

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

About the Service...

The traditional Lessons and Carols service was drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed which then served as his cathedral in Truro, England at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve 1880. A.C. Benson recalled: "My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve—nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the Church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades with the Bishop." The suggestion had come from G.H.S. Walpole, later bishop of Edinburgh.

Almost immediately other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider fame began to grow when the service was sung at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, and first broadcast in 1928. With the exception of 1929, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel and the name of King's could not be broadcast for security reasons.

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service derives from the lessons and not the music. The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God seen through the windows and words of the Bible. Local interests appear in the bidding prayer, and personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage 'all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light'. The center of the service is still found by those who 'go in heart and mind' and who consent to follow where the story leads. Then they may see revealed the God who is among us—and worship.

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Morning

December 12, 2010

Ten Forty-five O'clock

*(Those able to do so are asked to stand during any period marked with an *)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please record your presence on the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew.
Notice the names of those around you and greet them.
Please write your name on a name tag and wear it.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune on 'In dulci jubilo'
Jack Jouett, trumpet

David Lasky

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN IN PROCESSION No. 165**

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

The choir sings stanza 1 alone; the people join on stanzas 2 through 4.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Tye Reece, Kelly Hagan, Ellie and Owen

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow

CHILDREN'S TIME

After Children's Time, three-year-olds through grade two may leave for children's worship.
After worship, parents may pick up their children in the Education Wing.

THE BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, with this service we prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to rejoice in the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

Let us listen to the stories told through the Holy Scriptures which trace God's saving acts, from humanity's first disobedience, to the story of the birth of Jesus Christ who was sent from God for our redemption. Let us give thanks for this gift of salvation, and praise God with voices uplifted in song.

In preparation for our festival of praise, let us pray for the needs of God's whole world: for peace among all people, not just at the holidays when greetings of goodwill flow easily from our lips, but for all time to come. Let us learn to love one another and to live together in peace and harmony as children of the one God who loves us all.

Let us pray for those in our church and community who are in need of care: the sick, the oppressed, the poor, the lonely. We ask special blessings on those whose needs we may not know, for God knows the deepest yearnings of our hearts.

Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, with whom, in Jesus Christ, we evermore are one.

These prayers and praises we offer to God in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

INVITATION TO SHARE AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing
 The birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!
 Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day
 That sees December turn'd to May, that sees December turn'd to May.
 Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn?
 Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see
 The cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis he is born, whose quick'ning birth
 Gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven and the underearth.
 We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his show'rs,
 Turns the patient ground to flow'rs, turns all the patient ground to flow'rs.
 The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room
 To welcome him, to welcome him.
 The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart,
 Which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,
 To do him honor; who's our King, And Lord of all this revelling.
 What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing
 the birth of this our heav'nly King, the birth of this our heavenly King?

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15 (pg. 3 of the Old Testament)

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman
 shall bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL

The Apple Tree

K. Lee Scott

John Brown, baritone

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
 The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.
 His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
 The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.
 For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought
 I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.
 I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
 Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.
 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
 Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

THE SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 (pg. 18 of the Old Testament)

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

HYMN No. 119

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

THE THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (pg. 638 of the Old Testament)

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

CAROL

Ríu, ríu, chíu

attr. Meteo Flecha the Elder

Jeremy Paden, tenor

Riu, riu, chiu, la guarda ribera;
 Riu, riu, chiu,
 Dios guardó el lobo
 de nuestra cordera,
 El lobo rabioso
 la quiso morder,
 mas Dios poderoso
 la supo defender;
 quisola hazer
 que no pudiesse pecar,
 ni aun original
 esta Virgen no tuviera
 Muchas profecias
 lo han profetizado
 ya un en nuestros
 dias lo hemos alcanzado.
 A Dios humanado
 vemos en el suelo
 y al hombre nel
 cielo porqu'el le quisiera.
 Este viene a dar
 a los muertos vida,
 y viene reparar
 de todos la caída;
 es la luz
 del día aqeste mucuelo;
 este es el cordero
 que San Juan dixera.
 Pues que ya tenemos
 lo que desseamos,
 todos juntis vamos
 presents elvemis;
 todos le daremos
 nuestra voluntad,
 pues a se igualar
 con el hombre viniera.
 Ríu, ríu, chíu, la guarda ribera:
 Dios guardó el lobo
 de nuestra cordera.

Guard our homes in safety.
 God has kept the black wolf
 From our lamb, our Lady.
 Raging mad to bite her,
 There the wolf did steal,
 But our God Almighty
 defended her with zeal.
 Pure he wished to keep her
 So she could never sin;
 That first sin of man
 Never touched this Virgin sainted.
 Many ancient prophets
 Told that He would come;
 Now within our own time
 We know it has come true.
 God in shape of human
 We see on earth's domain,
 Man in Heaven reigns,
 So he wished it done to aid us.
 He has come to offer Life
 to dead and dying,
 He comes to atone for
 The fall of all mankind;
 Light of hope farshining,
 Is he, this baby boy,
 Lamb or God, our joy,
 Just as good Saint John related.
 We have now the very One
 We've always prayed for.
 Let's all go as neighbors
 And presents we will bear.
 Let's no longer tarry
 Our love and faith to give,
 Since He came to live
 Here among us our Savior.
 Guard our homes in safety.
 God has kept the black wolf
 From our lamb, our Lady.

THE FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9 (pg. 640 of the Old Testament)
 The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

CAROL

The Lamb

William Blake/John Tavener

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
 Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;
 Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing wooly bright;
 Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?
 Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
 Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
 He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb.
 He is meek, and he is mild; he became a little child.
 I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.
 Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

THE FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38 (pg. 56 of the New Testament)
 The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CAROL

Hail, Mary!

William Dawson

Katherine Steckler, soprano

Mary had a lit'l' baby born in Bethlehem,
Ev'ry time the lit'l' baby cried, she rock'd Him in a weary lan'.
Ain't that a rockin' for the worl', Ain't that a rockin' for the worl',
Ain't that a rockin' for the worl', Oh she rock'd an' rock'd,
She rock'd Him in a weary lan'. Rockin', rockin'.
He was born in a lowly manger, 'Cause there was foun' no room in the Inn;
Ev'ry time the lit'l' baby cried, She rock'd Him in a weary lan'.
Ain't that a rockin' for the worl', Ain't that a rockin' for the worl',
Ain't that a rockin' for the worl', Oh she rock'd an' rock'd,
She rock'd Him in a weary lan'.
Yes, there were shepherds abidin' in the field, keepin' watch o'er their flock by night.
"Unto you a Babe is born this day," said the angel of the Lord
to the shepherds in the field.
Angel called Him "Christ the Lord", but I call my Jesus "King Emmanuel."
Ev'ry time the lit'l' baby cried, She rock'd Him in a weary lan'.
Hail! Mary, Virgin Mary, Oh, Hail! Mary, Virgin Mary, Hail! "Chile of God." Hail!
There were shepherds abidin' in the field, Keepin' watch o'er their flock by night.
"Unto you a babe is born this day," said the angel of the Lord
to the shepherds in the field.
Angel call'd Him "Christ the Lord", But I call my Jesus "King Emmanuel".
Ev'ry time the lit'l' baby cried, she rock'd Him in a weary, weary lan'.
Ain't that a rockin' for the worl', Ain't that a rockin' for the worl',
Rockin' for the worl', rockin' for the worl', rockin' for the worl',
Oh she rock'd an' rock'd, Oh, she rock'd an' rock'd,
She rock'd Him in a weary lan' all night long, all night, all night long.

THE SIXTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-23 (pg. 1 of the New Testament)
St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

*HYMN No. 163

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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THE SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 (pg. 58 of the New Testament)
The shepherds go to the manger.

*HYMN No. 154

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Christmas

THE EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 (pg. 2 of the New Testament)
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL

The Carol of the Magi

John Rutter

Marsha Pendley, cello

We rode all night thro' fields of darkness, our guiding light the Eastern star;
We came to Bethlehem, we all were weary:
We'd travelled far that night, we'd travelled far.
We heard that here we'd find Messiah, foretold by seers from days of old;
We looked for palaces: and found a stable:
Could it be here, so bare and cold?
We entered in and there we saw him; it seemed we'd known him from long before:
A child like any child, yet somehow diff'rent:
The face of ev'ry child in him we saw, the face of ev'ry child we saw.
We'd brought him gifts, and now we offered them;
We knelt down low in silent prayer.

With eyes that seemed to know both joy and sadness
The child looked down as we knelt there, the child looked down as we knelt there.
So long ago, yet I remember that child who lay at Mary's knee;
How strange that ev'ry child seems so much like him:
His is the face I seem to see, His is the face I seem to see.

THE NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 (pg. 91 of the New Testament)
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
 full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word.
The Word was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
 He came to his own,
 and his own received him not.
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
 full of grace and truth.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 124 (v. 2)

Truly God, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, word of God, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, Christ will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

COMMUNION

In dulci jubilo

Franz Liszt

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those desiring to make their confession of Faith in Christ or to place their membership in this church are invited to come forward as we sing the closing hymn.

***HYMN No. 150**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

***THE COLLECT AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us pray:

O God, you gladden our hearts by the yearly festival which celebrates the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our heavenly Saviour, may behold him when he comes in glory to judge the world.

May the One who by His incarnation gathered all things earthly and heavenly into one, fill you with all peace and goodwill, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Leader: The word was made flesh and dwelt among us,

People: Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Chorale Fantasy on "In Dulci Jubilo"

J.S. Bach

Crestwood Prayer Concerns

Crestwood Members with Ongoing Concerns

*Patti Rai Butterfield and Family, Susan Hart and Family, Charlie Lane, *Mike Massey, *Mike & Heather McColl and Family, Lucille Williams

Family of Crestwood Members

Margaret Cain (mother of Judy Browning), **Landra Cowgill** (sister of Buddy Cowgill), ***Maurice Donovan** (father of Maureen Carman), **Byron Graves** (nephew of Cal Grayson)

Friends of Crestwood Members

Kate Ballard (of Tim Gardner), **Jonathan Beckman** (of Fran Allen), **Tom Bloemer** (of Harry Dodson), **Family of Greg Keegan** (of Libby Sharpe), **Karen Maeder** (of Jane Johnson), **Chartorn Renfro** (of Steve & Martha Seithers), **Jeff Shelton** (of John Thomas), **J.R. Stephenson** (of Charlie Lane), **Janet Tipton** (of Judy Cowgill), ***Margaret Turner** (of Crestwood), **Family of Carmel Wahl** (of Katherine Steckler), **Tom Willis** (of Tim Gardner)

Armed Forces

Linda Anderson (friend of Topsy Staten), **Jason Birdsall** (nephew of Doug Michael), **Austin Cheek** (grandson of Jean Powers), **Eddie Gillon** (uncle of Ashton Brown), **Patrick Ritter** (great-nephew of Betty Tester), **Michael Robinson** (nephew of Holly Gardner), **Rocky Shapla** (friend of Jane Johnson), **David Schloesser** (of Matt Staggs)

Heart-to-Heart Members

Jean Aspley, Neva Bailey, Mary Willis Bullard, Jane Farmer, Dee Harmon, Frances Harris, Mildred Janis, Helen Marcuccilli, Mildred A. Moore, Maude Noel, Doris Spencer, Ray Ware, Lucille Williams

Our Global Mission Partners

Carla Giger - Johannesburg, South Africa

World Community

The Conflict in Afghanistan and our brothers and sisters around the world who are the victims of natural disasters.

**names added this week*



Crestwood is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

HEARING ASSISTANCE &
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS

The American flag in our sanctuary is a symbol of our mission in and to our nation.
We fly the Bahamian flag in recognition of Mary Beth Richardson and the Disciples of Christ Vacation Bible School Ministry on Andros Island.

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL:

*In memory of Dottie Leet on her birthday (December 10);
given by her daughter Joy Leet-Mullins.*

In memory of Bill Azevedo; given by Lutie Azevedo.

In memory of Mrs. Stella Sharpe; given by Lutie Azevedo.

THIS WEEK AT CRESTWOOD:

Sunday 12-12-10

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Third Sunday of Advent Worship — Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Church School
9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room
9:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir - Music Room
11:00 a.m.	Children's Worship & Wonder—Children's Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. - 3	Open Volleyball - Gym
4:00 p.m. - 7	Children and Youth Groups
4:00 p.m.	Angel Choir (1st to 5th Grades) - Music Room
5:00 p.m.	Crossroads Christmas Party - at the home of Matt & Megan Bacon
6:30 p.m.	Fayette County Detention Center Worship and Communion Service

Monday 12-13-10

6:00 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting - Shalom/Social Justice - Bradford Room
7:00 p.m.	Yoga - Administrative Wing

Tuesday 12-14-10

10:00 a.m.	Childcare In Sanctuary All Day Bridge - Bradford Room
6:00 p.m.	Faith In Action - Mary & Joseph Room
6:00 p.m.	Childcare Christmas Program - Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Mary Martha DWM Holiday Dinner - Chop House Restaurant on Richmond Rd. - Meet at church at 6:30 p.m. if you need a ride - if you do not need a ride be at the restaurant at 7 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts - Chalice Hall
7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Arts & Crafts Room

Wednesday 12-15-10

10:00 a.m.	Dorcas DWM - Church Library for a Christmas Music Program by Katherine Steckler then out to lunch at Cheddars on Tates Creek Road
12:00 p.m.	Men of Crestwood Luncheon - Malone's on Tates Creek Road

Thursday 12-16-10

7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Alanon Meeting
7:30 p.m.	DOC - Youth Rooms
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Friday 12-17-10

10:00 a.m.	Bridge - Bradford Room
8:00 p.m.	AA- Chalice Hall

Saturday 12-18-10

8:00 a.m.	AA Men's Group - Chi-Rho Room
5:00 p.m.	Parents of Young Adults Caroling Party - Meet at church at 5 p.m. and will end at the home of Warren and Carol Rogers for a potluck
8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast - Chalice Hall
8:00 p.m.	AA Meeting—Bradford Room

Sunday 12-19-10

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship — Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Church School
9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room
9:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir - Music Room
11:00 a.m.	Children's Worship & Wonder—Children's Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Reception for Rev. Mike McColl - Chalice Hall
1:00 p.m. - 3	Open Volleyball - Gym
4:00 p.m. - 7	Children and Youth Groups
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