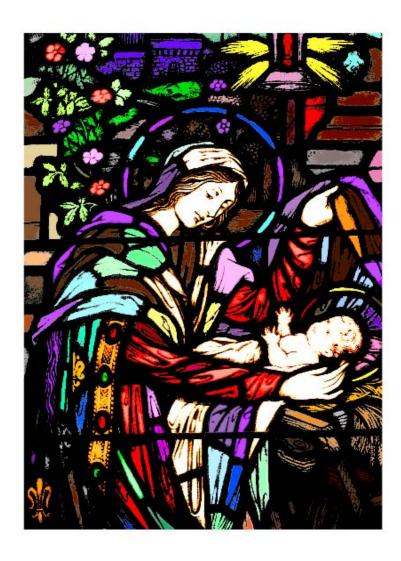
A Lescival of Nine Lessons & Carols



Church of the Good Shepherd Lexington, Kentucky

17 Oecember 2006

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols 17 December 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Voluntary Chorale Prelude on Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Noël (Grand Jeu et Duo) Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Hymn in Procession 102* Once in royal David's city

Irby

(Descant: Willcocks)

• The People remain seated while the Choir sings stanzas one and two. The People stand and sing beginning with stanza three.

The Bidding Prayer, Lord's Prayer and Grace

Rector Beloved in Christ, at this Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this our diocese.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Rector The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All Amen.

• The People may be seated.

Invitatory

Up! good Christen folk, and listen

G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

Up! Good Christen folk, and listen how the merry church bells ring, and from steeple bid good people come adore the new-born King:
Tell the story how from glory God came down at Christmastide, bringing gladness, chasing sadness, showering blessings far and wide, born of mother, blest o'er other, Ex Maria Virgine, in a stable ('tis no fable), Christus natus hodie.

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-19

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

Reader: Miss Anna Stahlman, Deputy Head Chorister, St. Cecilia Girls' Choir

Carol

Adam lay ybounden

Richard Webster (b. 1952)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond:
four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple that he took,
as clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been,
ne had never our lady a been heavnè queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!
[15th Century]

The Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18 God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Reader: Mrs. Marian Willard, Administrative Assistant, Good Shepherd Day School

Carol

There is no rose of such virtue

Anonymous Carol, ca. 1420

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia. For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; Resmiranda By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three, Pari forma. The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo: Gaudeamus. Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus.

Reba Roberts, Soprano Debbie Jackson, Alto Whit Whitaker, Tenor

• The People stand and sing:

Hymn 72 Hark! the glad sound

Richmond (Descant: Lang)

• All are seated.

The Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

Reader: Dr. Gary L. Anderson, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Ensembles, Transylvania University; Conductor and Music Director, Lexington Chamber Chorale

Sans Day Carol Carol Arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk: And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be, And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly! Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross: And Mary bore Jesus Christ.... Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all: And Mary bore Jesus Christ.... Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red, Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead: And Mary bore Jesus Christ.... [Traditional Cornish carol

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-4

Reader: Dr. George Zack, Music Director and Conductor, Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra

Spiritual Carol

Bring me joy!

Oliver Barton (b. 1948)

When I'm full of misery, bring me joy! For the angels are a-crying "Sinner, rise up and see!" Those shepherds in Judea can hear when the angels cry aloud, 'It's a boy!' Bring me joy, little baby, bring me joy! Whenever I feel sad and grey, bring me peace. I think of baby Jesus lying still on the hay; I think about the baby and Lord, then maybe all my bitter troubles will cease. Bring me peace, little baby, bring me peace.

I think about the baby and Lord, then maybe all my bitter troubles will cease. Bring me

In the darkness of my soul, bring me light! I'm a-hiding from your judgement but I want to be whole, so lead me, Lord, from danger, Lord, lead me to the manger, bring salvation to a poor sinner's sight, bring me light! So lead me Lord from danger, Lord, lead me to the manger, bring salvation to a poor sinner's sight. Bring me light! Bring me joy!

The angel Gabriel salutes The Fifth Lesson: St. Luke 1:26-35, 38

Reader: Ms. Teresa Isaac, Mayor of Lexington

Carol Righteous Joseph

Victor Whitburn

the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When righteous Joseph wedded was to Israel's Hebrew maid the angel Gabriel came from Heaven and to the Virgin said: "Hail blessed Mary, full of grace, the Lord remain on thee; thou shalt conceive and bear a son, our Saviour for to be."

Then sing you all, both great and small, now well now well!

We may rejoice to hear the voice of the angel Gabriel.

Then Joseph thought to shun all shame and Mary to forsake but God's dear Angel in a dream his mind did undertake: "Fear not, old Joseph, she's thy wife, she's still a spotless maid; there's no conceit or sin at all against her can be laid."

Thus Mary and her husband king together did remain, until the time of Jesus' birth as scripture doth make plain. As mother, wife, and virtous maid, our Saviour sweet conceived; and in due time to bring us Him, of whom we were bereaved.

Sing praises all, both young and old, to Him that wrought such things; and all without the means of man, sent us the King of Kings. Who is of such a spirit blest, that with his might did quell the world, the flesh, and by His death did conquer death and hell.

The People stand and sing:

Hymn 278 Sing we of the blessed Mother

Rustington

All are seated.

The Sixth Lesson: St. Luke 2: 1, 3-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Reader: Mr. John Linker, Organist/Choirmaster

Carol I wonder as I wander A

Appalachian Carol, Arr. John Rutter

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus, the Savour, did come for to die. For poor ornery people like you and like I: I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall, with wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,
he surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King!

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus, the Saviour did come for to die. For poor ornery people like you and like I: I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

The Seventh Lesson: St. Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Reader: The Rev'd Mrs. Lauren Hendrick, Deacon and Minister of Christian Formation

Carol Tomorrow shall be my dancing dayTraditional, arr. David Willcocks

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 the dance: Sing O 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:

Sing O my love....

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: Sing O my love....

• The People stand and sing:

Hymn 94* While shepherds watched their flocks by night Winchester Old (Descant: Willcocks)

• The People are seated.

The Eighth Lesson: St Matthew 2: 1-11 The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reader: The Rev'd Robert L. Sessum, Rector

Motet Hodie Christus natus est (Symphoniae Sacrae, 1597)Giovanni Gabrieli (1555-1612)

Hodie Christus natus est, alleluia.
Hodie salvator apparuit, alleluia.
Hodie in terra canunt angeli,
laetantue archangeli, alleluia.
Hodie exsultant justi dicentes: Alleluia.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis. Alleluia.

Today Christ is born, alleluia.
Today the Saviour has appeared, alleluia.
Today on earth the angels sing,
the archangels rejoice, alleluia.
Today the righteous rejoice saying: Alleluia.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to men of good will. Alleluia

• All stand for the reading of the Ninth Lesson and the singing of the hymn that follows.

The Ninth Lesson: St. John 1: 1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Reader: The Right Rev'd Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington

All remain standing for a Welcome to the People from the Rector.

Hymn 82* Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium (Descant: Willcocks)

The loose offering received during this Hymn is designated for the Special Music Fund.

• Following the Hymn the People kneel.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect for Christmas Eve

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

The Blessing

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthy and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

• The People remain kneeling as the Choir sings:

Motet

O magnum mysteriu

Morton Lauridsen (b. 1943)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepio! O beata virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia!

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

• The People stand and sing:

Hymn in Procession 109*

The first Nowell

Nowell

(Descant: Willcocks)

• The People shall be seated or exit quietly during the concluding Voluntary

Voluntary

Symphonie Gothique: IV. Allegro (Puer natus est)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

All are invited to the Undercroft for a reception sponsored by the Choir Guild immediately following the concluding voluntary.

We invite you to future choral services and concerts at Good Shepherd:

Sunday, 24 December 2006

5:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist, with Carols at 4:30pm – St Nicholas Boys' Choir and St Cecilia Girls' Choir

11:00pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, with Carols at 10:30pm – Canterbury Choir and Parish Choir

Thursday, 28 December 2006 – 7:00pm

in Church of the Advent, Cynthiana, Kentucky

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols for Christmas - Combined Good Shepherd Choirs

Wednesday, 21 February 2007 – 7:30pm

Solemn High Mass for Ash Wednesday – Parish Choir, St Cecilia's Girls' Choir

Sunday, 25 February 2007 – 5:00pm

'Lift Every Voice and Sing' service and concert in commemoration of Black History Month and featuring music and liturgy written and/or influenced by Blacks of African descent – Combined Good Shepherd Choirs

Friday, 20 April – 22 April 2007

The Choirs on Tour - St. Philip's Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia

Sunday, 3 June 2007 – 5:00pm

Evensong for Trinity Sunday – Combined Good Shepherd Choirs and the Festival Choir of St Michael's Church

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