# A Festival of Lessons and Carols



The Christ Church Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers

> Sunday, December 16, 2018 4:00 p.m.

> > Christ Church Cathedral 900 Broadway Nashville, Tennessee 37203

## The Carol after the Eighth Lesson:

The "**Huron Carol**" (or "**Twas in the Moon of Wintertime**") is a Canadian Christmas hymn (Canada's oldest Christmas song), written probably in 1642 by Jean de Brébeuf, a Jesuit missionary at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in Canada. Brébeuf wrote the lyrics in the native language of the Huron/Wendat people; the song's original Huron title is "Jesous Ahatonhia" ("Jesus, he is born"). The song's melody is based on a traditional French folk song, "Une Jeune Pucelle" ("A Young Maid"). The well-known English lyrics were written in 1926 by Jesse Edgar Middleton.

The English version of the hymn uses imagery familiar in the early 20th century, in place of the traditional Nativity story. This version is derived from Brébeul's original song and Huron religious concepts. In the English version, Jesus is born in a "lodge of broken bark" and wrapped in a "robe of rabbit skin." He is surrounded by hunters instead of shepherds, and the Magi are portrayed as "chiefs from afar" who bring him "fox and beaver pelts" instead of the more familiar gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The English translation uses a traditional Algonquian name, Gitchi Manitou, for God, which is not in the original Wyandot version.

## A Festival of Lessons and Carols

## Before the Procession

As the bell tolls the hour, the Choir sings from the rear of the Nave.

## Matin Responsory

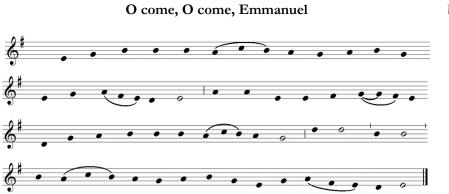
I look from afar: And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say:

## Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

From the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins

(c. 1525-1594)

## The congregation stands at the Procession. Hymns are sung by all.



O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!* 

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain* 

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain* 

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain* 

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain* 

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain* 

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain* 

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain* 

## Hymn

## G. P. da Palestrina

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

## The Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and 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.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us: Our Father...

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

The congregation is seated for the reading of the lessons and the singing of the carols.

First Lesson	Read by a Cathedral Chorister Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.	Genesis 3:1-15
Carol	Adam lay Ybounden	Thomas LaVoy (b. 1990)
	Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long.	
	And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book.	
	Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady abeen heavené queen.	
	Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen, <i>Deo gracias!</i>	
	Anonymous, c. 1400	
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Second Lesson

Read by a Cathedral Acolyte The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King. Jeremiah 23:5-6

#### Behold, A Branch is Growing

Joseph Herl (b. 1959)

Behold, a branch is growing of loveliest form and grace, as prophets sung, foreknowing; it springs from Jesse's race and bears one little flower in midst of coldest winter at deepest midnight hour.

Isaiah hath foretold it in words of promise sure, and Mary's arms enfold it, a virgin meek and pure. Through God's eternal will this child to her is given at midnight calm and still. This flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, King of Glory who dost our weakness know, bring us at length, we pray to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day.

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

## Hymn

#### The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen descant: Michael Velting



The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky. The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

Third Lesson

Read by a Cathedral Lay Reader The Prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God. Isaiah 35:1-6

Christopher Steel (1938-1991)

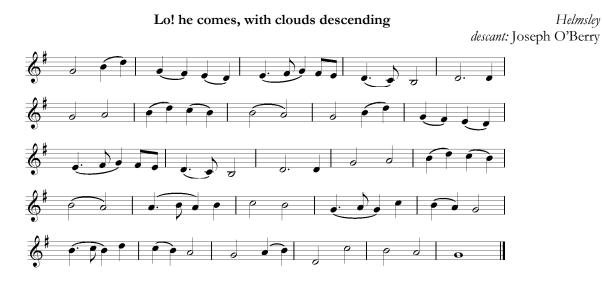
People look East, the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People look East, and sing today, *Love the Guest is on the way*.

Furrows be glad though earth is bare one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish that in course the flower may flourish. People look East, and sing today, *Love the Rose is on the way.*  Birds though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen he for fledgling time has chosen. People look East, and sing today, *Love the Bird is on the way*.

Stars keep the watch, when night is dim, one more star shall enter in. Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People look East, and sing today, *Love the Star is on the way*.

Angels announce to man and beast, Him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming with the Word, the Lord is coming, People look East, and sing today, *Love the Lord is on the way*.

Eleanor Farjeon



Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see. Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers; with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Hymn

Read by the Director of Cathedral Youth Ministries The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

Carol	O little town of Bethlehem	Henry Walford Davis (1869-1941)
	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.	
	How silently, how silently	
	the wondrous gift is given!	
	So God imparts to human hearts	
	the blessings of His heaven.	
	No ear may hear is coming, but in this world of sin	
	where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.	
	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 ancient prophets the great glad news foretell;	
	Oh, come to us abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!	

Bishop Phillips Brooks, alt.

Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart descants: Lois G. Fyfe and Michael Velting



Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley

## Read by a Cathedral Healing Minister The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### Luke 1:26-38

## Carol Gabriel's Message Eleanor Daley (b. 1955) The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady." Gloria! "For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee, thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favoured lady." Gloria! Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head. "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favoured lady; Gloria! Of her, Emmanuel the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,

Sabine Baring-Gould

and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,

Sing we of the blessed Mother

Most highly favoured lady; Gloria!

Rustington



Sing we of the blessed Mother who received the angel's word, and obedient to the summons bore in love the infant Lord; sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast the child was fed who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done, and the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home; where, raised high with saints and angels, in Jerusalem above, she beholds her son and Savior reigning as the Lord of love.

Hymn

Sixth Lesson

Read by a member of the Cathedral Choir *St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.* 

Matthew 1:18-23

Carol

## Lullay, my liking

Matthew Owens (b. 1971)

Lullay, my liking, my dear son, my sweeting; Lullay, my dear heart, mine own dear darling!

I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing. She lulled a little child, a sweete lording.

That eternal Lord is he that made alle thing. Of alle lordes he is lord, of alle kinges King.

There was \*mickle melody at the Childes birth. Although they were in heaven's bliss they made mickle mirth.

Angels bright they sang that night, and saiden to that Child: 'Blessed be thou, and so be she that is both meek and mild!'

Pray we now to that Child and to his mother dear, God grant them all his blessing that now maken cheer!

Anonymous, 15th c.

\*a large amount

Seventh Lesson

Read by a representative of the Cathedral's Wayfarer Committee The shepherds go to the manger. Luke 2:8-16

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber; holy angels guard thy bed, heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head. Sleep my babe; thy food and raiment house and home, thy friends provide. All without thy care and payment, all thy wants are well supplied. Soft and easy is thy cradle coarse and hard thy Savior lay, when his birthplace was a stable and his softest bed was hay. See, the kindly shepherds round Him, telling wonders from the sky! When they sought Him, there they found Him, with His Virgin Mother by.

May'st thou live to know and fear Him, trust and love Him all thy days. Then go dwell forever near Him, see His face and sing His praise! Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber, holy angels guard thy bed, heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.

Isaac Watts

#### Hymn

#### While shepherds watched their flocks

Winchester Old descant: C. S. Lang



While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign: The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

#### **Eighth Lesson**

Read by the Coordinator of the Cathedral's Prison Visitation Ministry The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. Matthew 2:1-11

## The Huron Carol

Traditional French Melody arr. by Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

#### Gloria!

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled, that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunters heard the hymn: Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria!* 

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found, a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round, but as the hunter braves drew night, the angel song rang loud and high: Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria!* 

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there. The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt: Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria!* 

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou, the Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you! Come kneel before the radiant boy who gives you beauty, peace, and joy: Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria*!

Gloria!

Jean de Brébeuf

The congregation stands for the Ninth Lesson.

Ninth Lesson

Read by the Cathedral Senior Warden John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. John 1:1-14

The congregation is seated.

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Son, Christ the King. Born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us. *Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!* 

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. *Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!*  God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him. *Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!* 

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us. *Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!* 

Old Swedish carol

#### The Vesper Responsory

Bishop:	Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
People:	Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you.
Bishop:	Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
People:	Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you.
Bishop:	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People:	As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A moment of silence.

#### The Collect

Bishop:	We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.
People:	In the midst of thy temple.
Bishop:	Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

## The Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. Amen.

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. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night:

#### *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went:

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay:

#### Refrain

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense:

#### Refrain

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 mankind hath bought:

#### **R**efrain

The Retiring Procession

Voluntary

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain in place until the Procession has departed the Nave.

You are invited to join the choirs and clergy in the Parish Hall for a reception immediately following the Festival of Lessons and Carols.



#### THE CATHEDRAL SENIOR CHORISTERS

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Anya Webber

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Canon Dr. Michael Velting, Cathedral Organist and Choirmaster Joseph O'Berry, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

\*soloists in Palestrina Matin Responsory and Owens Lullay, my liking

## READERS

The Bidding Prayer	The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough The Dean and Rector
The First Reader	Rhys MacMillan A Cathedral Chorister
The Second Reader	Zanol Simmons A Cathedral Acolyte
The Third Reader	Meg Bessey A Cathedral Lay Reader
The Fourth Reader	Alison Bocking Director of Cathedral Youth Ministries
The Fifth Reader	Stephen Nelson A Cathedral Healing Minister
The Sixth Reader	Mary Ward A member of the Cathedral Choir
The Seventh Reader	Patti West A representative of the Cathedral's Wayfarer Committee
The Eighth Reader	The Reverend Joe Ingle Coordinator of the Cathedral's Prison Visitation Ministry
The Ninth Reader	Roger Moore The Cathedral Senior Warden
Closing Prayers	The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt The Bishop of Tennessee

## Gifts for Christmas music have been given to the glory of God and

in loving memory of her mother, Pegine Hill, and her grandparents, Lowell and Virginia Hill, by Tameron Hedge

in honor of Carole Sergent, who always smiles when the organ starts playing, by her daughter Katie and granddaughter Romy

in loving memory of Jane and Guilford Dudley, by Trevania Henderson

- by Gail Reeve
- in thanksgiving for the Christ Church Cathedral Choristers and the wonderful leadership of Dr. Velting and Mr. O'Berry, by Thomas, Tara, and Clark Steffen
- in thanksgiving for their granddaughters, Eleanor Louise Wilson and Corinne McAuley Wilson, by Art and Martha Stinson
- in loving memory of her husband, Earl Watkins, by Louise Watkins
- in thanksgiving for Dr. Michael Velting, Joseph O'Berry, and the Cathedral Choir, by Nancy Patton
- in thanksgiving for music, by George and Mavis Allen
- in loving memory of their grandparents, Cauley and John Lukens, and Benita Beth Barden, by Rebecca Barden Newman and Luke Barden
- in memory of their parents, Woodrow Harvil Hooper and Evelyn Hooper, and Bill and Willie Smith, by Art and Sandra Hooper
- by Andy and Betty Grimes
- in thanksgiving for the beautiful music at Christ Church Cathedral and in honor of their grandchildren, Redding Cate Israel and William Lyle Israel, by Rebecca and Deaver Collins
- in memory of his parents, Jessie Bradshaw Lane and Herman King Lane, by Jere Lane
- with gratitude and thanksgiving for their family, by Roy Gottfried and Mary Stevens
- in memory of Ruth Starr Strayhorn, by Fletch and Bill Coke
- in loving memory of Frances Helton Patton and Nella Wood Helton, and in honor of Ann Patton, by Nancy Patton
- in loving memory of Julie Gavin and John B. Waterman, by the Jeffrey Buntin family
- in thanksgiving for the blessing of our clergy, Timothy Kimbrough, Lissa Smith, Matthew Lewis, Roger Saterstrom, and for Michael Velting, Joseph O'Berry and the angel voices of the Cathedral Choir, by Tom and Patti West
- in thanksgiving for her family, Charles, Nicoya, Chioh, Serena, Gabrielle, Kevin, Kaden, and friend Ron, by Anzora Lee-Starks
- in memory of Larry Burchett, by his wife Sarah and son Michael
- in memory of Jim Lowe, by Martha and Leah Lowe
- in gratitude for their children and grandchildren, Kristin, Carter, Palmer, and Fite Paine, and Georgia and Thompson Paine, and in memory of Mary Palmer and Overton Thompson, Jr., by George and Ophelia Paine
- with love and thanksgiving for her family, by Dianne Green
- in loving memory of Linda Jackson, by her daughter Christina and Matthew, and granddaughters, Anna Claire and Samantha Jane Isbell
- **Cradle Song**, by Gerald Near is a gift to the Cathedral Music library, given in thanksgiving for their son, Ryman, by Mike and Amanda Molinar



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