

CHURCH of the REDEEMER

BRYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA



A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE of
NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Welcome to The Church of the Redeemer!
We are pleased to have our parishioners, neighbors and all visitors, familiar and new, with us at this evening's tenth annual service of Nine Lessons & Carols. For those visiting we hope you return again, and for all we wish blessed seasons of Advent and Christmas.

An offering will be taken during the service.

*The offering from tonight's service helps to fund the **Margaret Orr Memorial Choral Scholarship.***

This scholarship was established in 2012 by the family & friends of long-time chorister Margaret Orr.

The scholarship exists to benefit the choristers involved in Music at The Redeemer whose financial needs have a direct bearing on their involvement with our musical outreach and other learning activities.

**We invite everyone to a reception in the Parish House
following the service. Please join us.**

If you would like more information on our music program and our church,
please visit [**www.TheRedeemer.org**](http://www.TheRedeemer.org)

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The Reverend David F. Romanik, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Peter T. Vanderveen, *Rector*



ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

✻ **The Congregation is silent during the prelude,
and remains seated as the choir and clergy enter.**

WELCOME The Reverend Peter T. Vanderveen

INTROIT

The text of this piece is taken from a poem discovered after World War II. These sentences were written on a wall of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where many Jewish people sought refuge from persecution. The text speaks of hope in times of uncertainty, and anchoring ourselves to faith when the soul feels most adrift. When all else is stripped from us, faith remains as the one, irrevocable refuge.

I believe in the sun, even when its not shining. I believe in love, even when I feel it not.
I believe in God, even when He is silent.

Music: KIM ANDRÉ ARNESEN (B. 1980)
Text: UNKNOWN AUTHOR

COLLECT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

✻ **The Congregation stands at the pealing of the bells.**
✻ **All join in singing where indicated.**

Solo

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child. (*cont'd.*)

Choir

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

All

And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

All

For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

All

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

All

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Words: C. F. ALEXANDER (1818-95)

Melody: H. J. GAUNTLETT (1805-76)

Harmonized: H. J. GAUNTLETT and A. H. MANN (1850-1929)

Descant: STEPHEN CLEOBURY (b.1948)

Verse 1 sung by a treble chorister

✱**The Congregation remains standing.**

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Officiant

BELOVED IN CHRIST, be it this evening our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which shall come to pass.

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 this Holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world: for peace and good will over all the earth, for unity and fellowship within the Church he came to build, and especially in this our Diocese of Pennsylvania.

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 cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all 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 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:

All

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant

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

✱**The Congregation is seated.**

CAROL

ALL poor men and humble, all lame men who stumble, come haste ye, nor feel ye afraid.
For Jesus our treasure, with love past all measure, in lowly poor manger was laid.

Though wise men who found him laid rich gifts around him, yet oxen they gave him their hay;
And Jesus in beauty accepted their duty; contented in manger he lay.

Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him; our service he ne'er can despise:
Whose love still is able to show us that stable where softly in manger he lies.

Words: from original Welsh, adapted by KATHARINE E. ROBERTS and W.T. PENNAR DAVIES
Melody: TRADITIONAL WELSH CAROL

FIRST LESSON

READ BY NICHOLAS ZAFIRIOU, OF REDEEMER CHORISTERS

GENESIS 3

AND they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, 'Where art thou?' And he said, 'I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' And he said, 'Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?' And the man said, 'The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.' And the Lord God said unto the woman, 'What is this that thou hast done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.'

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, 'Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.' And unto Adam he said, 'Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.'

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

ADAM lay y-bounden, 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 fynden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady A-been hevenè queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen *Deo gratias!*

Words: 15th-CENTURY ENGLISH OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN,
Music: THOMAS LAVOY (B.1990)

SECOND LESSON

READ BY SEV FAHR, *HEAD CHORISTER OF THE REDEEMER CHORISTERS*

GENESIS 22

AND the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, 'By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.'

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

✻ **The Congregation stands to sing.**

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places, where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;

but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, the lambs he'll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

Words: JAMES LEWIS MILLIGAN (1876-1961)
Music: HENRY HUGH BANCROFT (1904-1988)

THIRD LESSON

READ BY KRISTEN JOHNSON, *OF SCHOLA CANTORUM*

ISAIAH 9

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* **All: Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

ALLELUYA a new work is come on hand,
Through might and grace of God's son, To save the lost of every land, alleluya.
For now is free what erst was bound; We may well sing alleluya.

By Gabriel begun it was: Right as the sun shone through the glass
Jesus Christ conceived was, alleluya.
O Mary mother, full of grace; now sing we here alleluya.

Now is fulfilled the prophecy of David and of Jeremy, And also of Ysae; Alleluya.
Sing we therefore both loud and high: Alleluya.

Words: 15TH CENTURY
Music: WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

FOURTH LESSON

READ BY CECE RAE, *OF SCHOLA CANTORUM*

ISAIAH 9

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord. With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the nursing child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Saviour did come for to die
for poor on'ry people like you and like I, I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers
and shepherds and all. But high from the heavens a star's light did fall,
and the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

Words: JOHN JACOB NILES (1892-1980)
Music: STEVE PILKINGTON (b. 1952)
Soloist: KATY HUTCHINGS

FIFTH LESSON

READ BY TORY DUNKLE, *DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES*

ST. LUKE 1

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came unto her, and said, 'Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.' And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.' Then said Mary unto the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.' And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.' And the angel departed from her.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* **All: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

✳ **The Congregation stands to sing.**

THE Angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame,
“All hail”, said he “the lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, be seers foretold, Most highly favored lady”, Gloria!

Choristers Alone

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 favored lady”, Gloria!

All Sing

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn;
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: “Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Words: BASQUE CAROL
Translated by SABINE BARING-GOULD (1834-1924)
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, BASQUE CAROL

✳ **The Congregation is seated**

CAROL

In honor of our Welsh connection, the next carol is Welsh in origin. Bryn Mawr is Welsh for “big hill”, and is named after an estate near Dolgellau in Wales that belonged to Rowland Ellis, a Quaker who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1686 to escape religious persecution.

Huna blentyn ar fy mynwes, Clyd a chynnes ydyw hon;
Breichiau mam sy'n dynn amdanat, Cariad mam sy dan fy mron;
Ni chaiff dim amharu'th gyntun, Ni wna undyn â thi gam;
Huna'n dawel, annwyl blentyn, Huna'n fwyn ar fron dy fam.

Sleep my baby, at my breast, warmth and safety find you there.
Mother's arms are tight around you, find your shelter near her heart.
None shall wake you, none shall harm you, hurt this night shall pass you by.
Sleep dear child, slumber sweetly, mother's love shall bring you rest.

Music: TRADITIONAL WELSH, arranged by MICHAEL DIORIO
Text: ROBERT BRYAN (1858-1920),
English adaptation by MICHAEL DIORIO

SIXTH LESSON

READ BY DR. MICHAEL J. DIORIO, *ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC*

ST. LUKE 2

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* **All: Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

MARY had a baby, My Lord! Mary had a baby, My Lord!
Where was he born? Born in a manger.
Oh Mary had a baby, born in a manger. Mary had a baby, My Lord!
What did they call him? King Jesus!
Oh Mary had a baby, he was called King Jesus, Mary had a baby, Oh, yes!
He is called King Jesus, Mighty Coun'slor, Lord Emmanuel, King of Kings,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Mary had a baby, Oh my Lord!

Words and Melody: TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL
Arrangement: MICHAEL DIORIO (b.1978)
Soloist: HOPE KNIGHT

SEVENTH LESSON

READ BY THE REVEREND JO ANN JONES, *ASSOCIATE RECTOR*

ST. LUKE 2

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

All: Thanks be to God

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***During the next carol a collection will be taken to support
the Margaret Orr Memorial Choral Scholarship Fund.***

*If you wish to receive a tax statement for a cash gift to the music program,
please use the music program envelopes included within this bulletin.*

We thank you for your kind donation to this important fund.

CAROL

The first good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of one; To see the 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 sev'n; 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.

Music: ENGLISH TRADITIONAL CAROL
Arrangement: STEPHEN CLEOBURY (b. 1948)
Soloist: JULIE BROSE, Senior Chorister of The Redeemer Choristers

HYMN

* **The Congregation stands to sing.**

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 the 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
A 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.

Words: NAHUM TATE (1652-1715)
Music: WINCHESTER OLD
VERSE 6 arranged by DAVID WILCOCKS

EIGHTH LESSON

READ BY THE REVEREND DAVID F. ROMANIK, *ASSOCIATE RECTOR*

ST MATTHEW 2

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.' When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, 'In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel.' Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, 'Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye

have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.' When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* **All: Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

The Congregation joins in on the refrain and the last verse:

Trio **W**E three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

All *O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Solo Born a king on Bethlehem plain, Gold I bring, to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.
(All) O star of wonder, star of night...

Solo Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship him, God most high.
(All) O star of wonder, star of night...

Solo Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in a stonycold tomb:
(All) O star of wonder, star of night...

*Glorious now, behold him arise, King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluia, Alleluia the earth replies:
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

✱**The Congregation stands for the Ninth Lesson.**

NINTH LESSON

READ BY THE REVEREND PETER T. VANDERVEEN, *RECTOR*

ST. JOHN 1

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* **All: Thanks be to God.**

✱**The Congregation is seated.**

CAROL

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare
Dominum Iesum Christum. Alleluia!

(English translation of the original Latin)

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear our Savior, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

✱ **The Congregation stands.**

COLLECT AND BLESSING

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray: O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Officiant: May He, who by His Incarnation, gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING HYMN

LO! He comes with clouds descending, Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending, Swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing....Shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory, Claim the kingdom for Thine own;
O, come quickly!..... Everlasting God, come down!

Words: C. WESLEY (1707-1788)
Music: 18th-CENTURY ENGLISH MELODY arr. J. RUTTER (b. 1945)

✱ **The Congregation remains standing as the procession passes** ✱

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION IN THE PARISH HOUSE

Church of the Redeemer Music Department

Dr. Michael J. Diorio, *Organist & Director of Music*

Mr. Adrian S. Binkley, *Michael Stairs Organ Scholar*

Mrs. Katy Hutchings, *Director of the Cherub Choir*

Dr. Connie Stuckert & Mrs. Joan Warren, *Music Librarians*

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Carol Chew	Melanie LeBoeuf	Tad Sperry
Susannah Edmonds	Jon Leyland	Bill Susskind
Matthew Fisher	Ariana MacKenzie-LoCastro	Leslie Susskind
Ken Garner	Laurie MacKenzie	Joan Warren
Katy Hutchings	Brenna Markey	Lauren Wilkinson
Wilson Jeffreys	Chloé Moore	Lindsey Wilkinson
Bridgette Johnson	Rebecca Northington	Meghan Woodard
Scott Johnson	Meredith Noll	David Woods
Sheryl Johnson	Jennifer Patten	Susan Van Allen

THE CHERUB CHOIR

Caroline Stephan	Victoria Cook	Jonathan Richter
Evelyn Silio	Liam Ravenscroft	Kieran Richter
Clare Northington	Georgia Grainger	Ashley Trucksess
Catherine Zafiriou	Seldon Tachna	June Winfield

THE CHORISTERS

Julie Brose ^	Cailin Leithead	Olivia Stephan **
Alex Dore	Rives Northington	Sophie Tachna
Maddie Jodz **	Theo Silio	Marshall Zafiriou
Annemarie Laurie	Kyle Spadaro **	Nicholas Zafiriou
Ananda Leahy**	Kate Stephan	

SCHOLA CANTORUM

Lucie Edmonds	Nicholas Masterman	Cormac Rae
Sev Fahr **	Ryan Masterman	Conrad Silio
Kristen Johnson	Jack Northington	Emily Spadaro
Aaron Leyland	Lachlan Northington	Roxanna Wood
	CeCe Rae	

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Please join us for.....



Christmas at The Redeemer



December 24, Christmas Eve

One Service 10am Holy Eucharist, Advent IV

4pm Pageant

6pm Service of Light & Evening Prayer

10pm Festival Holy Eucharist

Music at 9:30 featuring Philadelphia Brass

December 25, Christmas Day

10am Holy Eucharist



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