

**Teach me your
way, O Lord,
give me an undivided heart
that I may walk in your truth;
to revere your name.**

-PSALM 86:11

Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2023 9:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

LESSONS & CAROLS

If you are worshipping with us in the Sanctuary, please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera at any time during worship.

A large print bulletin with scripture and hymns for those who require it is available in the narthex.

At the sign ♦ you may stand. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Prelude	Noël Provençal	Marcel Grandjany
	Ukrainian Bell Carol/ God Rest Ye Merry	arr. Ernie and Becky Brock
	Air for the G String	J.S. Bach, arr. Faith Carman
	Il est né	arr. Ernie and Becky Brock
	Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella	arr. Yolanda Kondonassis
	Patapan	arr. Ernie and Becky Brock

Welcome	Lauren J. McFeaters
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♦ Call to Worship	Luke 2:1-7
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♦ Hymn	O Come, All Ye Faithful	Red Hymnal 133
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Collect for Christmas

First Lesson	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19	Len Scales
	"What is this that you have done?"	

Anthem	Adam Lay Ybounden	Carson Cooman text Anon. 15th cent. carol
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Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
four thousand winters thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
as clerkès finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been;
ne had never our Lady abeen heavenè queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.

Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!

◆ Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

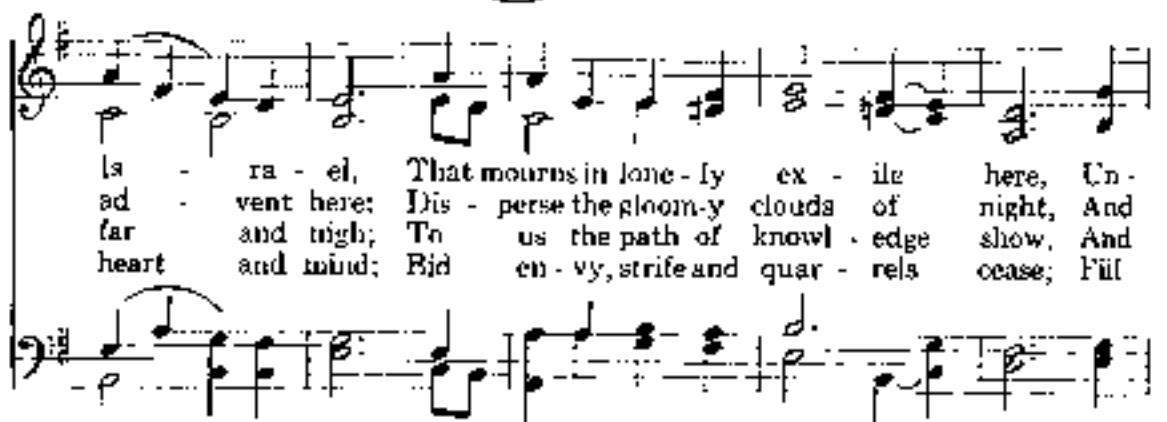
Latin 13th century
T. Leon M. Neale, 1915-1924, No. 1, 2, 4th.
T. Henry S. Coffin, 1917-1934, No. 3, 4

VENI EMMANUEL S.S.S.F.S.S.
Adapted from Plain-song
Thomas Helmore, 1817-1890

In unison



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by thine
 3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,
 4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

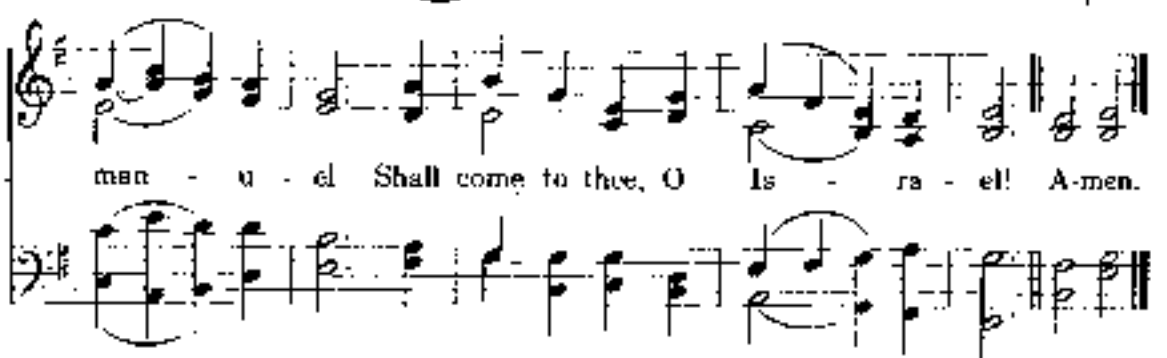


Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
 far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And
 heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; Fill

REFRAIN



til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Roz Anderson Flood

"...all the nations of the earth gain blessing..."

Anthem

Christ's Lullaby

Sally Ann Morris

text: Mary Louis Bringle

Come, see the small one cradled in straw.
God's whole creation gathers in awe.
Worlds hushed in silence hear from on high
morning stars singing Christ's lullaby.

Wind of God's Spirit, new baby's breath,
mingle in drawing life out of death.

Empty and yearning, earth fills with song,
no longer waiting, wondering how long.

Through hills and valleys, crying will cease.

God's holy promise shines forth in peace.

Night full of splendor! Tame beasts and wild
bow down together, worship the child.

God never slumbers. Yet, at the breast

Jesus the Christ child nestles at rest.

Angels are watching, hovering on high,
echoing Glory! Christ's lullaby.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Allen Olsen

"For a child has been born for us..."

♦ Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Red Hymnal 140

verse 1 - solo

verses 2, 3, 4 - all

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

James Takasugi

"...and a little child shall lead them."

Anthem

Sussex Carol

English carol
arr. Dale Wood

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.
Then why should we on earth be sad since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?
When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place;
angels and earth with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night,
"Glory to God and peace to all, now and forevermore. Amen."

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35

Karen Brown

"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Anthem

Nova, Nova!

Michael Bedford

The angel Gabriel by name,
unto the Virgin Mary came,
with joyful news unto the same.
Nova, nova! Tidings of salvation!
Then said the angel, "Do not fear,
I bring glad news for you to hear:
You will bring forth God's Son so dear."
Nova, nova! Tidings of salvation!
Then Mary looked unto the sky:
"Be as it pleases God on high,
whose name my soul shall magnify."
Nova, nova! Tidings of salvation!
By her the Christ Child comes to earth,
in Bethlehem to have his birth;
let all the world be filled with mirth!
Nova, nova! Tidings of salvation!

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1,3-7

Carrie Mitchell

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth."

◆ Hymn

What Child Is This

Red Hymnal 145

Anthem

Earth, Strike Up Your Music

Jessica French
text Christina Rosetti

Christmas hath a darkness brighter than the blazing noon,
Christmas hath a chillness warmer than the heat of June,
Christmas hath a beauty lovelier than the world can show:
for Christmas bringeth Jesus, brought for us so low.

Earth, strike up your music, birds that sing and bells that ring;
Heaven hath answering music for all angels soon to sing:
Earth, put on your whitest bridal robe of spotless snow:
For Christmas bringeth Jesus, brought for us so low

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Donna Saragnese

"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."

Anthem

Before the Marvel of This Night

Carl Schalk
text Jaroslav Vajda

Before the marvel of this night, adoring, fold your wings and bow;
then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease:
sing peace; sing peace; sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song: this is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:
sing bliss; sing bliss; sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light,
now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above:
sing love; sing love; sign God is love!

◆ Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Red Hymnal 119

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Joseph Kwan

"For we have observed his star at its rising, and we have come to pay him homage."

O'er the hill and o'er the vale
 come three kings together,
 caring naught for snow and hail,
 cold and windy weather;
 now on Persia's sandy plains,
 now where Tigris swells with rains,
 they their camels tether;
 now through Syrian lands they go,
 now through Moab, faint and slow,
 now o'er Edom's heather.

O'er hill and o'er vale
 each king bears a present:
 wise men go a child to hail,
 monarchs seek a peasant:
 and a star in front proceeds,
 over rocks and rivers leads,
 shines with beams incessant:
 therefore onward, onward, still!
 Ford the stream and climb the hill:
 Love makes all things pleasant.

He is God ye go to meet:
 therefore incense proffer:
 He is king ye go to greet:
 gold is in your coffer:
 also Man, He comes to share
 every woe that we can bear,
 tempter, railer, scoffer:
 therefore now, against the day
 in the grave when Him they lay
 myrrh ye also offer.

O'er the hill and o'er the vale
 come three kings together...

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

"The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world."

◆ Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Red Hymnal 122

Postlude

Carol Rhapsody

Richard Purvis

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Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

GERMAN

1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

KOREAN

1 *고요한밤 거룩한밤
 어둠에 묻힌밤
 주의부모 앉아서
 감사기도 드릴때
 아기잘도 잔다
 아기잘도 잔다*

SPANISH

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!
 Todo duerme en derredor,
 entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
 bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,
 brilla la estrella de paz,
 brilla la estrella de paz.*

