



# A FESTIVAL OF *Nine Lessons* & *Carols*

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# Welcome from the Dean

***For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9: 6)***

Christmas is a time of great joy and celebration. At the heart of Christmas is the story we know so well – the birth of Jesus. We often say, ‘Jesus is the reason for the season’, which is entirely true, of course! At Christmas we celebrate that God is Emmanuel (God with us). God is with us all year long, not just at Christmas. I hope you had a sense of this over the last year. The world we live in needs to remember and celebrate the story of Jesus and God’s ongoing presence with us. We proclaim that Jesus is the ‘Prince of Peace’, and the world we live in certainly needs to hear this truth. The message of Christmas has the power to change the world!

As we celebrate Christmas with great joy, let us also pray and work for peace. To help us pray with regularity, the Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide, and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, encourages the use of *Lectio365*. *Lectio365* is a great, free app for your phone, which provides a morning and evening devotion with prayer, scripture, and reflection for every day of the year. The devotions come in a form which be read or listened to and are about 10 minutes long. Give yourself a real Christmas present and give *Lectio365* a go!

On behalf of the clergy and staff of St Peter’s Cathedral I wish you God’s blessings, providence and peace for Christmas and the New Year.

*The Right Reverend Chris McLeod*  
Dean

*When the handbell rings, please stand to sing*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

*Soloist:*

1 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.

4 **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.**

*Choir:*

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.

5 **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.**

6 **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;  
Where like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.**

*Music: IRBY, H.J. Gauntlett (1805-1876), revised by A.H. Mann (1850-1929) Descant: Anon*

*Words: C.F. Alexander (1818-1895)*

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*Remain standing*

## THE WELCOME AND BIDDING PRAYER

*Dean:* In the name of Christ and his church I bid you welcome to St Peter's Cathedral this evening.

We have come together as the family of God to celebrate the festival of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

But first we pray:

For all Christian people, that by this festival they may be renewed to fulfil Christ's work in this world; and especially for Geoff our Archbishop, and the clergy and people of this diocese;

For the world, which is already Christ's, that those who bear responsibility for its future, in politics, in industry, in commerce, and in education and communication, may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

For all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful, and the bereaved.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and pray together:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

*Dean:* May the humility of the shepherds, the faith of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ Child, be God's gift to us and to all people, this Christmas and always.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## INVITATORY CAROL

*Up! Good Christian Folk and Listen*

<i>Ding-dong, ding:</i>	2 Tell the story how from glory
<i>Ding-a-dong-a-ding:</i>	God came down at Christmastide,
<i>Ding-dong, ding-dong:</i>	Bringing gladness, Chasing sadness,
<i>Ding-a-dong-ding.</i>	Show'ring blessings far and wide.
1 Up! good Christen folk, and listen	3 Born of mother, blest o'er other,
How the merry church bells ring,	<i>Ex Maria Virgine,</i>
And from steeple Bid good people	In a stable ('Tis no fable),
Come adore the new-born King:	Christus natus hodie.

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: Piae Cantiones (1582)

# THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Reader: Cristina Parletto, Treble Chorister

The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.' And to the man he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

## CAROL

*The Holly and the Ivy*

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| 1 The holly and the ivy<br>When they are both full grown<br>Of all trees that are in the wood<br>The holly bears the crown.<br><br><i>O, the rising of the sun<br/>And the running of the deer<br/>The playing of the merry organ<br/>Sweet singing in the choir.</i> | 3 The holly bears a berry<br>As red as any blood<br>And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ<br>To do poor sinners good.         |
| 2 The holly bears a blossom<br>As white as lily flow'r<br>And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ<br>To be our dear Saviour.   | 4 The holly bears a prickle<br>As sharp as any thorn<br>And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ<br>On Christmas Day in the morn |
|   | 5 The holly bears a bark<br>As bitter as any gall<br>And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ<br>For to redeem us all.           |

Words: Traditional  
Music: Anthony Hunt (b.1981)

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Genesis 22:15-18*

*Reader: Henry Sawers, Lay Clerk Chorister*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

### CAROL

*I wonder as I wander*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Saviour did come for to die for poor on'ry people like you and like I. I wonder as I wander out under the sky.	When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from the heavens a star's light did fall, and promise of ages it then did recall.
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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 for to sing,  
he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

*Words: John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)*

*Music: Carl Rütli (b. 1949)*

## THE THIRD LESSON

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

*Reader: Pauline Brooks OAM, St Peter's Cathedral Music Foundation Patron*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Please stand to sing*

## HYMN

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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| <p>1 <b>O little town of Bethlehem,<br/>How still we see thee lie!<br/>Above thy deep and dreamless sleep<br/>The silent stars go by.<br/>Yet in thy dark streets shineth<br/>The everlasting Light;<br/>The hopes and fears of all the years<br/>Are met in thee tonight.</b></p> <p>2 <b>O morning stars, together<br/>Proclaim the holy birth,<br/>And praises sing to God the King,<br/>And peace to men on earth;<br/>For Christ is born of Mary;<br/>And, gathered all above,<br/>While mortals sleep, the angels keep<br/>Their watch of wond'ring love.</b></p> | <p>3 <b>How silently, how silently,<br/>The wondrous gift is giv'n!<br/>So God imparts to human hearts<br/>The blessings of his heav'n.<br/>No ear may hear his coming;<br/>But in this world of sin,<br/>Where meek souls will receive him, still<br/>The dear Christ enters in.</b></p> <p>4 <b>O holy Child of Bethlehem,<br/>Descend to us, we pray;<br/>Cast out our sin, and enter in,<br/>Be born in us today.<br/>We hear the Christmas angels<br/>The great glad tidings tell:<br/>O come to us, abide with us,<br/>Our Lord Emmanuel.</b></p> |
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*Music:* FOREST GREEN, English Traditional

*Harmony:* R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) *Descant:* David Hill (b. 1957)

*Words:* Bishop P. Brooks (1835-1893)

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*Please be seated*

## THE FOURTH LESSON

*Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9*

*Reader: Henry Vaughan, St Peter's Cathedral Reader*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.



# CAROL

## *The Lamb*

1 Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee  
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.  
By the stream & o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice!  
Little Lamb who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?

2 Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek & he is mild,  
He became a little child:  
I a child & thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.

*Words: William Blake (1757-1827)*

*Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)*

## THE FIFTH LESSON

*Luke 1:26-35, 38*

*Reader: Rosie Hamilton, Pastoral Care Team*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

## CAROL

*Nova! Nova!*

*Nova! Nova!*

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| 1 Gabriel of high degree,<br>He came down from the Trinity<br>From Nazareth to Galilee,                    | 4 Then said the angel: "Dread not you,<br>You shall conceive in all virtue<br>A child whose name shall be Jesu." |
| 2 He met a maiden in a place;<br>He kneeled down before her face;<br>He said: "Hail, Mary, full of grace!" | 5 Then said the maid: "Verily,<br>I am your servant truly,<br><i>Ecce ancilla Domini.</i> "                      |
| 3 When the maiden saw all this,<br>She was sore abashed, ywis,<br>Lest that she had done amiss.            | <i>Nova! Nova!</i>   |

Words: Traditional 15th Century  
Music: Iain Farrington (b.1977)

## THE SIXTH LESSON

*Luke 2:1, 3-7*

*Reader: Michael Doherty, St Peter's Cathedral Steward*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## CAROL

*Still, Still, Still*

Still, still, still, the child is sleeping still! As Mary holds him to her breast singing gently, bringing rest, Still, still still, the child is sleeping still!	Sleep, sleep, sleep, my little baby sleep! The angels sing and tell the story of the child who comes in glory. Sleep, sleep, sleep, my little baby sleep!
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Joy, joy, joy, our hearts are filled with joy!  
The Lord has come from heaven above us  
to this world to guide and love us.  
Joy, joy, joy, our hearts are filled with joy!

Words: German traditional carol  
Music: Traditional, arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

*Please stand to sing*

## HYMN

*God rest you merry, gentlemen*

- 1 **God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay!  
for Jesus Christ our Saviour  
was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we had gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**
- 2 **From God our heavenly Father  
a holy angel came;  
the shepherds saw the glory  
and heard the voice proclaim  
that Christ was born in Bethlehem  
and Jesus is his name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**
- 3 **The shepherds at these tidings  
rejoiced in heart and mind,  
and on the darkened hillside  
they left their flocks behind,  
and went to Bethlehem straightway  
this holy Child to find:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**
- 4 **And when to Bethlehem they came,  
where Christ the infant lay,  
they found him in a manger  
where oxen fed on hay;  
and there beside her new-born child  
his mother knelt to pray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**
- 6 **Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all people in this place;  
with Christian love and fellowship  
each other now embrace,  
and let this Christmas festival  
all bitterness displace:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

*Music:* English traditional carol, arr. John Stainer (1840-1901) *Descant:* David Hill (b. 1957)

*Words:* Traditional, possibly 18th-century *adapted by* Jubilate Hymns

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*Please be seated*

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

*Luke 2:8-16*

*Reader: The Reverend Sally Sandford-Morgan, Assistant Priest*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

## CAROL

### *The Shepherd's Carol*

We stood on the hills, Lady,  
Our day's work done,  
Watching the frosted meadows  
That winter had won.

The evening was calm, Lady,  
The air so still,  
Silence more lovely than music  
Folded the hill.

There was a star, Lady,  
Shone in the night,  
Larger than Venus it was  
And bright, so bright.

Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady  
It seemed to us then  
Telling of God being born  
In the world of men.

And so we have come, Lady,  
Our day's work done,  
Our love, our hopes, ourselves,  
We give to your son.

*Words: Clive Sanson (1910-1981)*

*Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*

## THE EIGHTH LESSON

### *Matthew 2:1-12*

*Reader: The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson, Canon Precentor*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

# CAROL

## *The Magi's Dream*

Night has come to Bethlehem, The family is asleep,  
Exhausted by the wonders seen, The news outrageous, deep.  
'That I may come and worship him.'

Ox and ass have closed their eyes, Their ears now hear no sound.  
Shepherds have gone back to their flocks, The mouse still noses around.  
'That I may come and worship him.'

Kings have left for their distant lands, Fractious camels moan.  
At a desert spring they make their farewells. 'It's a mighty way to home!'  
'That I may come and worship him.'

Later that night their heads are filled with a dream-drenched holy ray.  
'Do not return to Herod the King, Go back another way.'  
'That I may come and worship him.'

And so our Christ is saved from death His mission to complete  
To change the world by selfless love.  
Satan's legions to beat.

Words: Robert Tear (1939-2011)  
Music: James Whitbourn (b. 1963)

*Please stand for the final reading*

## THE NINTH LESSON

*John 1:1-14*

*Reader: The Right Reverend Chris McLeod, Dean*

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Please remain standing*

## CAROL

### A Gallery Carol

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth!  
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on Earth!  
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing!

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;  
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,  
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our king,  
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing!

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear  
Which led the wise men from the East to draw near.  
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing!

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,  
And unto him offered myrrh, incense, and gold.  
So blessed forever be Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing!

Words: Anon.

Music: John Gardner (1917-2011)

## HYMN

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

3 **See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks,  
draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
bend our joyful footsteps:  
O come, let us adore him ...**

2 **God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten, not created:  
O come, let us adore him ...**

4 **Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore him ...**

Music: ADESTE FIDELES att. J.F. Wade (1711–1786) Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Words: Latin 18<sup>th</sup> Century trans. F. Oakely, W.T. Brooke and others

## ACCLAMATION AND BLESSING

Dean: Let us bless the living God: He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
All: **Revealed in his glory,**  
Dean: Worshipped by angels,  
All: **Proclaimed among the nations,**  
Dean: Believed in throughout the world,  
All: **Exalted to the highest heavens.**  
Dean: Glory to God in the highest  
All: **and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.**

*Archbishop:* Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Please remain standing to sing*

## HYMN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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 host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born 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.  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.***

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.  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.***

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*Words:* C. Wesley (1707-1788) and others  
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*Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart in procession.  
After this, you are invited to sit to listen to the organ postlude.*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Henri Mulet (1878-1967) *Carillon-Sortie*

*Wishing you a blessed,  
holy, and happy Christmas.*

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