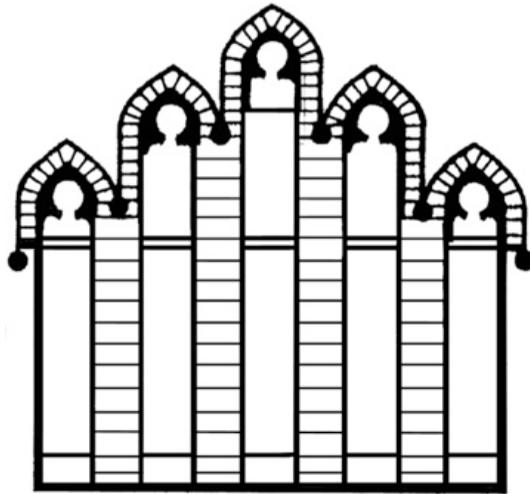


# A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DECEMBER 16, 2012 AT 5:00PM

# WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Worship is the most important thing that we do together as a community of faith. Worship guides and carries us through the rest of our activities that include outreach, spiritual enrichment, youth programs, music, evangelism and stewardship. If you are visiting, please fill out a Welcome card that can be found in the pew racks. For more information about this joy-filled, Christ-centered community please visit our website [www.slechurch.org](http://www.slechurch.org) or contact The Rev. John Mennell or The Rev. Diana Wilcox by e-mail or phone.

## Hospitality

If you have any questions about where to find things, please ask one of the Ushers who will be glad to help. **Restrooms** can be found by going through the archway at the end of the right aisle and down the stairs.

## Children & Childcare

Children and youth are encouraged to fully participate in worship. For younger children, childcare is available at the 10:00 service through the archway at the end of the right aisle and over the bridge in room next to the Assembly Hall. The green-carpeted area in the rear of the church has coloring materials for children who are able to color quietly with their parents. These materials may also be taken back to the pews

## Worship Materials

Various materials are used in our worship each week, drawing mostly from the Book of Common Prayer and approved Episcopal Hymnals. The source of each section is usually noted and all materials are used with proper permission where there are copyrights.

## JOIN IN THE WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

“Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night”

*arr. by Susan Ullom-Berns*

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

*arr. by Barbara Baltzer Kinyon*

*The Multigenerational Handbell Choir of St. James Episcopal Church, Hackettstown, NJ Louise Olshan, Director*

“In Dulci Jubilo”

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*Please stand and join in singing*

**HYMN 102** Once in Royal David's City *Tune: Irby*

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly 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 mean and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

For he 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 feeleth for our sadness,  
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
For that Child who seemed so helpless  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing round,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high,  
When like stars his children crowned,  
all in white shall wait around.

**A BIDDING PRAYER** *(Book of Occasional Services, p. 31 said by the Officiant)*

Beloved in Christ, at this Season of Advent let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in the heart and mind to 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 the Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and among all God's people; for unity with the Church Christ came to build and especially in this our diocese.

Let us remember, in Christ's name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry 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 soul 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:

*People*

**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.**

May the Almighty One bless us with God's 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.

*People*

**Amen.**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM** “Prepare The Way” –

*Dala melody ( Sweden ), adapted and arranged by Margareta Jalkeus*

*Text:* Prepare the way, O Zion; ye awful deeps rise high;  
Sink low ye lofty mountains; The Lord is drawing nigh;  
The righteous King of glory, Foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is he that came in God the Father’s name.

O Zion, He approaches, Your Lord and King for aye.  
Strew palms where He advances; Spread garments in His way.  
God’s promise faileth never, Hosanna sound forever.  
O blest is He that came in God the Father’s name.

**WELCOME** *The Rev. John A. Memell*

## **THE LESSONS**

*Please be seated for the reading*

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

A reading from the book of Genesis (3:8-15)

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing

**HYMN 107** Good Christian friends, rejoice *Tune: In dulci jubilo*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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*Please be seated for the reading*

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the book of Genesis (22:15-18)

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Here endeth the Lesson.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**    *Ai nama mamina*    *Composer: Andrejs Jansons*

*Sung in Latvian, this carol celebrates the joys of the Christmas season.    Ron Nabass, Percussion*

## **THE THIRD LESSON**

A reading from the book of Isaiah (9:2, 6-7)

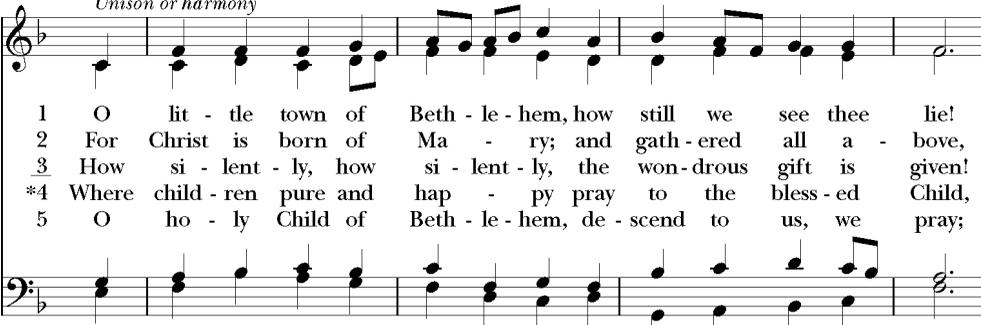
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Here endeth the Lesson.

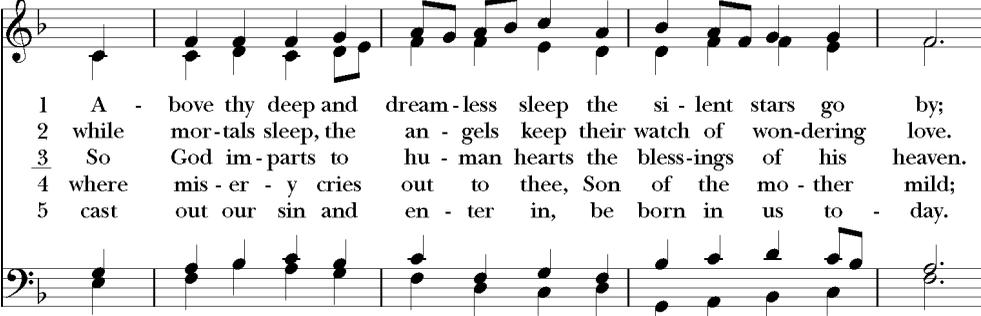
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**HYMN 78** O little town of Bethlehem *Tune: Forest Green*

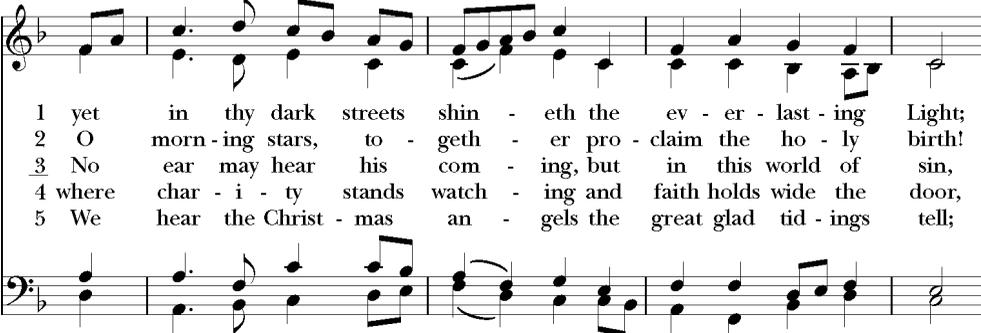
*Unison or harmony*



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

*Please be seated for the reading*

## **THE FOURTH LESSON**

A reading from the book of Isaiah (11:1-19)

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## **CHOIR ANTHEM** Huron Carol

*Text: Fr. Jean de Brebeuf, SJ Melody: French Folksong, arranged by Dale Warland Oboe: Marisa Minogue*

*Text:* 'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;  
Before their light the stars grew dim, And wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born; in excelsis Gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round.  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh, The angel song rang loud and high:  
In excelsis, in excelsis Gloria.

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,  
The holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant Boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis Gloria

## **THE FIFTH LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (1:26-35; 38)

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Here endeth the Lesson.

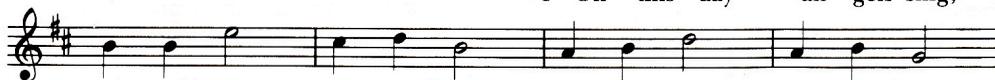
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**HYMN 92** On this day, earth shall ring (Hymnal 1982 Tune: Forest Green)

*Introduction*



1 On this day earth shall ring  
2 His the doom, ours the mirth;  
3 God's bright star, o'er his head,  
4 On this day an - gels sing;

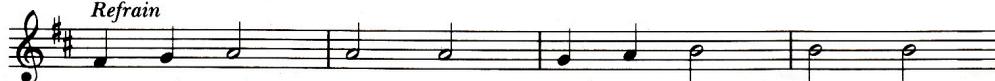


with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,  
when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;  
Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,  
with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,



born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.  
lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

*Refrain*



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,



Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"

*Please be seated for the reading*

## **THE SIXTH LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (2:1;3-7)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:.) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn

Here endeth the Lesson.

### **.CHOIR ANTHEM** The Friendly Beasts

*Medieval Carol, arranged by Jeffrey Van*

*Text:* Jesus our brother, kind and good, was humbly born in a stable rude,  
and the friendly beasts around him stood. Jesus our brother, kind and good.

“T”, said the donkey, shaggy and brown, “I carried his mother up hill and down,  
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town.” “T”, said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

“T”, said the cow, all white and red, “I gave him my manger for his bed,  
I gave him my hay to pillow his head.” “T”, said the cow, all white and red.

“T”, said the sheep with curly horn, “I gave him my wool for his blanket warm,  
he wore my coat on Christmas morn.” “T”, said the sheep with curly horn.

“T”, said the dove from the rafters high, “cooed him to sleep that he should not cry,  
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I.” “T”, said the dove from the rafters high.

Thus every beast by some good spell, in the stable dark was glad to tell  
of the gift each gave Emmanuel, The gift each gave Emmanuel.

*Ken Dalton, Guitar; Peter Tamburro, Bass; Rachael Gareau, Alto;*

## **THE SEVENTH LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (2:8-16)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing

**HYMN 94** While shepherds watched their flocks by night *Tune: Winchester Old*

*Descant*

2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,  
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;  
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line  
4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,  
5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap - peared a shin - ing thron

2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind."  
6 good will hence-forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.  
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."  
5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind."  
6 good will hence-forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

6 "All glory be to God on high  
and on the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease."

*Please be seated for the reading*

## **THE EIGHTH LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-11)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Here endeth the Lesson.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** Lo, how a rose e'er blooming *Composer: Michael Praetorius, arr. by J. Sandström*

*Text:* Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, a  
s men of old have sung.  
It came a floweret bright.  
Amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

## **THE NINTH LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to John (1:1-14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## **OFFERTORY**

*During the following anthem a collection will be taken to support the Rosanne Morey Christ Child Project and other outreach efforts at St. Luke's. The Christ Child project offers Christmas gifts to families in need through Youth Consultation Services and families housed at Turning Point Community Services. Additionally men at Apostles House receive Christmas gifts as part of the Rosanne Morey Project. Please be generous in supporting those in need this Christmas season.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

“Jesus, Springing” *Text: Kevin Crossley-Holland*

*Composer: Bob Chilcott*

*Text:* I am the heart that houses the cone,  
the cone enclosing the cedar,  
I am the cedar sawn for the cradle,  
forest of the body, body of the tree.

I am the cradle rocking the baby,  
I am the baby containing the man,  
I am the man nailed on the cross,  
tree of the body, body of the forest.

I am the cross sawn from the cedar,  
I am the cedar enclosed in the cone,  
I am the cone housed in the heart,  
here in my heart Jesus, springing.

### **A reflection on *Jesus, Springing***

The utter simplicity of our final anthem, *Jesus, Springing* by Bob Chilcott, underlies a deep and abiding reverence for the spareness of its text by the composer. This is not your typical Christmas choral anthem, with thundering organ, and blaring brass. Instead, we are asked to consider the human heart and a pinecone, a tree and the forest, a cradle and the child, a tree and the man. Wood is at the very ‘heart’ of this beautiful music. If we try, can we believe that the wood of the cross upon which Jesus was nailed might have come from the selfsame tree as the wood of the cradle in which He lay as an infant? Since with God, all things are possible, why is it impossible to think that of all the trees, in all the forests, only *one* tree was destined to give us both the cradle as well as the cross, in the same way that Mary was set apart from all women to be the ‘Mother of God’? Within each of us, therefore, lies the wooden heart that encloses the cone, from which the seed, giving birth to the cradle and the cross, the very ‘tree of life’ itself, springs. From our wooden hearts, shaped by the tools of the Carpenter, the simple music tells us that the story of Christ goes on. As the text of the final refrain passes from voice to voice, we recall that we are the living body of Christ, and His promise of love must leap from person to person, so that truly, this Christmas, we will actually discover *Jesus, springing* from our own heart.

*Timothy J. Mannion*  
*Member of St. Luke’s choir*

*Please stand as you are able*

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit**

*Officiant* Let us pray. 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Officiant* May almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's blessing and set you free from all sin.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* May the one whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at the second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*All* **Amen**

HYMN 83 O come, all ye faithful *Tune: Adeste fideles*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 \*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is primarily composed of chords and simple melodic lines.

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others  
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

**DISMISSAL** (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*)

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

*People* **Thanks be to God**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling (*Composer: Johann Sebastian Bach*)

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