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SAINT AGNES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

AN ADVENT FESTIVAL *of* LESSONS *and* CAROLS



**Sunday, December 6, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

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*Welcome to Lessons and Carols*

Welcome to our celebration of Advent Lessons and Carols! This evening we will explore in song and scripture the promised second coming of Christ, and prepare our hearts to receive him at Christmas. You are invited to sing the hymns and carols with enthusiasm and, if you are able, please stand when indicated in this booklet.

To maintain a prayerful, festive service, please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices and remain in your pew for the duration of the service.



*The Origins of the Festival of Lessons and Carols*

This program finds its origins in the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols made famous by the Christmas Eve service at Kings College, Cambridge. The service was conceived by F. W. Benson, the Bishop of Truro Cathedral who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury. The service was used for the first time on Christmas Eve in 1880 and as its popularity grew, it was formally adapted at Kings College in 1918 by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of Kings College. Since 1918, the service has been aired live by the BBC on Christmas Eve throughout the world. In 1934, sixteen years after the adaptation of the Nine Lessons and Carols, Eric Milner-White composed another order of service, a Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday. In the same format as the original Nine Lessons and Carols, the purpose of this service was to “not celebrate Christmas, but to expect it.” The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday both combine scripture and music in an intimate way to tell the story of the expectation and birth of Christ. It was Milner-White’s belief that the scripture lessons were the backbone of the service and the “handmaid of the liturgy.” Today we adapt these two liturgies for this time, this space, and this community. May your hearts and minds find openness to the coming of the Savior through these Lessons and Carols.

P R E L U D E

Advent Hope

*Derek K. Hakes*

*Handbell Choir*

O R D E R of S E R V I C E

INVITATORY CAROL

Creator of the Stars of Night

*arr. Lewicki*

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

*Choir and Handbell Choir*

Creator of the stars of night,  
Your people’s everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe,  
You came, O Savior, to set free  
Your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night,  
You came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child  
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heav’n, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,  
Redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below  
From all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally.

*Please stand.*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



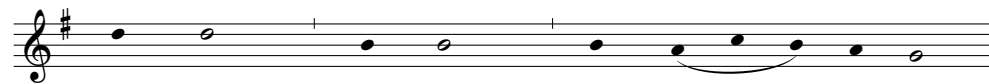
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
 Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;  
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
 In an - cient times once gave the law,  
 That trust your might - y power to save,  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 And teach us in her ways to go.  
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high  
 And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 In one the hearts of humankind;  
 O bid our sad divisions cease,  
 And be for us our King of Peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please be seated.*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-8

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD!*

CAROL

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

*arr. Ferguson*

GENEVA

*Choir*

"Comfort, comfort now my people;  
 Tell of peace!" so says our God.  
 Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
 Mourning under sorrow's load.  
 To God's people now proclaim  
 That God's pardon waits for them!  
 Tell them that their war is over;  
 God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald's voice is crying  
 In the desert far and near,  
 Calling us to true repentance,  
 Since the Kingdom now is here.  
 Oh, that warning cry obey!  
 Now prepare for God a way!  
 Let the valleys rise to meet him  
 And the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked,  
 And the rougher places plain!  
 Let your hearts be true and humble,  
 As befits his holy reign!  
 For the glory of the Lord  
 Now on earth is shed abroad,  
 And all flesh shall see the token  
 That God's word is never broken.

*I will raise up a righteous branch for David.*

CAROL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

John Carter

*Choir*

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.

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

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

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



CAROL

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

*Please stand.*

MORNING SONG



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And  
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To  
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And  
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By  
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks. When beau - ty gilds the  
suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry  
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph  
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.  
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.  
o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.  
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

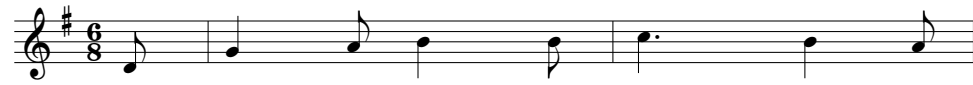
*Please be seated.*

*Behold: your king is come to you, a savior is he.*



O Come, Divine Messiah

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The  
 2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom  
 3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For



world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its  
 priest and proph - et long fore - told, Will break the cap - tive  
 low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man



tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.  
 fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.  
 weak - ness We shall your God - head see.



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



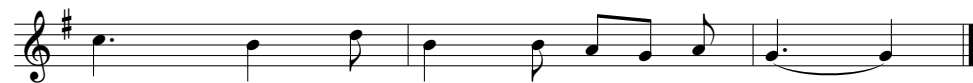
night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of



grace. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The



world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its



tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

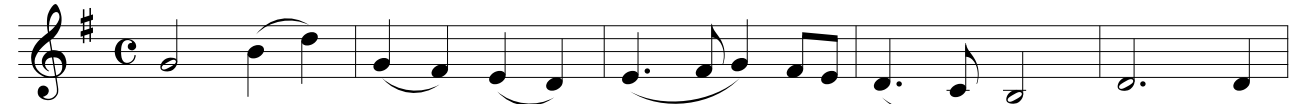
Greater will be the glory of this house.

Please stand as you sing the fourth verse of the carol.

CAROL

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending arr. Martin

HELMSLEY



Choir 1. Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 Choir 2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 Choir 3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his  
 All, stand 4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree; deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

*Here is your God, he comes with vindication.*

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose

*Handbell Choir*

*arr. Lloyd*

*Please stand.*

**Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming**

ES IST EIN ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in  
 3. O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As seers of  
 mind, With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin  
 air, Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness



old have sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -  
 Moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, She  
 ev - 'ry - where; True man, yet ver - y God, From



mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
 sin and death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

*Please be seated.*



*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.*

CAROL

Ave Maria

*Jacques Arcadelt*

*Choir*

Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
 Dominus tecum. Ave Maria.  
 Benedicta tu in mulieribus  
 et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesu.  
 Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.

*Hail Mary, full of grace  
 The Lord is with you. Hail Mary  
 Blessed are you among women  
 and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus  
 Holy Mary, pray for us.*

*Please stand.*

**The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2. "How blest a - mong all wom - en you shall be,  
 3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head.  
 4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame.  
 Whom ev - 'ry age will praise con - tin - ual - ly.  
 "To me be as it pleas - es God," she said.  
 In Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn.



"All hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 Your Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 And Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Gló - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!

*Please be seated.*

Mark 1:1-15

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.**Please stand.*

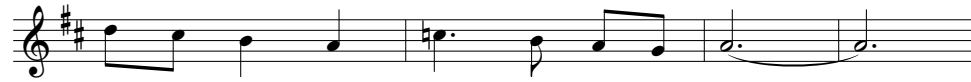
## CAROL

**People of the Night**

1. We are your peo - ple of the night,  
 2. For in our win - ter we are dead,  
 3. You wait for us, you are our choice,  
 4. Give us new faith, give us the joy,



We long to see your new - born light,  
 Lead us in hope to see a - head The  
 The liv - ing word; the sav - ing voice.  
 As we a - wait your Son, the Lord.



Dis - tant glim - mer; ris - ing from a - far.  
 spring-time and the gift that is to come.  
 Break the si - lence, lis - ten to our call.  
 In our pres - ence, child born of your breath,



We a - wait you, ho - ly morn - ing star.  
 Come and save us, be God's on - ly Son.  
 Be our an - swer, new life for us all.  
 Sav - ior broth - er; life that shat - ters death.



## COLLECT

PRIEST: We wait for your loving kindness, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **In the midst of your temple.**

PRIEST: Let us pray.

O God, who makes us glad ... world with out end.

ALL: **Amen.**

## BLESSING

PRIEST: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever.

ALL: **Amen.**



CAROL

People, Look East

BESANÇON



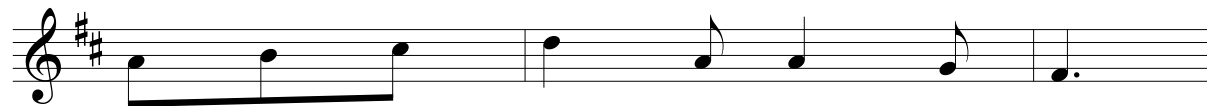
1. Peo - ple, look East! The time is near Of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, One more  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish.  
 fro - zen, God for fledg - ing - time has cho - sen.  
 weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing.



Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day:



Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
 Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

POSTLUDE

Sortie on "VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE"

C. FRANCK

Thank you to all who helped prepare for this liturgy and served one of the various liturgical roles: the lectors, servers, singers and instrumentalists, sacristans, and ushers. Thank you to those who helped prepare the reception. We pray, that for the remainder of this Advent season, we may wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord, and may celebrate his birth with peace and joy.

Please join us in the lower church for light refreshments.

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O COME LET US  
*Adore*  
HIM

*Join us as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
All are welcome.*

**Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 2015**

**Thursday, December 24 4:30 PM \*** Carol Service

*This Mass is especially for  
those with younger children.*

**5:00 PM \*** Mass, with music led by  
*Jr. Children's Choir  
Children's Choir  
Saint Agnes Ensemble*

**9:30 PM** Carol Service

**10:00 PM** Mass, with music led by  
*Saint Agnes Parish Choir  
Saint Agnes Handbell Choir*

**Friday, December 25 9:00 AM** Mass  
*Saint Agnes Ensemble*

*Each Mass features  
an extended prelude of  
carols and instrumental  
music.*

**10:30 AM** Mass  
*Saint Agnes Parish Choir*

**12:00 NOON** Mass  
*organist and cantor*

*\* We encourage you to come early as the 5:00 PM Mass is usually standing room only.*