



Carols & Lessons
Holy Communion

December 25, 2022 | 9:30am

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Gathering Music

Noel Etranger
Noel Vosgien
Carol Prelude on Greensleeves
Lo, How a Rose Er' Blooming

Louis Claud Daquin
Jean Bouvard
Richard Purvis
Johannes Brahms

Processional Carol

Once in Royal David's City
(stanza 1 - solo; stanzas 2-4 all)

No. 269

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Prayer of Invitation (the congregation stands)

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmas-tide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore, let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all people; for unity within the church He came to build, especially in this our community.

Let us remember the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore.

First Lesson		Genesis 3:8-15, 17-18
	God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.	
Choir Carol	<i>Ding Dong! Merrily on High</i>	arr. John Ferguson
Second Lesson		Genesis 22: 15-18
	God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.	
Carol	<i>Joy to the World</i>	No. 267
Third Lesson		Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
	Isaiah foretells Christ's birth and kingdom.	
Carol	<i>Let Our Gladness Have No End</i>	No. 291
Fourth Lesson		Micah 5:2-4
	The Prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.	
Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (stanza 3 - choir)	No. 279
Fifth Lesson		Luke 1:26-35; 38
	The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.	
Carol	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i> (stanza 1 - choir)	No. 275
Sixth Lesson		Luke 2:1-7
	St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.	
Choir Carol	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	Harold Darke
Seventh Lesson		Luke 2:8-16
	The shepherds go to the manger.	
Carol	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	No. 277
Eighth Lesson		Matthew 2: 1-11
	The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.	
Carol	<i>What Child is This</i>	No. 283
Ninth Lesson		John 1:1-14
	St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.	
Carol	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	No. 270

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, 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 forever. Amen.

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