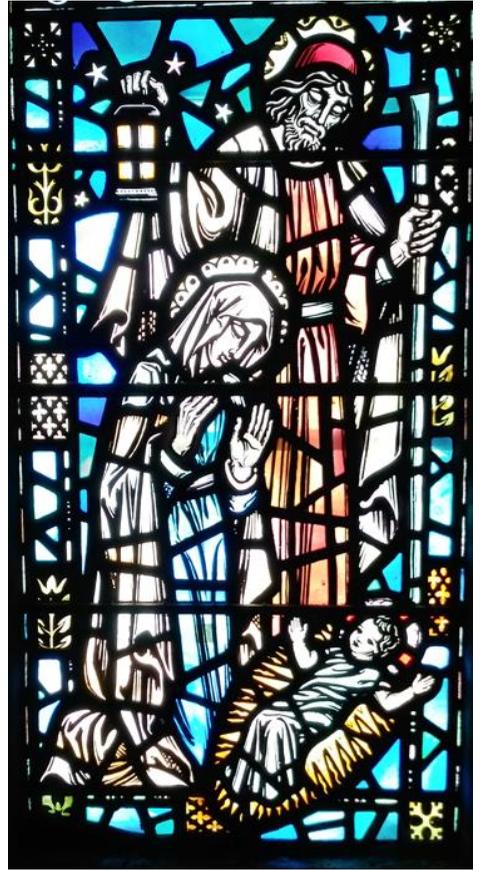


# **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**



**The Anglican Cathedral  
of  
St. John the Baptist**

**St. John's, NL**

**December 19, 2021**

**11:00 am**

**The Venerable Roger Whalen**

*Archdeacon and Rector*

**The Reverend Khaliah Kinkead-Dawkins**

*Vicar Missional*

**Mrs. Sharon Whalen**

*Music Director*

**The Cathedral Choir**

*Cover photo: panel detail from the Te Deum Window, by R. Whalen*

**Hymn: Once in royal David's city**

*Irby*

*Solo: 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.*

2. 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 Saviour holy.

4. 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.

3. And, through all his wondrous  
childhood,  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he.

5. Not in that poor lowly stable  
With the oxen standing by  
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.

### **The Bidding Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

*The Fourth Candle is lit.*

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news; blessed is Mary, your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.**

People of God: prepare! God, above all, maker of all, is one with us in Christ.  
Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth. Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has made. Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ. Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

## **FIRST READING**

GENESIS 3: 8-15

*The first sin and its punishment*

READER: **A CONFIRMAND**

CAROL: **Adam lay ybounden**

1. Adam lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond:  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.

2. And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took,  
As clerkès finden  
Written in their book.

3. Nè had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been,  
Nè had never our lady  
Abeen heavenè queen.

4. Blessèd be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen,  
Deo gracias!

Text, 15TH-CENTURY ENGLISH  
Music, PETER WARLOCK (1894-1930)

## **SECOND READING**

ISAIAH 11.1-5, 10

*The Spirit of the Lord rests upon the Holy one of Israel.*

READER: **A CHURCHWARDEN**

## **HYMN: Come thou long expected Jesus**

*Stuttgart*

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.

3. Born thy people to deliver;  
Born a Child and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us forever;  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

## **THIRD READING**

ISAIAH 9,2-7

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*

READER: **A SERVER**

## **CHORUS: For Unto Us (Messiah)**

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.

Text, ISAIAH 9, 6  
Music, G.F. HANDEL (1685-1759)

## **FOURTH READING**

LUKE 1:26-38

*The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary  
That she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

**READER: A CHORAL SCHOLAR**

**CAROL:** Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary

1. Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!  
For so, when he did meet thee  
Spake mighty Gabriel,  
and thus we greet thee.  
Come weal, come woe, our  
hymn shall never vary.  
Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!

2. Ave! Ave Maria!  
To gladden priest and people  
The angelus shall ring  
from every steeple,  
To sound his virgin birth.  
Alleluia!  
Ave! Ave Maria!

3. Archangels chant, 'Osanna!  
And, 'Holy! Holy! Holy!  
Before the Infant born  
of thee, thou lowly,  
Aye – maiden child of  
Joachim and Anna.  
Archangels chant Osanna!

Text, GEORGE RATCLIFFE WOODWARD (1848-1934)  
Music, CHARLES WOOD (1866 - 1926)

## **FIFTH READING**

LUKE 1:39-57

*The Virgin Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth.*

**READER: A MEMBER OF VESTRY**

**CAROL:** **Ecce novum**

*Translation: Behold, a new joy, Behold a new wonder!  
A Virgin, who knew not a man, Bears a son.  
She knew not a man, but as the pear tree bears the pear,  
The flourishing papyrus brings the lily from the soil.  
See how nature changes her laws!  
A pure virgin bears the son of God.*

Text, PIAE CANTIONES (1582)  
Music, OLA GJEILO (B. 1978)

## **SIXTH READING**

LUKE 2:1, 3-7

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

**READER: A CHOIR MEMBER**

### **CAROL: A Carol for our Times**

He came all so still across the sea by night,  
A little boy, cradled in his mother's arms,  
Soft against the wind and waves;  
Cold, frightened, hungry, he tries to sleep.

Mary sings to the Christ Child,  
A sweet and gentle lullaby,  
But who will sing a lullaby to the little boy at sea?

A crowded boat tossed by the rolling sea,  
It dips and sways, water soaks the infant boy,  
Fast he grips his mother's hand,  
See, the clothes he's wearing are all he has.

Kings bring gifts to the Christ Child,  
Gold, frankincense, and holy myrrh,  
But who will bring a simple gift to the little boy at sea?

Herod and kings in their raging slam shut the door,  
Build walls around their precious land,  
Guards keep watch both day and night,  
No-one, no stranger is welcome here.

There's a place for the Christ Child,  
A stable plain where he can rest,  
But who will offer refuge to the little boy, the little tiny child?

*Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,  
Bye bye lully, lullay.*

**Text and Music, DAVID BLACKWELL (b.1961)**

## **SEVENTH READING**

LUKE 2:8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

**READER: A DEACON**

## CAROL: Christ our Emmanuel

Far away, far away shines a light,  
Leading us, guiding us on thro' the night;  
Clear in the sky and brighter than the dawn,  
Pointing our way to where a child is born.  
Can it be here we will find him?  
In a simple stable, can it be Messiah we behold?  
Softly enter, this is he;  
Worship him, honour him, bow your knee.  
Son of God, yet child of man, *in excelsis Gloria!*

Lullaby, lullaby, Jesus sleep!  
Angels over you watch will keep.  
Mary will sing a tender lullaby,  
Joining the song of angel choirs on high.  
Morning will come, he will waken, he will be forsaken,  
Left to die alone upon the tree.  
Lullaby, lullaby, holy child  
Born of Mary undefiled.  
Suffering, dying, death defying,  
Christ our Emmanuel.  
Son of God, yet child of man, *in excelsis Gloria.*

Text and Music, JOHN RUTTER (B.1945)

## **EIGHTH READING**

MATTHEW 2:1-12

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus*

**READER: THE VICAR MISSIONAL**

**CAROL:      The Three Kings**

"Who knocks tonight so late?"  
The weary porter said.  
Three kings stood at the gate,  
Each with a crown on head.

The serving man bowed down;  
The inn was full, he knew.  
Said he, "In all this town  
Is no fit place for you!"

A light the manger lit;  
There lay the Mother meek.  
Said they, "This place is fit:  
Here is the rest we seek!"

They loosed their latchet strings;  
So stood they all unshod  
"Come in, come in, ye Kings,  
and kiss the Feet of God."

Text, LAURENCE HOUSMAN (1865-1959)  
Music, HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968)

**NINTH READING**

JOHN 1:1-14

**Please stand for the lesson.**

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

**READER: THE RECTOR**

**Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing**

*Mendelssohn*

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Refrain*

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

*Refrain*

## **The Collect**

## **The Blessing**

Hymn: **O come, all ye faithful**

*Adeste fideles*

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:*       O come, let us adore him,  
                      O come, let us adore him,  
                      O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created;

*Refrain*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
“Glory to God, in the highest!”

*Refrain*

4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

**Christmas at  
The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

4 p.m.       **The Blessing of the Crèche and Children's Pageant**

7:30 p.m.   **Holy Eucharist (BAS)**  
**with The Right Reverend Samuel Rose, Bishop**

11 p.m.       **Choral Eucharist (BCP)**

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

10:30 a.m.   **Holy Eucharist (BCP)**

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – The First Sunday after Christmas

11 a.m.       **Sung Eucharist (BCP)**