

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols



Church of the Good Shepherd
Lexington, Kentucky

17 December 2006

5:00 pm

- *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*

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

*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
peace.
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 Fifth Lesson: St. Luke 1:26-35, 38 *The angel Gabriel salutes
the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Reader: Ms. Teresa Isaac, Mayor of Lexington

Carol Righteous Joseph Victor Whitburn

*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

Appalachian Carol, Arr. John Rutter

*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.*

*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 day Traditional, 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.*

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