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

January 6, 2019

4:30 PM
Welcome to this service of Lessons and Carols on 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     Aria on “Greensleeves”   James Biery (b. 1956)
[tune of Hymn #115 “What child is this?”]

A bell bids all to stand as they are able.

INTROIT     O nata lux

O nata lux de lumine, O Light born of Light,
Jesu redemptor seculi, Jesus, redeemer of the ages,
Dignare clemens supplicum graciously deign to receive
Laudes precesque sumere. the praise and prayer of we who call upon you.
Qui carne quondam contegi You, who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
Dignatus es pro perditis, for the sake of the lost,
Nos membra confer effici grant us to be members
Tui beati corporis. of your blessed body.

HYMN IN PROCESSION     Of the Father’s Love Begotten ♫ sung by all

      words: Prudentius (348–410?)
      TUNE: Divinum mysterium (11th century)

1. Of the Fa-ther’s love be-got-ten, ere the worlds be-gan to be,
2. O that birth for-ev-er bless-èd, when the Vir-gin, full of grace,
3. Let the heights of heav’n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais-es sing;
4. Christ, to thee with God the Fa-ther, and, O Ho-ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al-pha and O-me-ga, he the source, the end-ing he,
by the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing, bore the Sav-ior of our race;
pow’rs, do-min-ions, bow be-fore him, and ex-tol our God and King;
hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing, and un-Wea-ried prais-es be;
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.

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

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 Bethlehem Down

“When he is King we will give him the King’s gifts, Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph, Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt (1899–1957)
Music: Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

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.

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READING 3  The Journey of the Magi ♦ by T.S. Eliot

CHOIR  The Huron Carol  words: written in the Huron/Wyandot language by Fr. Jean de Brébeuf (1593–1649)  
English trans. by J.E. Middleton (1872–1960)  
MUSIC: French folksong, adapt. Brébeuf; arranged by Antony Baldwin (b. 1957)

'Twas in the moon of winter-time
when all the birds had fled,
that God the Lord of all the earth
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria."

Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found,
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria."

The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory
on the helpless infant there.
the chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true;
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy
who brings you beauty, peace and joy.
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria."

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, as indicated)  TUNE: Puer nobis nascitur

STANZA 1–2: All sing
STANZA 3: low voices (tenors & basses) only
STANZA 4: high voices (sopranos & altos) only
STANZA 5: All sing
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 presented 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.

READING 5  Luke 2:21–28  •  The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

CHOIR  Nunc Dimittis from The Truro Service  

words: The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29–32)  

music: Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

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.
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 Amen.

Blessing

The Officiant pronounces a blessing on the Assembly. All respond: 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

Voluntary  Declaration on “Dix” [tune of Hymn #119, “As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold”]
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