



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 2023

The Holy Eucharist

10 A.M.

Prelude

"O Holy Night"

Adolphe Adam

Hymn in Procession 102

Once in royal David's city

Irby

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The Bidding Prayer

Dear people of God: In this Christmas season let it be our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem, and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for all God's people, for peace and justice, for the mission of the Church, and for goodwill among all people.

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

Finally, let us remember 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 this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 110

The snow lay on the ground

Venite adoremus

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The Second Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The Shepherds go to the manger.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 115

What child is this, who, laid to rest

Greensleeves

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The Third Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Fourth Lesson

John 1:1-14

The Gospel of John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"The Seven Joys of Mary"

Traditional Carol
Arr. Richard Shephard

*The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one:
To see her blessed Jesus Christ when He was first her Son.
When He was first her Son, good man; and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*

*The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two:
To see her own son Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go.
To make the lame to go, good man; and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*

*The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three:
To see her own son Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see.
To make the blind to see, good man; and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*

*The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four:
To see her own son Jesus Christ, to read the Bible o'er.
To read the Bible o'er, good man; and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*

*The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five:
To see her own son Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive.
To bring the dead alive, good man; and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*

*The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six:
To see her own son Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix.
Upon the crucifix, good man; and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*

*The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven:
To see her own son Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of Heaven.
To wear the crown of Heaven, good man; and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*

Hymn 109

The first Nowell the angel did say

The First Nowell

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Communion under Special Circumstances

Celebrant

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

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 for ever. Amen.

The Communion of the People *All people are invited to receive Communion.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 101

Away in a manger

Cradle Song

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Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the king and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among others,

To make music in the heart. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 99

Go Tell it on the Mountain

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The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Edmund Sears

We welcome Geoff Haydon as our guest musician this Sunday.

Hymns on following pages

Hymn in Procession 102

Once in royal David's city

Irby

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
 *3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
 *5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Hymn 110

The snow lay on the ground

Venite adoremus

1 The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
 2 'Twas Ma - ry, daugh - ter pure of ho - ly Anne,
 3 Saint Jo - seph, too, was by to tend the child;
 4 And thus that man - ger poor be - came a throne;

when Christ our Lord was born On Christ - mas night. Ve -
 that brought in - to this world the God made man. She
 to guard him, and pro - tect his mo - ther mild; the
 for he whom Ma - ry bore was God the Son. O

ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. Ve -
 laid him in a stall at Beth - le - hem; the
 an - gels hov - ered round, and sang this song, Ve -
 come, then, let us join the hea - ven - ly host, to

Refrain
 ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 ass and ox - en shared the roof with them. Ve -
 ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. Ve -

ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.

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Hymn 115 What child is this, who, laid to rest

Greensleeves

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass arc feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch arc keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Hymn 92

On this day

Personent hodie

1 On this day earth shall ring
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth;
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head,
 4 On this day an - gels sing;

with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,
 when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;
 Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
 with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,

born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.
 lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,

Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929)

Music: *Personent hodie*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

666. 66 with Refrain

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Alternative Refrain
Descant (others unison)

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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Hymn at Communion 101

Away in a manger

Cradle Song

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat-tle are low-ing, the ba-by a-wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je-sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit-tle Lord Je-sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit-tle Lord Je-sus no cry-ing he makes.
 close by me for ev-er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je-sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil-dren in thy ten-der care,

the lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un-til morn-ing is night.
 and fit us for hea-ven to live with thee there.

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Recessional Hymn 99

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and
 ev-ery-where; go tell it on the moun-tain, that
 Je-sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their
 2 The shep-herds feared and
 3 Down in a low-ly

watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night, be-
 trem-bled when lo! a-bove the earth rang
 man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through-out the hea-vens there shone a ho-ly light.
 out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sa-vior's birth.
 God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Happy Birthday

Suzanne Johnson December 31 Heather Robertson December 31

Cameron Carey January 4

Prayers

Parishioners: Gavin Wilson; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Rhea Hannah; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Family: Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Joyce Emmons, cousin, Elizabeth Wong Mark; Jenny Richard, Diego and Kaira Sanchez, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Dan Westphal, father of Lori; Rosanne Falcone, cousin of Deborah Reece; Kohen Blair, nephew of Emma Blair and Allen Blair and Kelsey Miles, his parents; Sergio Whyte, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; Diana Jacinto, daughter in-law, and Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Bill Fields, brother of Nancy Dillon; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Tiffany Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

Friends: Jhansi Ponniah, Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Kisasi and Shazi Ramses, Pete Libby, Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Karen Graham, (Toby & Cathy Raper); Syukur Junus & Sharifah Idris, (St. Dunstan's New Pathways Family); Lars Olsson, Bruce Kenney, Michael Stratton, (Robertson Family); Madison Fucita & Family; K.C. Williams, Thomas Futch, Lisa Ridges, Bill Whitte, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family, Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Priscilla Davis); Darrel Hartman, Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer, (Paul Zimmer); Martha, Angela & sons, Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); Ron Hand, John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Jackie Quinn, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); and Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

We pray for those have died.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Michele St. Peter, Fair Sutherlin, Jeanne & Josh Taylor, and Tricia Templeton and Joseph Henry Monti.

Ministry Schedule

	DEC 31st	Jan 7 th 2024
Vestry on Duty	The Hoods	Kate Gaul
Lay Reader: 10 am	Lynn Hood	Claudia Gimson
Lector 1 st Lesson	Tom Barnett	Tom Barnett
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon
Lector 3 rd Lesson	Lynn Hood	-----
Lector 4 th Lesson	Bob Longino	-----
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett	Tom Barnett
Altar Guild	Claudia / Elizabeth	Claudia
Flower Guild	Kate Gaul	

Upcoming Schedule of Services

- January 7th** 1st Sunday after the Epiphany - One Service at 10 a.m.
- January 14th** 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany - Services at 8:30 & 10:45.
Sunday School will resume at 9:30.

Vestry 2023 – 2024

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden;
Lynn Hood; Wayne Hood; Susie Throop;
Kate Gaul; Suzanne Johnson; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Ralph Paulk

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician
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