Christmas LESSONS & CAROLS

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The 61st Annual Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols

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The Saint Andrew's Choirs

Deborah Friauff*, Director
Minji Kim, Accompanist

The Adult Virtual Choir

Soprano
Robin Berry
Aileen Gatten
Hilary Garton
Susie Lorand
Margaret Nesse

Tenor
Chris Bickley
Jonathan Gardner*
Alfred Hero

** Compline Quartet*

Alto
Lorraine Field
Cindy Glovinsky
Joshilyn Hoisington
Lucy Richert

Bass
Michael Field
Alan Gibson*
David Hunsche
Norman Richert
Nathan Sten

Instrumentalists

String Quartet

Nathaniel Cornell • Emelyn Bashour
Ivan Suminski • Wesley Hornpetrie

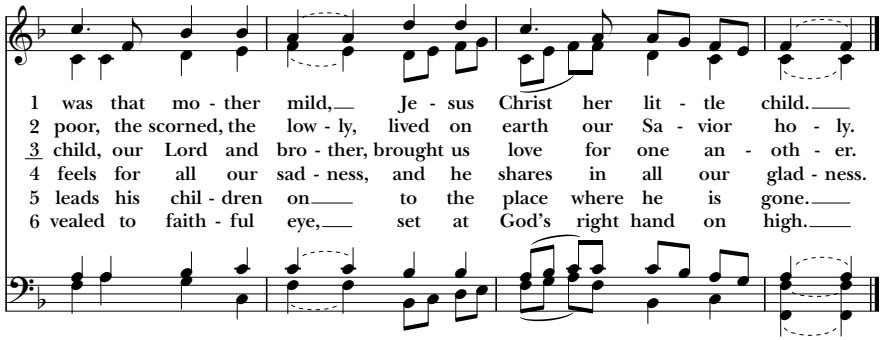
Amy Porter, Flute

Prelude: *Christmas Medley* ..... arr. Emelyn Bashour (b. 1996)
String Quartet

Three Medieval Carols for Flute Solo ..... arr. William Averitt (b.1948)
1. Angelus ad Virginem 2. Love Begotten 3. Nova, Nova!
Amy Porter, Flute

The Processional: *Once in Royal David's City* ..... Hymnal, no. 102

Please join us in singing verse six



The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Hymn: *Of the Father's Heart Begotten*.....arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Saint Andrew's Adult Virtual Choir

Verses 1-5 are sung by the choir, ***Congregation joins for Verse 6***

1. *Of the Father's heart begotten, ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha: from that fountain all that is and hath been flows; He is Omega, of all things yet to come the mystic Close, evermore and evermore.*

2. *By his word was all created; He commanded and 'twas done; earth and sky and boundless ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft radiance, all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore.*

3. *He assumed this mortal body, frail and feeble, doomed to die, that the race from dust created might not perish utterly, which the dreadful law had sentenced in the depths of hell to lie, evermore and evermore.*

4. *O how blest that wondrous birthday, when the Maid the curse retrieved, brought to birth mankind's salvation, by the Holy Ghost conceived; and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, in her loving arms received, evermore and evermore.*

5. *This is he, whom seer and sybil sang in ages long gone by; this is he of old revealed in the page of prophecy; Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; let the world his praises cry! Evermore and evermore.*

6. ***Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing! Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring, ev'ry tongue his name confessing, countless voices answering, evermore and evermore.***

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15 Cecile Pifarretti, Junior Chorister

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

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Carol: *The Lord at First Did Adam Make* ..... arr. Sir David Willcocks
Compline Quartet

The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay, and in his nostrils breathed life e'en as the scriptures say. And then in Eden's paradise he placed him to dwell, that he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well:

Refrain: *Now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live, and so rejoice and merry be, for this is Christmas Eve.*

And thus within the garden he was set therein to stay; and in commandment unto him these words the Lord did say:'The fruit which in the garden grows to thee shall be for meat, except the tree in the midst thereof, of which thou shalt not eat:' Refrain

'For in the day thou shalt it touch or dost to it come nigh, if so thou do but eat thereof then thou shalt surely die.' But Adam he did take no heed unto that only thing, but did transgress God's holy law, and so was wrapt in sin: Refrain

Now mark the goodness of the Lord, which he for mankind bore; his mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore; and then for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall, he said his own dear son should be the Saviour of us all: Refrain

The Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18 Dave Hunsche, Senior Chorister

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

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Carol: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*..... arr. Richard S. Willis (1819-1900)
String Quartet

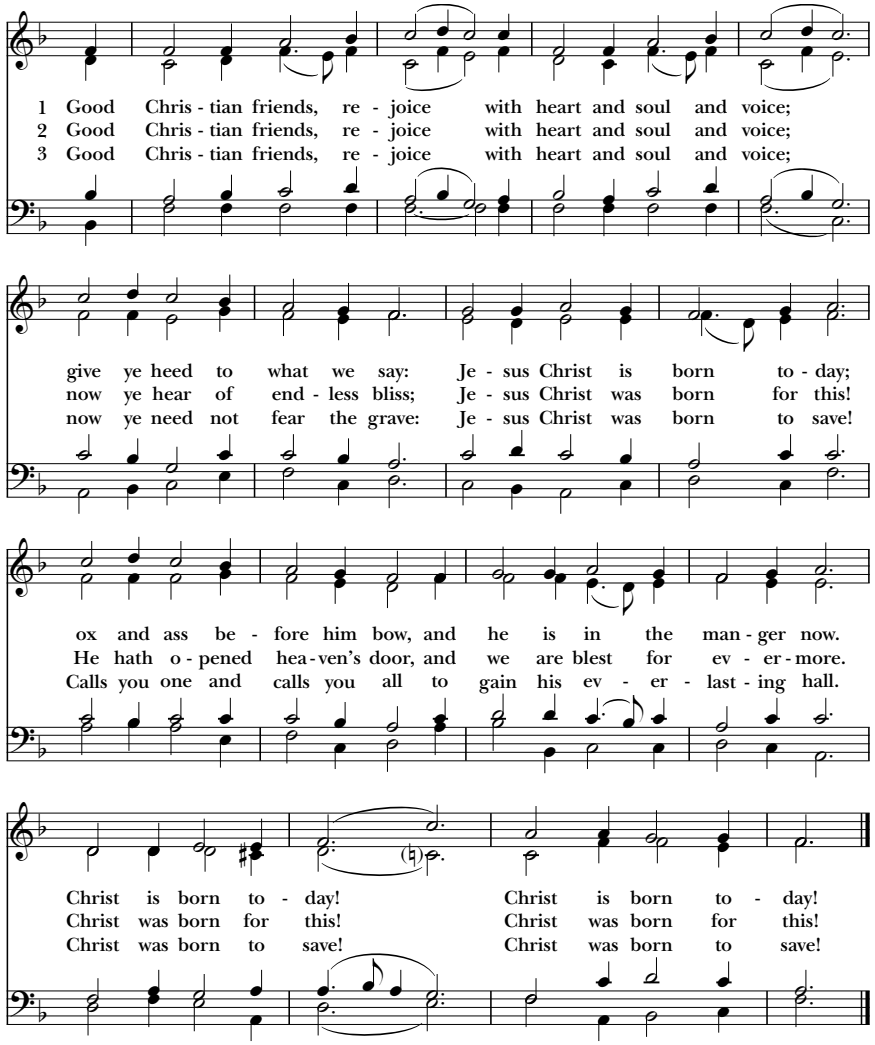
The Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Suzanne Bender, Handbell Choir Director

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Carol: *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* ..... Hymnal, no. 107



The Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2-4

Deborah Friauff,
Director of Music

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ..... Hymnal, no. 79

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Carol Andrews-Ferguson,
Director of Children and Youth Ministries

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Carol: *There is No Rose of Such Virtue* ..... Anonymous (c. 1420)
Compline Trio

Refrain: *There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu.*

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia. Refrain
For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space; Resmiranda. Refrain
By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three, Pari forma. Refrain
The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo: Gaudeamus. Refrain
Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus. Refrain

The Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-23

Morgan Battle, Breakfast Director

Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Carol: *Nocturne on Cantique de Noël* ..... arr Daniel Dorff (b. 1956)
Amy Porter, Flute

The Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The Rev. Charles Witke

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.

Carol: *While Shepherds Watched their Flocks*..... Hymnal, no. 94

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

The Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11 The Rev. Walter LaBatt

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.

Carol: *We Three Kings* .....arr. J.H. Hopkins (1820-1891)
String Quartet

Hymn: *O Come All Ye Faithful* .....Hymnal, no. 83

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

The Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14a The Rev. Sally Boelter

Saint 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 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 the Father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol: *A Boy was Born in Bethlehem* ..... Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
Saint Andrew's Adult Virtual Choir

A boy was born in Bethlehem; rejoice for that, Jerusalem! Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya. He let himself a servant be, that all mankind he might set free: alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya. Then praise the Word of God who came to dwell within a human from: alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

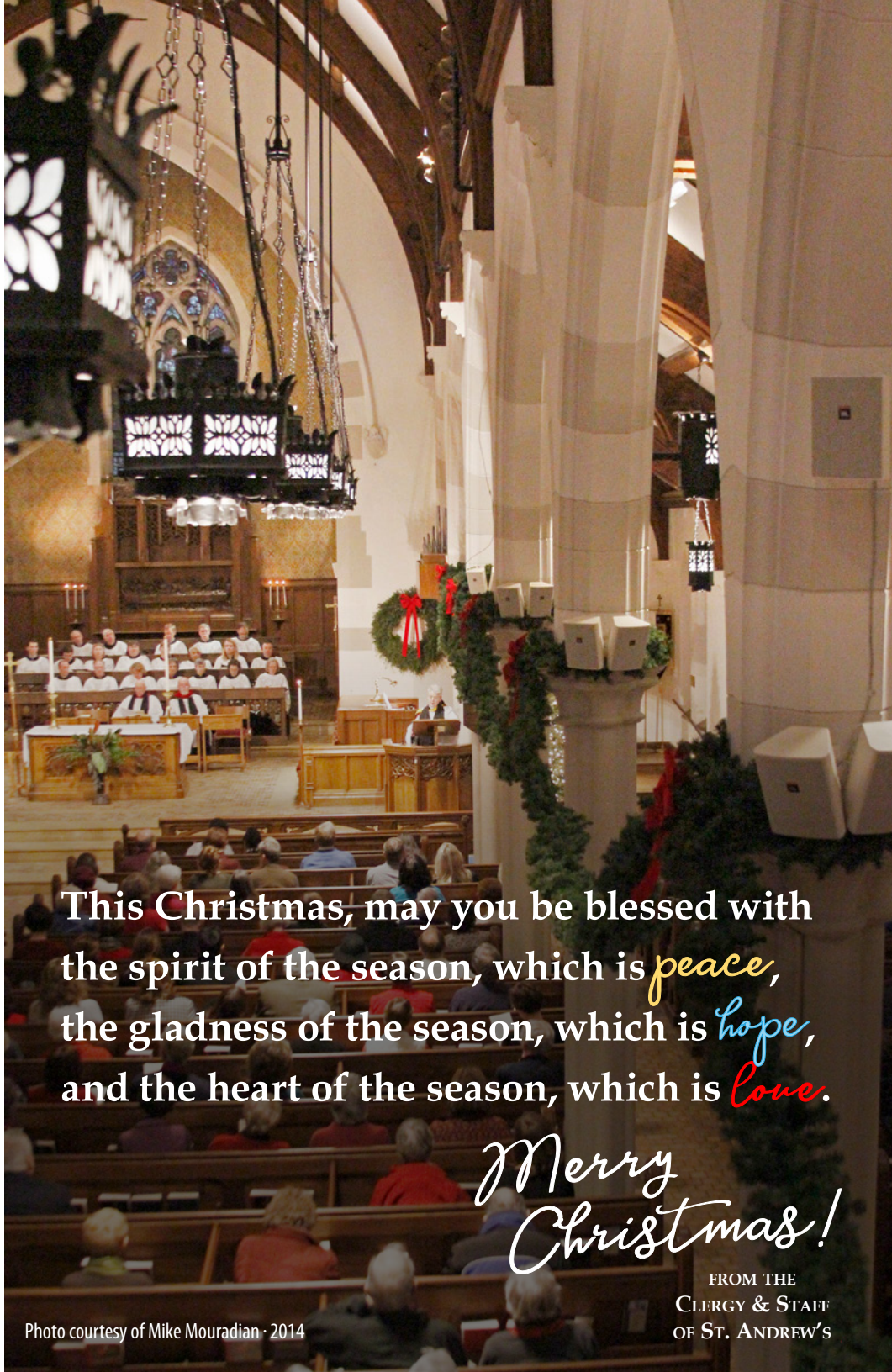
Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn: *Silent Night*..... Hymnal, no. 111

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Hark! the Herald Angel Sings*.....Hymnal, no. 87

Postlude: *Combined Carols*..... Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979)
String Quartet

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