



30TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF

LESSONS
AND CAROLS

The Lord's Day, December 14

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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We must never forget that though our Lord was God and man at the same time, the divine and human natures in Him were never confounded. One nature did not swallow up the other. The two natures remained perfect and distinct. The divinity of Christ was never for a moment laid aside, although veiled. The manhood of Christ, during His lifetime, was never for a moment unlike our own, though by union with the Godhead, greatly dignified.

J.C. RYLE (c.1816-1900), ENGLISH CLERGYMAN, AND THE FIRST BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL



The Christian Greeting & Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

Prelude in a Classic Style, Op. 19
Prelude to Oratorio de Noël, Op. 12

Marcel Grandjany
Camille Saint-Saëns

The Bidding Prayer

Rev. Michael Howell

The Hymn

Once in Royal David's City
Katy James Gunnells, *soloist*

IRBY

(soloist) Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

(choir) He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

(choir) And through all His wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

† Verses 4–6 (*sung by all*)

For He is our childhood's pattern day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
There His children gather 'round, bright like stars with glory crowned.

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-19

Rev. Cooper

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

The Carol

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkès finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never dear Mary her sweet Savior seen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun [must] singen, *Deo Gracias!* [Glory to God!]

15th century English text [alt].

The Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Rev. Howell

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

The Carol

All Praise to Thee

Elaine Hagenberg

All praise to Thee, eternal God, Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.
Alleluia!

Thou camest in the darksome night to make us children of the light,
To make us in the realms divine, like Thine own angels, 'round Thee shine.
Alleluia!

A little Child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise to heaven from earth.
Alleluia! Amen.

*Ancient Latin hymn translated to the German by Martin Luther, 1524;
English translator unknown.*

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

Rev. Cooper

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

The Carol

Ecce, novum gaudium

Ola Gjeilo

<i>Ecce, novum gaudium,</i>	Behold, a new joy,
<i>Ecce, novum mirum!</i>	Behold, a new wonder!
<i>Virgo parit filium,</i>	A virgin bears a Son,
<i>Quae non novit virum.</i>	Yet she knows not a husband.
<i>Sed ut pirus pirus</i>	As the pear tree bears the pear,
<i>Gleba fert papyrus, florens liliu.</i>	From the soil the papyrus brings the lily.
<i>Ecce, quod natura mutat sua iura!</i>	Behold, how nature suspends her rights!
<i>Virgo parit pura Dei filium.</i>	A pure virgin bears the Son of God.

Medieval Latin hymn

The Harp Interlude

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS, arr. Hartman

The Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Rev. Howell

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

The Chorus

There Shall A Star Come Out of Jacob
From the unfinished oratorio, *Christus*, Op. 97

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
With might destroying princes and cities.

Chorale: As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.
Thy Word O Lord, radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38
The Angel salutes the Virgin Mary.

Rev. Cooper

The Harp Interlude

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

arr. Sunita Staneslow

The Magnificat

Mary's Song

Alfred R. Gaul
adapted Diana Stoneberg

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior,
For He hath regarded His lowly servant,
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His name.
His mercy is on them that fear Him, throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with His arm,
He hath scattered the proud, put down the mighty.
He hath exalted the humble and meek.
The hungry He filled with good things.
The rich He sent empty away.
He, remembering His mercy, hath helped His servant, Israel,
As He promised our forefathers,
And to Abraham and to his seed forevermore.

Based on Luke 1:46-55.

Fran Nabholz, *soloist*

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

† **The Carol**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

**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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”**

Hail the heav’nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with 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.”**

The Carol

There Is Faint Music

Dan Forrest

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;

A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.

A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger, safe and warm,

And Mary singing lullabies, to hush her Baby’s sleepy sighs.

Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unheeded here is time and space;

Her heart is filled with blinding joy, for God’s own Son — her baby Boy!

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;

A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.

For God’s own Son — a baby Boy!

Text by Nancy Buckley

The Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Rev. Cooper

The shepherds go to the manger.

The Carol

Star in the East

Early American Hymn Tune
ed. Brad Holmes

Hail thou blest morn when the great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descends.
Shepherds, go worship the Babe in the manger,
Lo, for His guard the bright angels attend.

*Refrain: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Cold in His cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore Him, in slumbers reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. *Refrain.*

Say, shall we yield Him in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine;
Gems from the mountains and pearls from the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine. *Refrain.*

Text by Reginald Heber, 18th c.

The Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Rev. Howell

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

† **The Carol No. 170**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

The Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Rev. Cooper

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

The Carol

The First Nowell

Traditional English Carol

arr. Mack Wilberg

The first Nowell the angel did say
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.

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.*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain.*

† **The Hymn No. 128**

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

ANTIOCH

† **The Parting Blessing**

Rev. Cooper

† **The Sevenfold Amen (sung by the Choir)**

John Stainer
arr. Lee Holdridge

The Organ Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

