

Lighting of the candles

Solo O Holy Night ~ A. Adam Amy Link

* **Carol** Silent Night STILLE NACHT

*Silent night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright,
'round yon virgin, mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heav'nly peace, sleep in heav'nly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
Christ the savior is born, Christ the savior is born!*

*Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

*Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels, let us sing, "Alleluia!" to our King,
Christ, the savior, is born! Christ, the savior, is born!*

* **Benediction**

Postlude Toccata (Symphony No. 5) ~ C. M. Widor

Many thanks to our Readers

Brian Beasley, Jim Davidson, Daniel Leonard
Dave MacCormack, Jen Partee



December 24, 2009

Christmas Eve Service

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of
death a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and
righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."



* Those who are able, please stand
Hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers

Prelude Sanctuary Choir

The Many Moods of Christmas, Suite 2 ~ arr. R. Shaw & R. Bennett

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Miller Family
Isaiah 9:6; 2

Welcome

* **Carol** O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

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.

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, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

* **The Invocation and Prayer of Praise**

The First Lesson Genesis 3:1–15

The fall of man, and the first proclamation of the Gospel

Carol Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

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 ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth: "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

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.

The Second Lesson Isaiah 7:10–14, 9:2, 6–7

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah

Carol O Come, O Come Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home. Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel will come to thee, O Israel.

The Third Lesson Micah 5:2–5

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet, in thy dark street shineth the everlasting Light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angel, thy great, glad tidings tell. Oh come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

The Fourth Lesson Luke 1:26–38, 46–55

The angel, Gabriel, greets the virgin, Mary

* **Carol** Once in Royal David's City 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.

The Fifth Lesson Matthew 1:18–25, Luke 2:1–7

Matthew and Luke tell of the birth of Jesus

Carol Away in a Manger MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

The Sixth Lesson Luke 2:8–16

The shepherds go to the manger

Carol Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Seventh Lesson Matthew 2:1–11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Carol As With Gladness Men of Old DIX

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed, there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare; so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our glory hide.

The Eighth Lesson John 1:1–14

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation

* **Carol** Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men, their songs employ while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Homily Isaiah 9:6–7

“To Us a Child is Born: The Savior Reigns”