

# LESSONS & CAROLS



Sunday, Dec. 11 7:00pm  
Rev. Douglas duCharme

Rev. Jean Ward

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Fairlawn Avenue

Senior Choir



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This service of Lessons and Carols retells the story of Christmas. It provides the opportunity for a reading of the story, anthems sung by the choir, and the singing of congregational carols. This evening's readings are taken from the King James version of the Bible. May the spirit of the season spring to life in your hearts this night!

**\*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, if able.**

## **Pre-Service Music**

**\*Processional Carol** Once in Royal David's City

The first verse is sung by soloist Amy Dodington.

The second verse is sung by the Choir.

**The congregation is invited to rise for the third verse and join in singing the rest of the carol.**

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.

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 meek and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour Holy.

***And through all his wondrous childhood he would honour and obey.  
Love, and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay.  
Christian children all must be, mild, obedient, good as he.***

***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 heaven 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,  
when, like stars, his children crowned all in white shall wait around.***

**\*Greeting**

May God be with you!

***And also with you!***

### **The Prophecy**

**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 and Isaiah 11:1-2

Reader: Rev. Jean Ward

**Anthem**

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,  
Four thousand winters, 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 our lady abeen heaven queen.

Blessèd be the time that apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen, *Deo Gracias*.  
(15<sup>th</sup> century, anon.)

### **The Annunciation**

**The Second Lesson**

Luke 1:26-38

Reader: Marion Boyce

**Anthem**

The Angel Gabriel

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Senior Choir Women  
Conductor – Willis Bote

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady!" Gloria!

"For known a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favoured lady!" Gloria!

4. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."  
"Most highly favoured lady!" Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favoured lady!" Gloria!  
(S. Baring-Gould, 1834-1924)

### The Birth

**The Third Lesson** Luke 2:1-7 Reader: Philip Blackford

**Anthem** O My Dear Heart E. Daley

O my dear heart, young Jesu sweet,  
prepare thy cradle in my spreit,  
And I shall rock thee in my heart,  
and nevermore from thee depart.  
Balulalow.

But I shall praise thee evermore,  
with songès sweet unto thy gloir.  
The knees of my heart shall I bow,  
and sing that right balulalow.  
Balulalow.  
(James, John and Robert Wedderburn, 1567)

### The Angels' Proclamation

**The Fourth Lesson** Luke 2:8-14 Reader: Mark Richardson

**\*Carol** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing VU #48

***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 heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"***

***Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"***

### **The Shepherds' Journey**

#### **The Fifth Lesson**

Luke 2:15-20

Reader: Liberty Oliver

#### **Anthem**

Have You Heard?

Robert Leaf (1936-2005)

Senior Choir Men

Conductor – Lynn Featherstone

Have you heard the news of the birth of the baby?  
Have you heard the song angels sang in the night?  
Did you know that shepherds were first to the manger?  
Did you know that shepherds rejoiced at the sight?

*And do you know the joy, the everlasting joy,  
The joy we know as Christ? The King of Kings!*

Have you heard the news from the Bethlehem stable?  
Have you heard the cry from the child in the stall?  
Did you know that wise-men gave gifts to the baby?  
Did you know the child is a gift to us all? R

A gift of love was born to all,  
A gift was love was born in Bethlehem.  
(Robert Leaf)

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## The Incarnation

### The Sixth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Reader: Rev. Douglas duCharme

### Anthem

All Bells in Paradise

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep in the cold of winter,  
Darkness and silence were ev'rywhere;  
Softly and clearly, there came through the silence  
a wonderful sound, a wonderful sound to hear:

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King*

Lost in awe and wonder,  
Doubting, I asked what this sign might be:  
Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable,  
A marvellous sight, a marvellous sight to see. *R*

He comes down in peace, a child in humility,  
The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor:  
Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,  
Gold, incense and myrrh, incense and myrrh.  
*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.*  
(John Rutter)

### \*Carol

See Amid the Winter's Snow

VU # 76 (verses 1, 2, and 5)

***See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years.  
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn, hail, redemption's happy dawn;  
sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

***Lo, within a manger lies God who built the starry skies,  
who enthroned in height sublime sits amid the cherubim.  
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn, hail, redemption's happy dawn;  
sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

***Sacred infant, all divine, what a mighty love was thine  
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!  
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn, hail, redemption's happy dawn;  
sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

### **The Offering and the Offertory Anthem**

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

John Gardner (1917-2011)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance;

*Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;  
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;  
Thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance; *R.*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance,  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance; *R.*

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance.  
My Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: *R.*  
(Traditional English)

### **Prayers**

#### **\*Recessional Carol**

The First Nowell

VU #91 (verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)

***The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.***

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*They lookèd 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.  
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 wherever it went.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

*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 our life hath bought.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*



#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Choral Commissioning**

*Redeemer, come! We open wide our hearts to you; here Lord, abide.  
Let us your inner presence feel; your grace and love in us reveal.*  
George Weissel 1642, trans. Catherine Winkworth 1855, alt.)

#### **Postlude**

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