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Lessons & Carols for Christmas

December 26, 2021

10:00 Lessons and Carols

“The Prelude is a call to silent personal preparation for worship”

Prelude *“Tidings of Joy”* JS Bach

Processional Hymn *“Once In Royal David’s City”* [102]

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 Christ’s birth, 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 Maumee.

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.

(Intercessions added here)

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.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

Lesson I

Linda Fayerweather

Isaiah 7:10-15.....[Bible pg. 554]

“God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as ‘God With Us.’”

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the incarnation of your Son established the new covenant of peace: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Hymn “O Come All Ye Faithful” vs. 1-3.....[83]

Lesson II

Carol Sachs

Luke 1:26-58[Bible pg. 831]

“The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.”

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn “Good Christian Friends Rejoice”[107]

Lesson III

Berkeley Thompson

Luke 2:1-7[Bible pg. 833]

“St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.”

Heavenly Father, through the birth of your Son you have raised the lowly and sent away the high and the haughty, may his light which shined forth in Bethlehem, continue to shine in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Hymn “O Little Town Of Bethlehem” vs. 1-3[79]

Lesson IV

Kathy Greene

Luke 2:8-20[Bible pg. 832]

“The shepherds go to the manger.”

Eternal Father, you promised us we would never be forsaken and sent a child called Emmanuel to be born unto us; Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of your Son Jesus Christ so that our lives may be signs of your presence throughout the world; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn *“Angels We Have Heard On High”* [96]

Lesson V

Tara Robinson

Matthew 2:1-12[Bible pg. 783]

“The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.”

O God, who by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymn *“We Three Kings”* [128]

Lesson VI

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John 1:1-14[Bible pg. 862]

“The Word was made flesh and we have seen His glory.”

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the Holy name Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn *“Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming”* [81]

Collect of the Day

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 Confession of Sin [BCP 360]

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Offertory “Noel Nouvelet” Traditional French Carol

The Doxology “*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*”

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B [BCP 367]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant and People [S128]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant and People:[BCP 368]

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection
We await his coming in glory;*

The Lord’s Prayer[BCP 364]

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

The Breaking of the Bread..... [Hymnal S154]

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Music [Hymnal 101, 89, 87, 99]

Post Communion Prayer.....[BCP 365]

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

Announcements

The Recessional Hymn “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*”.....[H107]

Dismissal

Postlude “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*”.....arr. Michael Burkhardt

Announcements

WGTE Christmas and the King of Instruments

Tonight at 7PM set your DVR to record the program because it will not be available on our parish website. Featuring performances & back stage tours.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school today.

Bible Study

There will be no bible study this Wednesday.

Epiphany Dinner

Please visit the church website to sign-up for the dinner so we know how much food to prepare. The dinner is on January 2nd at 6pm with musical guest Kerry Patrick Clark.

Feed My Starving Children

Registration is open for Mobile Meal Pack with Feed My Starving Children. The meal pack is scheduled for January 13-15 at Wayne Trail Elementary school in Maumee. Check the church website for more information.

January Flower Openings

Please reach out to Claudia Stein if interested

Altar: 1/30, Chancel: 1/9 (1); 1/16 (1); 1/23 (1) and 1/30 (2)

SERVICE MINISTERS

Rector: The Rev. Dr. J. Paul Board

Director of Music: Brad Cresswell

Organist: Jane Weber

Chalice Bearer: Lori Board 8am; Todd Deye 10am

Livestream Engineer: Bekah Vasquez

Lector: Linda Fayerweather, Carol Sachs, Berkeley,
Kathy Greene, Tara Robinson

Altar Guild: Michele Alexander, Sue Cohen, Stephanie Mattoni,
Renee Fravel-Simon

Ushers: Lori Board

Birthdays

Maxine Bigley & Ethan Fidler

Anniversaries

Andy & Stephanie Pawuk

Will Finnegan & Lazaro Sabino-Calderon

Continued Prayers

Joanne Shue, Gloria Allen, Ruth Ann Waniewski,

Carole Kiroff, Mary Sabin, Gloria Allen,

John Adam Tallman

Military

Cpt. Matthew Swiergosz, Sgt. Valerie Warren, Sgt. Jason Warren,

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