

# Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Lessons & Carols

December 12, 2021, 4:00 PM



## Congregation Carol Sing

#115 – What Child is This

#107 – Good Christian Friends Rejoice

#101 - Away in a Manger

#96 – Angels We Have Heard on High

**Instrumental Prelude:**

**Noel, Noel, Noel/The Friendly Beasts/Silent Night/The First Noel**  
*Recorder Trio: Cindy James, Bob Butterbrodt, Jim Deluca*

*A bell will ring three times.*

**Choral Prelude:**

**Advent Trilogy**  
*Magnificat Choir*

Arr. by Benjamin Harlan

**Lighting of the Wreath Candles**

The first, second, and third candles are lit

Lighter: Christ be our light. As we light this candle for all God's people, we accept the joy and the challenge of being God-bearers. We say "yes" to God's offering of the unknown. God, as we wait for your promise give light, hope, peace, and joy.

People: **God fill us with joy on the path of life you have made known to us. Give us the generosity of spirit to lift up those with heavy hearts, hold them gently, and walk with them. God, bless us with joy.**

**Bidding Prayer**

**Rev. Susan Moss**

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger with the innocence and wonder of a child. Teach us to be present in the dimness while we anxiously anticipate the light.

Help us listen like our first time, let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of the God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church, in our country and in this city.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in God's name, the present day Mary and Joseph - poor and helpless; the homeless neighbor - the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the person at your table - the sick and those who mourn; the shut-in - the lonely and the unloved; the forgotten - the elders, and the little children - lost and exploited, or near your side; as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God, God's Mother Mary, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

May God bless us with grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and the Spirit renew us. **Amen.**

**Musical Invitation:**

**Of The Father's Love Begotten**  
*Magnificat Choir*

Words: Marus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius

tr. John Mason Neale

Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus Trope

**Opening:****Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding**  
*Magnificat Choir**Text: Latin hymn, 1632**tr. Edward Caswell**Tune: Michael Weisse**Please stand as you are able***First Lesson****Genesis 3: 8-15 -****Congregation – Lead by Vonda Humburg**

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” <sup>11</sup> And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, ‘Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring<sup>[a]</sup> and hers; he will crush<sup>[b]</sup> your head, and you will strike his heel.’”

*Please be seated***Carol:****Carol of the Star**  
*Magnificat Choir**Words: Jari Houston**Music: Stephen L. Lawrence***Second Lesson****Genesis 22:15-18****Brian Nerbonne****Carol:****Alepun**  
*Magnificat Choir**Traditional Spanish Carol**Tr. Eleanor Walker**Setting by Joel Martinson***Third Lesson****Isaiah 9: 2,6-7****Anne Hanson***Please stand as you are able***Carol:****Hark the Herald Angels Sing**  
*Congregation**Words: Charles Wesley**Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn**Please be seated***Fourth Lesson****Isaiah 11:1-4a, 5-9****Steve Andrews****Instrumental Carols:****Away in a Manger/Coventry Carol/Low How A Rose**  
*Recorder trio: Cindy James, Bob Butterbrodt, Jim DeLuca***Fifth Lesson****Luke 1:26-38****Erika Scheurer****Instrumental Carol:****The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came**  
*Violin: Elias O'Brien, Organ: Vonda Humburg***Sixth Lesson****Luke 2:1-7****Anne Hanson***Please stand as you are able.*

<b>Carol:</b>	<b>Hey Mary, There's an Angel</b> <i>Magnificat/Congregation</i>	<i>Malcolm &amp; Sam Gordon</i>
<i>Please be seated.</i>		
<b>Seventh Lesson</b>	<b>Luke 2:8-16</b>	<b>Brian Nerbonne</b>
<b>Carols:</b>	<b>Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow</b> <i>Magnificat Choir</i>	<i>American Folks Song</i> <i>Arr. Robert Leaf</i>
	<b>The Shepherd's Nowell</b> <i>Magnificat Choir</i> <i>Flute: Catherine Neuschler</i>	<i>Words &amp; Music: Anna Laura Page</i>
<b>Eighth Lesson</b>	<b>Matthew 2:1-11</b>	<b>Erika Scheurer</b>
<b>Carol:</b>	<b>Riu, Riu, Chiu</b> <i>Violin: Elias O'Brien</i> <i>Organ: Vonda Humburg</i>	
<b>Ninth Lesson</b>	<b>John: 1:1-14</b>	<b>Steve Andrews</b>
<b>Carol:</b>	<b>Christmas Peace Canon</b> <i>Magnificat Choir</i> <i>Flute: Catherine Neuschler</i>	<i>Arr. Jean Anne Shafferman</i>
<i>Please stand as you are able</i>		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		<b>Rev. Susan Moss</b>
<i>Clergy</i> <i>People</i>	God be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	
<i>Clergy</i> <i>People</i>	Let us pray. <b>Holy God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Jesus: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold the coming of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. Amen.</b>	
<b>Blessing</b> <i>Clergy</i>  <i>People</i>	May God incarnate, gathered into all things earthly and heavenly, bestow upon you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of life be upon you and remain with you always. <b>Amen</b>	
<i>Please be seated</i>		
<b>Final Carol:</b>	<b>African Alleluia</b> <i>Magnificat Choir</i>	<i>Based on: Kenyan Folk Melody</i> <i>Words/Music: Benjamin Harlan</i>
<b>Postlude:</b>	<b>Piano Solo</b>	<b>Vonda Humburg</b>