



Lessons and Carols

The Third Sunday of Advent

St. James, Caledon East
12 December, 2021, 10:30am
You can call in to the service by phone:

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Welcome

Opening Hymn

Prepare the Way, O Zion

CP # 102

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

**Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, fore told in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

**He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, peace, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Saviour's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in ev'ry place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

Advent 3 Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Claire Olorenshaw

Reader We light the third candle of Advent.

We look to John, the one you sent, to point us to your light. The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone.

People: **Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. Amen.**

Bidding Prayer

The Rev. Michelle Jones

Our Father

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson and Carol

Genesis 22: 15-18

Cobina Price-Jones

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Blessing

Refrain

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Amen

Amen

Amen

Verse 1

**May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children**

Refrain

Verse 2

**May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you**

Refrain

Verse 3

**In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you**

Refrain

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Second Lesson and Carol

Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7

John Heighton

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his
shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time
onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The People that in Darkness Sat

CP # 156

**The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.**

**For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one.**

Third Lesson and Carol

Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

Robin Holder

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.
With righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung;
It came, a blossom bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind;
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Saviour,
When half spent was the night.**

**O Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendour
The darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.**

Fourth Lesson and Carol

Luke 2: 1-16

Cobina Price-Jones

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,^㉞ praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which

the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Shepherds in the Field Abiding

CP #135

**Shepherds in the field abiding,
Tell us, when the seraph bright
Greeted you with wondrous tiding
What you saw and heard that night.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**We beheld it (it is no fable),
God incarnate, King of bliss,
Swathed and cradled in a stable,
And the angel strain was this:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Choristers on high were singing,
Jesus and his Virgin birth
Heavenly bells the while a-ring,
"Peace, good will to men on earth."
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Thanks, good shepherds, true your story,
Let us go to Bethlehem;
Angels hymn the King of glory,
Carol we with you and them.
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Fifth Lesson and Carol

John 1: 1-14

Rev. Michelle

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Of Eternal Love Begotten

CP #132

**Of eternal love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**

**At his Word the worlds were framed.
He commanded, it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean,
in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining,
of the moon and burning sun,
evermore and evermore.**

**O that birth for ever blessed,
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.**

**O ye heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions bow before him,
and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.**

**Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore**

Prayers of the People

Claire Olorenshaw

Sixth Lesson and Carol

Matthew 11: 25 – 30

John Heighton

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

O Come, All Ye Faithful

CP #118

**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;**

Refrain:

**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: [Refrain]**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest: [Refrain]**

Blessing The Rev. Michelle Jones

Announcements

Please be seated

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ways to Give

It's easy and important to support St. James right now:

- ~Send an e-transfer to treasurer@stjamescaledoneast.ca
- ~Move to Pre-Authorized giving. Form available on the 'Donate' page of website
- ~Mail your cheque or arrange a time to drop it off at the office
- ~Make a credit card payment at www.canadahelps.org

Please remember in your prayers this week:

World: The people of Afghanistan and Haiti. The people of British Columbia.

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada

Diocese of Toronto: Peterborough Deanery

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Jason Prisley and the people of St. Hugh & St. Edmund, Malton

St. James Cycle of Prayer Tom Whalen, Donna Roberts, Ruth Whitehead, Heather Whittier, Shane and Sharon Wieler, and their families

Those in need: Stephanie, Shireen & Iric, Anne, June, Marjorie, Pam, Stan, Carey, Liz, Paul, Joseph, Dennis, Harry & Marjorie, Al

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The Christmas Tree Fund and the flowers at the Alter – John Heighton in memory of Lambie Heighton



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