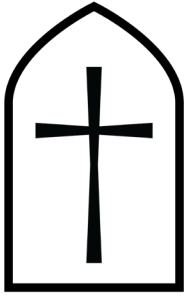




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Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols





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Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

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The people's responses are in **bold**.



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PRELUDE: *Es ist ein Ros*

John Leavitt  
(b. 1956)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

INTROIT: *Arise, The Kingdom Is At Hand*

Christopher Tye

*The people stand as able.*

HYMN ♦ *Savior of the nations, come* ♦ 5 4



1	Sa - vior	of	the	na - tions,	come!	Vir - gin's
2	Won - drous	birth!	Oh,	won - drous	child	of the
3	Thus	on	earth	the	Word	ap - pears,
4	Come,	O	Fa - ther's	sav - ing	Son,	who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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## A BIDDING PRAYER

In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in Waco.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON • Genesis 3:1-15

*The Rev. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They 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.”

To the woman he said,

“I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;  
    in pain you shall bring forth children,  
yet your desire shall be for your husband,  
    and he shall rule over you.”  
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.”

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, “See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.”



ANTHEM • *Remember, O thou man*

Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember, O thou man,  
O thou man, O thou man,  
Remember O thou man,  
    Thy time is spent.  
Remember, O thou man,  
How thou cam's't to me then,  
And I did what I can,  
    Therefore repent.

Remember God's goodness,  
O thou man, O thou man!  
Remember God's goodness,  
    And promise made!  
Remember God's goodness,  
How His only Son He sent  
Our sins for to redress,  
    Be not afraid.

Remember Adam's fall,  
O thou man, O thou man!  
Remember Adam's fall  
    From heaven to hell!  
Remember Adam's fall,  
How we were condemned all  
To hell perpetual,  
    There for to dwell.

Give thanks to God always,  
O thou man, O thou man!  
Give thanks to God always,  
    With heart most joyfully  
Give thanks to God always,  
Upon this blessed day,  
Let all men sing and say:  
    "Jesu, Veni!"

*The people stand as able.*

HYMN • *Comfort, comfort ye my people* • 67



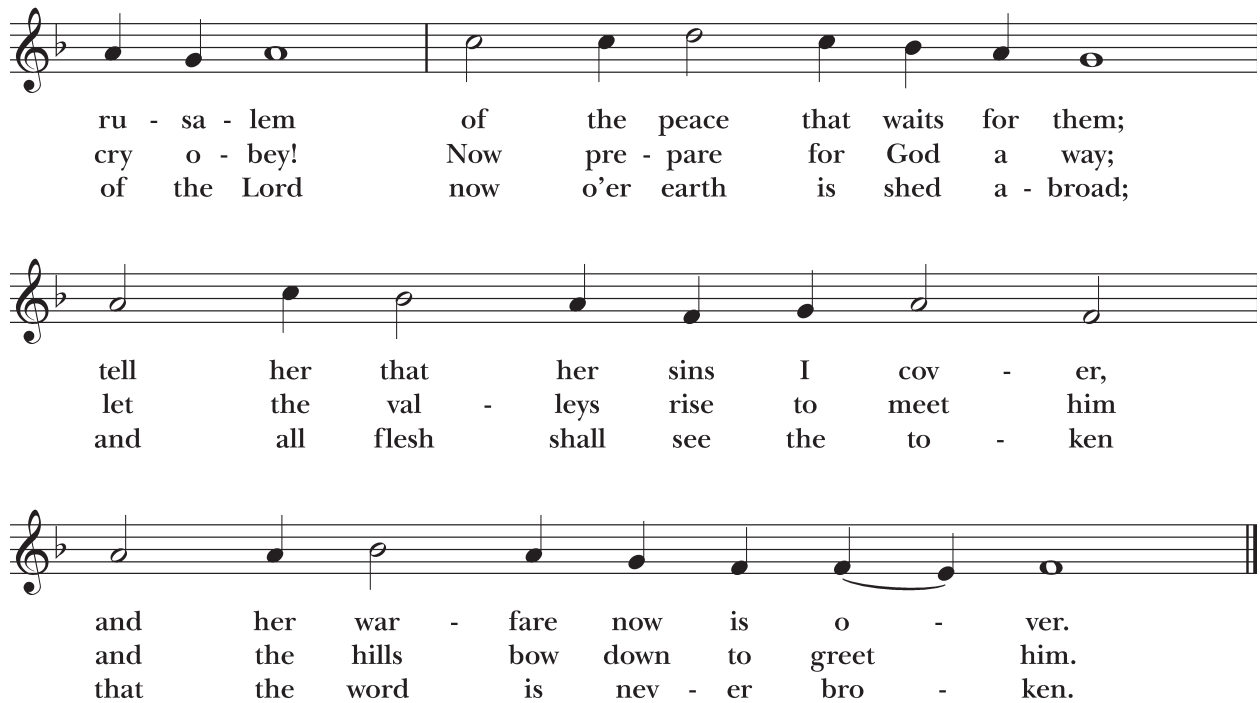
1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

*The people are seated.*

## THE SECOND LESSON • Isaiah 40:1-11

*Sandeep Mazumder, Endowed Dean of Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University*

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
 says your God.  
 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
 and cry to her  
 that she has served her term,  
 that her penalty is paid,  
 that she has received from the Lord's hand  
 double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
 "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
 and every mountain and hill be made low;  
 the uneven ground shall become level,  
 and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.



ANTHEM • *Creator of the stars*

John Scott

Creator of the stars of night  
Thy people's everlasting light  
O Jesus, Saviour of us all  
Regard thy servants when they call

At thy great name, majestic now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow  
And things in heav'n and earth shall own  
That thou art Lord and King alone

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry  
Of all creation doomed to die  
Didst come to save a ruined race  
With healing gifts of heav'n'ly grace

To thee, O holy One, we pray  
Our judge in that tremendous day  
Preserve us, while we dwell below  
From ev'ry onslaught of the foe

Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride  
As drew the world to eveningtide  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine  
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen

THE THIRD LESSON • Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The Rev. Dr. D. Ray Bagby, Retired Priest Associate, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel;  
 Captivum solve Israel,  
 Qui gemit in exilio,  
 Privatus Dei Filio.  
 Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel,  
 nascetur pro te Israel!

O come, Desire of the nations bind  
 in one the hearts of all mankind.  
 Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
 and be thyself our King of Peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
 Shall come to thee O Israel.

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.

## THE FOURTH LESSON • Isaiah 6:1-11

*Kevin Sanders, Dean of the School of Music, Baylor University*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
 the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” And he said, “Go and say to this people:

“Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
 keep looking, but do not understand.’  
 Make the mind of this people dull,  
 and stop their ears,  
 and shut their eyes,  
 so that they may not look with their eyes,  
 and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;

ANTHEM • *Never weather-beaten sail*

Charles Wood

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.  
Never tired pilgrim’s limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven’s high Paradise.  
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

THE FIFTH LESSON • Isaiah 35:1-10

*The Rev. Preston Yancey, Interim Associate Rector, Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
 and streams in the desert;  
 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
 A highway shall be there,  
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
 the unclean shall not travel on it,  
 but it shall be for God's people;  
 no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
 No lion shall be there,  
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
 but the redeemed shall walk there.  
 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
 and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*The people stand as able.*

HYMN • O come, O come, Emmanuel • 56



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The people are seated.*

## THE SIXTH LESSON • Micah 5:2-4

*Fiona Bond, Chief Executive Officer, Creative Waco*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.”

ANTHEM • *Young Jesus Sweit*

Robert Convery

Lauren Lafferty, soprano

O my deir heart, young Jesus sweit,  
 Prepare thy creddil in my spreit,  
 And I shall rock thee in my heart  
 And never mair from thee depart.

But I shall praise thee evermoir  
 With sangis sweit unto thy gloir;  
 The knees of my heart shall I bow,  
 And sing that richt Balulalow!

THE SEVENTH LESSON • Isaiah 11:1-9

*Todd Still, Dean of Truett Theological Seminary, Chair of Christian Scriptures*

A shoot shall come out from the stump 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;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
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.

ANTHEM • *And the glory of the Lord*

G.F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.



The people stand as able.

HYMN • *What star is this, with beams so bright* • 1 2 4

*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902.

## THE EIGHTH LESSON • Isaiah 65:17-25

*Mike Indergard, Director of Strategic Planning, True North Consulting Group  
Senior Warden, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church*

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Peace be to you and grace from him  
 Who freed us from our sins,  
 Who loved us all and shed his blood  
 That we might saved be.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
 Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
 For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
 For Christ is coming soon!

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
 The Lord, Almighty God,  
 Who was and is and is to come;  
 Sing holy, holy, Lord!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
 And night shall be no more;  
 They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
 For Christ will be their All!

## THE NINTH LESSON • Luke 1:26-38

*The Rev. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church*

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, favored 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 favor 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 forever, 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. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with 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.

Emma Shearer, soprano, Brady Fox, tenor

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan;  
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow.  
 Snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago.  
 Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain,  
 heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
 In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed  
 the Lord God Almighty — Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,  
 a breast full of milk and a manger full of hay;  
 Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,  
 the ox and ass and camel which adore.  
 What can I give him, poor as I am?  
 If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
 If I were a Wise Man I would do my part.  
 Yet what I can I give Him — Give my heart.

*The people stand as able.*

HYMN • *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending* • 57

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 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.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

## THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending*

Robert J. Powell  
(b. 1932)



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