

*** CAROL**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

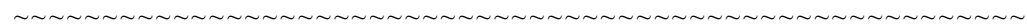
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** EPILOGUE**

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone



Soloists
(in order of performance)

Megan Reader Mashburn, soprano
Stefanie Sudduth, soprano
Tami Giusto, mezzo-soprano
Marcella Meredith, mezzo-soprano
John Wingert, tenor

Peter Dickson, tenor
Andrew Sudduth, baritone
Sheryl Wingert, soprano
Brandon Odom, baritone
Wendy Baker, soprano

Instrumentalists

Russell deLuna, oboe; Greg Holland, trumpet; Sam Owens, percussion;
Walter Huff, organist/choirmaster

Liturgists

Rev. Mary Miller Brueggemann, Rev. Kellie Anderson-Picallo
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CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
DECEMBER 24, 2010 8:00 P.M.



BIDDING PRAYER**WELCOME**

FIRST LESSON *The Messiah is foretold by Isaiah* Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM *A Virgin Most Pure* Traditional English

A virgin most pure, as the prophets do tell, hath brought forth a baby, as it hath befell, to be our Redeemer from death, hell, and sin, which Adam's transgression hath wrapped us in: and therefore be merry, set sorrows aside; Christ Jesus our Savior was born on this tide. The King of all kings to this world being brought, small store of fine linen to wrap him was sought; and when she had swaddled her young son so sweet, within an ox-manger she laid him to sleep. Then God sent an angel from heaven so high, to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie, and bade them no longer in sorrow to stay, because that our Savior was born on this day.

SECOND LESSON *The peace that the Messiah will bring is foretold* Isaiah 11:1-9

ANTHEM *Sing Noel* Eugénie Rocherolle

Noel. A child is born, a little child is born in Bethlehem. A little child is born who shall be called Emmanuel. Oh, sing Noel.

* **CAROL** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THIRD LESSON *The prophet foresees the glory of the coming of the Lord* Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM *And He Shall Purify* (from *Messiah*) G.F. Handel

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

FOURTH LESSON *The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary* Luke 1:26-33

CAROL *Gabriel's Message* Basque carol

FIFTH LESSON *The birth of Jesus is told* Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM *El Nacimiento* (The Birth) Ariel Ramirez
(sung in Spanish)

Night foretold, night of love; Jesus is born amid petals and flowers. All is silence and serenity, peace to mankind; it is Christmas. In the manger lies my Redeemer, the messenger of peace and love. When he smiles, there is light, and in his little arms grows a cross. Angels are singing over the door. Jesus is born. This is the night that was promised. God to men has come. In this good night, no one sleeps; Jesus is born. God is here.

ANTHEM *What Child Is This?* Traditional, arr. Foster

SIXTH LESSON *The angels proclaim the Messiah's birth* Luke 2:8-14

ANTHEM *The Gift* Traditional Shaker, arr. Chilcott

The gift we deliver, the gift we receive is the living spirit Mary did conceive, the royal gift of love, incandescent flame is given to all mankind in His name. Joy, joy, it is our true delight to receive on this wondrous night. A boy-child to Mary is born and His light will shine on beyond the dawn.

SEVENTH LESSON *The light in the darkness* John 1:1-14

ANTHEM *A Babe Is Born* William Mathias

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni creator Spiritus*. At Bethlehem, that blessed place, the child of bliss now born he was; and him to serve God give us grace. *O lux beata Trinitas*. There came three kings out of the East, to worship the King that is so free, with gold and myrrh and frankincense. *A solis ortus cardine*. A fair song that night sung they in worship of that Child: *Gloria tibi Domine*. *O lux beata Trinitas*. *A solis ortus cardine*. *Gloria tibi Domine*. Noel!