



ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – WALPOLE, NH

Sunday, December 24 2024, 5:30 pm – Christmas Eve

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

PRELUDE

Kathie Clark

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH

Reader: Good news, you who are weary and heavy burdened! Sing for great joy, you who are tired and shackled with pain! For the Lord, our Redeemer, has come!
Light the first four candles then light the white Christ Candle.

We light the Christ candle as a sign to the world that today, in the City of David, a Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord. We no longer have to fear the darkness for our Light has come. That light that enlightens all people has broken into our world. And the world will never be the same again.

People: **Alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

People stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come all ye faithful

Hymnal 83 v.1-3,6

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass line continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by His holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of His whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which He died and especially for His church in our country and this village.

And because He particularly loves them, let us remember in His name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and the little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God His pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, in whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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

The Almighty God bless us with His grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen**

People may be seated.

HYMN	<i>Good Christian friends rejoice</i>	Hymnal 107 v.1,2
LESSON 1: Genesis 1:26-28, 31	<i>God creates humankind</i>	Kristy Street
HYMN	<i>Angels from the realms of glory</i>	Hymnal 93 v.1,2
LESSON 2: Genesis 3:1-19	<i>Adam and Eve are cast from the Garden of Eden</i>	Drew Street
HYMN	<i>Once in royal David's city</i>	Hymnal 102 v.1,2
LESSON 3: Isaiah 9:2,6; 40:1,3-5,11	<i>Christ's birth foretold by Isaiah</i>	Adrian Basora
HYMN	<i>On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry</i>	Hymnal 76 v. 1-3
LESSON 4: Isaiah 35:1-10	<i>God comforts his people</i>	Pauline Barnes
HYMN	<i>The first noel</i>	Hymnal 109 v.1,2
LESSON 5: Luke 1:26-38	<i>The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Linda O'Donnell
HYMN	<i>It came upon a midnight clear</i>	Hymnal 89 v.1,4
LESSON 6: Luke 1:39-55	<i>Mary visits Elizabeth</i>	Sarah Downing
HYMN	<i>Away in a manger</i>	Hymnal 101
LESSON 7: Luke 2:1-19	<i>Luke tells of Christ's holy birth</i>	Eric Herr

HYMN	<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	Hymnal 79 v.1,2,3,5
LESSON 8: Luke 2:21-36	<i>Jesus is presented to Simeon in the temple</i>	Alison Brule
HYMN	<i>While shepherds watched their flocks</i>	Hymnal 94 v.1,2
LESSON 9: Matthew 2:1-12	<i>The Wise Men are led by a star to Jesus</i>	Bill Tyson
HYMN	<i>We three kings</i>	Hymnal 128 v.1,5
LESSON 10 John 1:1-18	<i>St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation</i>	Michael Wilson
<i>All stand if able</i>		
HYMN	<i>Joy to the world</i>	<i>Hymnal 100 v 1,2,4</i>

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

To us a child is born. To us a Son is given. Let us with joy and thanksgiving respond to God's most gracious gift of a Savior and present our Christmas gifts and offerings to the Lord.

The congregation may be seated as the Offering is received.

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

Mary did you Know?

Maryann Lindberg

DOXOLOGY

All stand if able.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

People remain standing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made fully human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

People may remain standing or kneel.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Presider breaks the bread.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.*

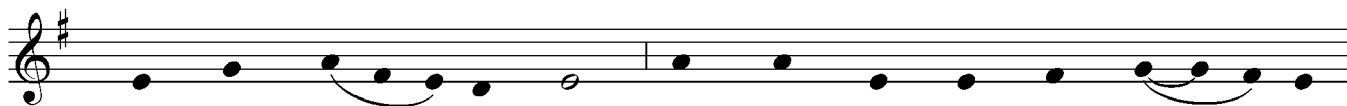
COMMUNION

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree

Hymn 56 v 4-8



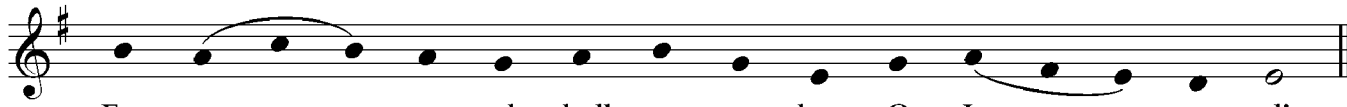
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

All Stand and pray together.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts this night and shine in our words and deeds all the days of our lives; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the gospel. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark the herald angels sing

Hymnal 87

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Kathie Clark

WORKING TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN'S

Officiant – The Rev. Fred Chisolm
 Deacon – The Rev. Bil Clark
 Organist – Kathie Clark
 LEM – Joe Cuoco
 Acolyte – Conor O'Donnell

Altar Guild – Mary Schoppmeyer
 Counters –
 Ushers – Chuck Lomis & Sue Bauer
 Flowers – Memorial Gifts (see next page)

Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will come again. Please join us each week for Sunday worship at 10:00 am. Next Sunday Fr. Fred will have off so we will have Morning Prayer with the Eucharist.

Our Priest in Charge: The Rev. Fred Chisolm can be reached at (802) 649-6495 (cell) or via email at rector@StJohnsWalpole.org.

St. John's Vestry 2024: Marilyn Wilking (Senior Warden), Drew Street (Junior Warden), Sue Bauer (Treasurer), Linda O'Donnell (Clerk), Alison Brule, Joe Cuoco, and Chuck Loomis. Both wardens may be reached at info@StJohnsWalpole.org.

We thank the following donors for the flowers decorating our chancel this Christmas:

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