

1[We rise]

1+ The Candlelight Ceremony +

[As the light for the candles is distributed, please dip only the unlit candles; the candles are extinguished as the organ introduces the Final Hymn]



Deacon: The people who walk in darkness hath seen a /
great_ / light; * those who dwelt in a land of deep
darkness, on / them hath / light_ / shined.

All: For to us a / child is / born, * to / us a / Son is / given.

Deacon: In / Him was / Life, * And that / life was the / light
of / men.

All: The light shineth / in the / darkness, * But the
darkness hath not / over- / come_ / it.

Deacon: And the / Word be- came / flesh * And dwelt among
us, / full of / grace and / truth.

All: We have be- / held His / glory, * Glory as of the
only / Son_ / from the / Father.

Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night #363

The Collect for Christmas Eve

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light, grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that night, we may also come to the fulness of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **.Amen!**

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. **.Amen!**

Hymn: O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild #546

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Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve & Candlelight Vespers



Christofano Allori, *The Adoration of the Shepherds*
*“Populus qui in tenebris ambulabat vidit
lucem magnam”*

*“The people who walked in darkness have
seen a great light”*

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Hymn Once in Royal David's City #376

Opening Sentences



Deacon: When all was still and / it was / midnight: *
Thine almighty Word, O Lord, descended / from
the / royal / throne.

Antiphon: When all was still and / it was / midnight: *
Thine almighty Word, O Lord, descended / from
the / royal / throne.

Deacon: Sing to the Lord, / bless His / name; * Proclaim
the good news of His sal- / vation from / day to /
day.

Women: Declare His glory a- / mong the / nations, * His /
wonders a- / mong all / peoples.

Men: For great is the Lord and most / worthy of /
praise; * He is to be / feared a- / bove all / gods.

Antiphon: When all was still and / it was / midnight: *
Thine almighty Word, O Lord, descended / from
the / royal / throne.

All: Glory be to the Father and / to the / Son * And /
to the / Holy / Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is / now, and| ever / shall be, * world|
without / end. A - / men.

Antiphon: When all was still and / it was / midnight: * Thine
almighty Word, O Lord, descended / from the /
royal / throne.

[we sit]

+ Lessons and Carols for Christmas +

God's Salvation History Points from the Fall in Sin to Christ

The 1st Lesson: Genesis 3.8-15

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

Carol Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord #352
All 1-2, 5-6

The 2nd Lesson: Genesis 22.15-18

Yahweh promises to Abraham that in his Seed shall
all the nations of the earth be blessed

Carol Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord #352
st. 3-4

The 3rd Lesson: Isaiah 9.2-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold
by the prophet Isaiah

Carol It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #366
st. 1, 4

The 4th Lesson: Micah 5.2-5a

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little
Bethlehem

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem #361
All 1, 2, 4

The 5th Lesson: Luke 1.26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

Carol Lo, How a Rose #359

The 6th Lesson: Luke 2.1-7

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

Carol Away in a Manger #364

The 7th Lesson: Luke 2.8-20

The shepherds go to the manger

Carol Angels We Have Heard on High #368

The 8th Lesson: Matthew 2.1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Carol What Child is This #370

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The 9th Lesson: John 1.1-14

Saint John unfolds the great mystery
of the great mystery of Our Lord's Incarnation

Carol Joy to the World #387

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The Sermon

The Offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise]

The Canticle

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #380

The Prayers

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Kyrie, Our Father, Collect for Peace, Benedicamus