



**Carols & Lessons
Holy Communion**

December 25, 2023 | 9:30am

A FESTIVAL OF FIVE LESSONS & CAROLS

Gathering Music

Angel Joy

Gregory Peterson

Lo, How a Rose Er' Blooming

Max Drischner

Processional Carol

Once in Royal David's City

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.

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.

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.

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.

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into the world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of our sinfulness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* (stanzas 1 & 3) ELW 289

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.

Carol *Lo, How a Rose Er' Blooming* (Stanzas 1 & 3) No. 272

Second Lesson Genesis 22: 15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Carol *Joy to the World* No. 267

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Isaiah foretells Christ's birth and kingdom.

Carol *Bright and Glorious is the Sky* (stanza 1 & 2) No. 301

Fourth Lesson Micah 5:2-4

The Prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (stanza 1, 3, & 4) No. 279

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:1-20

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Carol *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (stanza 1) No. 295

Christmas Gospel John 1:1-14

Carol *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (stanza 4) No. 295

Offering

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Music at Offering *Gesu Bambino* Pietro Yon

Offertory Response What Child Is This (stanza 3) ELW 296

Holy Communion

Christmas Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Words of Institution

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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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Distribution Music

Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst
arr. C. Harry Causey

Hymn

Away in a Manger

No. 277

Christmas Blessing

Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

No. 270

Sending

Go in peace. Christ is born.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol

Gerald Near