Refrain*

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: *(Refrain)*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest. *(Refrain)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n. *(Refrain)*

ADESTE FIDELES  
J. F. Wade  
arr. David Willcocks

## Collect

ALL: 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 Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## Commissioning and Benediction

Organ Postlude

Justin Maxey

