





**Processional Carol and Lighting of the Advent Wreath "Once in Royal David's City"**

Verse 1, Solo, Hayden Parmar

IRBY

*Once in royal David's city stood a lonely 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 Savior holy.**

**Jesus 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 feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all 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.**

**Lesson 1 John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation**

**John 1:1-14**

Readers: Mikaela Bottoms & Savannah Gorman

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**\*Hymn No. 162, vs.1-2,4-5 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM**

## Lesson 2 Christ's Birth and Kingdom are Proclaimed by Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Readers: Taylor Quidatano & Olivia Poteet

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

\*Hymn No. 208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELUS

## Lesson 3 The Magnificence and Love of the Son are Foretold

Isaiah 40:1-5, 10-11

Readers: Trenton White & Ardi Elliott

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

Hymn No. 197

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

THIRSTING

Vs. 1 & 2 Choir; Vs. 3 & 4 Congregation

\*The Candlelight Carol

“Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

**Silent night! Holy night!**

**All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child.**

**Holy infant, so tender and mild.**

**Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night!**

**Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar,**

**heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;**

**Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night! Holy night!**

**Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,**

**With the dawn of redeeming grace,**

**Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

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French Horn: Ginny Primozic; Bass, Graham Eubanks*

*Announcements*

1. There will be no Sunday School this coming Sunday. Please join us for our 10:30 a.m. worship service.
2. All end of the year contributions must be postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to count towards a 2010 tax deduction. All contributions handed in on or before the last day of the year will be considered a 2010 contribution. The church office will close at noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Lesson 9 Christ's Eternal Authority is Assured

Psalm 24:7, 8,108; Revelation 19:6-7; Psalm 10:16, Psalm 146:10

Readers: Jim and Maria Harwood

*Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? THE LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! The LORD of Hosts. He is the King of glory!*

*Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out. "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and the Bride has made herself ready." On his robe and his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

*The LORD is king forever and ever! The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!*

**\*Hymn No. 195** "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

**\*The Charge and Benediction** Mr. McCracken

**Minister:** May the joy of the angels, and the eagerness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas. May you take with you the certain knowledge that He was born for you and longs to dwell in and with you forever. May the blessings of Christmas make you a blessing to others.

**People:** With God's help we will.

**Minister:** And the blessing of God Almighty, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Lesson 4 The Prophet Micah Foretells the Glory of Bethlehem

Micah 5:2-5 Readers: Matthew & Nicole Croon

*But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.*

**Hymn No. 201** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST LOUIS

## Lesson 5 The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Virgin Mary

Luke 1:26-35, 38 Readers: John and Teresa Krieger

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

*And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

**Hymn No. 213** "What Child is This?" GREENSLEEVES

## Lesson 6

### St Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Readers: David and Kathy White

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

Hymn No. 205

“Away in a Manger”

CRADLE SONG

## Lesson 7

### The Shepherds Go to the Manger

Luke 2:8-20

Readers: Dr. Fabrice & Sylvia Jotterand

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

*When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

\*Hymn No. 203

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

## Lesson 8

### The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus

Matthew 2:1-11

Readers: Dr. Daniel & Ginny Primozić

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “’And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”*

*Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

Hymn No. 226

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

Vs. 1-3

Offering of our Gifts

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

Musical Offering

“Holy Child”

Keith and Kristin Getty

Denise Wichlan, solo; Baylee Wichlan, guitar

*Holy child, who chose the hearts of men to be His favored home. Leaving heaven’s gates for Bethlehem, God came to call His own. Now to us, the highest King is born: behold the royal Son. Glory kneels to bind up all that’s torn: the promised One has come. Joy and pain as man He knew on earth, no place to lay his head. As a servant He embraced this world and on a cross He bled. Having borne the deepest grief of man, He rose to heaven’s throne; now I’m sheltered in the Father’s hand until He calls me home. May the gift of God amaze us still, the triumph of all time. As His child I kneel to heaven’s will to make His purpose mine. Though this road be scarred with trial and pain it’s paved with lavish grace. Knowing Him will be my greatest gain; His throne my resting place. Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is my King, born is your King, born is the King of Israel.*