

Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2022 at 5 p.m.



For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given
- *Isaiah 6:9*

Prelude

“He Shall Reign forevermore”
18th C. French Carol

The People Gather

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God forever and ever.

Let us pray.

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.

During the prayer, the Christ Candle is lit. The people are seated for the lessons and carols.

Lessons & Carols

First Lesson

On our way to Bethlehem

Hymn #79, vv. 1-3

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

During the hymn, the children bring the donkey, cow, and sheep to the manger.

Second Lesson

The Mother Mary and the Father Joseph arrive

Hymn #102

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Mary and Joseph are brought forward during the hymn.

Third Lesson

The Christ Child is Born

Hymn #101

“Away in a Manger”

The baby Jesus is placed in the manger during the hymn.

Fourth Lesson

The angels appear to the shepherds

Hymn #87

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The angels and shepherds are brought to the manger during the hymn.

Fifth Lesson

The coming of the Magi

Hymn #128

“We Three Kings”

*The three kings and their camels are brought to the manger during the hymn.
The Christmas offering is received.*

Hymn #111

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

The people stand as the offering is brought forward to be blessed.

Homily

The Rev. John Kirkley

The Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn #100

“Joy to the World”

Postlude

“Christmas Rhapsody”

We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Merry Christmas!

Serving Today

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| Officiant | The Rev. John Kirkley |
| Preacher | The Rev. John Kirkley |
| Music Director | Mark Wanless |
| Reader | Erica Cooper |
| Acolytes | Colin Cooper, James Goff |
| Ushers | Elia Pochron, Ryszard Pochron |
| Flower Guild | Mary Balmana, Heather Davies, Rebecca Wrangham, Noreen Huey |

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Ed Wilcox

Susanna Rodriguez - In memory of Kathryn Anderson

John and Gwen Buehrens - For the Parish Rector

Tom and Ann Matthews - In memory of Marjorie and Richard Matthews

Joan Butler - In memory of Jay Butler and Bill Olund

Oi Yun Chow - In memory of loved ones

Margaret Stark-Roberts - In memory of Bill and Nancy Newmeyer



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