A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
ON THE EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 5, 2020

4:30 PM
Welcome to this service of Lessons and Carols on the Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany. Please be aware that incense will be used. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy. A basket is available to make a goodwill offering as you leave; your generosity helps support the ministry of this Cathedral.

As part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet. We are grateful for your presence and participation in this community.

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Officiant

**Prelude** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, buxwv 223  
[tune of Hymn #497 “How bright appears the Morning Star”]  
Dieterich Buxtehude (1737–1707)

A bell bids all to stand as they are able.

**Hymn in Procession** Once in royal David’s city • sung by all, as indicated

*Words:* Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), stanza 3 by J.W. McCrady (b. 1938)  
*Music:* melody by Henry J. Gauntlett (1805–1876)  
harmony by A.H. Mann (1850–1929)  
descant by Christopher Robinson (b. 1936)
OPENING PRAYERS

Officiant  Let our prayers be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. —Psalm 141:2

Let us pray.

Almighty God, as we travel far and fast,
lead our minds back to the wise men following your star,
and forward to the day when all will see your shining light.

Jesus, light of the world,
let your bright star stand over the place where the poor live,
and draw us there to serve you;
lead all those in power to wisdom and reverence.

Spirit, may you enlighten our hearts with courage and love,
that your Church may be a light unto the nations.

All  Amen.

Officiant  And, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All  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.
I. THE WORD MADE FLESH

VERSICLE & RESPONSE

Officiant Arise, shine, for your light has come:

Assembly And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Incense is offered.

COLLECT

Officiant Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All A-men.

Please be seated for the readings.

READING 1 Matthew 1:18–23 • An Angel Appears to Joseph

CHOIR Benedicamus Domino

Procedenti puero For the coming of this child,
Eya! Nobis annus est. Hurrah! The season is upon us.
Virginis ex utero From the womb of a virgin.

Gloria! Laudes! Glory! Praise!
Deus homo factus est God is made man
et immortalis. and is immortal.

Sine viri semine (Eya!...) Without the seed of a man (Hurrah!...)
Natus est de virgine He is born of a virgin.

Gloria! Laudes!... Glory! Praise!...
Sine viri copia (Eya!...) Without the means of a man, (Hurrah!...)
Natus est ex Maria He is born of Mary

Gloria! Laudes!... Glory! Praise!...
In hoc festo determino (Eya!...) On this appointed feast, (Hurrah!...)
Benedicamus Domino! Let us bless the Lord!

Gloria! Laudes! Glory! Praise!
Deus homo factus est God is made man
et immortalis. and is immortal.

READING 2 Luke 2:8–20 • The Shepherds’ Adoration

All rise as able.

CAROL What child is this? • The Hymnal 1982 #115 (sung by all) TUNE: Greensleeves
II. THE KING OF THE NATIONS

VERSICLE & RESPONSE

Officiant  Nations shall come to your light:

Assembly  And kings to your dawning brightness.

Incense is offered.

COLLECT

Officiant  O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All  A-men.

Please be seated for the readings.

READING 3  The Journey of the Magi  ♦  by T.S. Eliot (1905–1965)

All rise as able.

CAROL  Watchman, tell us of the night  ♦  The Hymnal 1982 #640  (sung by all, as directed)  TUNE: Aberystwyth

The carol will be sung antiphonally.

The north side of the Assembly sings the phrases beginning with the word “Watchman.”

The south side replies, singing the phrases beginning with the word “Traveler.”

Please be seated.

CHOIR  Here is the little door  WORDS: Frances Chesterton (1869–1938)  MUSIC: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Here is the little door,  Bend low about His bed,
lift up the latch, oh lift!  For each He has a gift;
We need not wander more,  See how His eyes awake,
but enter with our gift;  Lift up your hands, O lift!
Our gift of finest gold.  For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.
Gold that was never bought or sold;  (Defend with it thy little Lord!)
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;  For incense, smoke of battle red,
Incense in clouds about His head;  Myrrh for the honored happy dead;
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,  Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;
But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.  Touched by such tiny hands, and O! such tiny feet.

READING 4  Matthew 2:13–18  ♦  The Flight into Egypt

All rise as able.

CAROL  Unto us a boy is born!  ♦  The Hymnal 1982 #98  (sung by all)  TUNE: Puer nobis nascitur
III. LIGHT TO THE WORLD

VERSICLE & RESPONSE

Officiant  The Lord, whom you seek:

Assembly  Shall suddenly come to his temple.

Incense is offered.

COLLECT

Officiant  Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was present-
ed in the Temple in substance of our flesh, and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and
the light of the nations: Grant that in him we may be presented to you with pure and
clean hearts, and in the world may reflect his glory through your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord.

All  A-men.

Please be seated for the readings.


CHOIR  Nunc Dimittis

Plainsong Tone III,
with verses in fauxbourdon by Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

READING 6  Luke 4:14–21  ♦  “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...”

All rise as able.

CAROL  Hail to the Lord’s Anointed! ♦  The Hymnal 1982 #616  (sung by all, as indicated)

TUNE: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

STANZA 1–2: All sing
STANZA 3: high voices (sopranos & altos) only, in unison
STANZA 4: low voices (tenors & basses) only, in unison
STANZA 5: All sing
Please be seated for the reading.

READING 7  The Wreck of the Deutschland (excerpt)  
by Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–1889)

This is the penultimate stanza of a 35-stanza ode by Gerard Manley Hopkins, The Wreck of the Deutschland. Composed in 1875 and 1876, but published posthumously, the ode is a meditation on the shipwreck of an iron passenger steamship, the S.S. Deutschland. The shipwreck took the lives of 123 emigrants bound for New York from Bremerhaven via Southampton. Among them were five Franciscan nuns forced to leave Germany because of religious persecution. The ode is dedicated to their memory.

CHOIR  Hail, gladdening light

Hail, gladdening light, of His pure glory poured,
Who is the Immortal Father, Heavenly, Blest,
Holiest of Holies—Jesu Christ, our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun’s hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Divine.

Worthiest art Thou at all times to be sung
With undefilèd tongue,
Son of our God, Giver of life alone;
Therefore in all the world Thy glories, Lord, they own.

All rise, as able.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Officiant  The Lord be with you.

Assembly  And also with you.

Officiant  Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

All  A-men.

BLESSING

Officiant  May God the Father, who by Baptism adopts us as children, grant you grace.

All  Amen.

Officiant  May God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with love.

All  Amen.

Officiant  May God the Holy Spirit, who has made the Church one family, keep you in peace.

All  Amen.
DISMISSAL

Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.

Assembly  Thanks be to God.

HYMN IN PROCESSION  How bright appears the Morning Star  ♪ The Hymnal 1982 #497  TUNE: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

VOLUNTARY  Choral Prelude on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, bwv 739  ♪[tune of Hymn #497, “How bright appears the Morning Star”] J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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