



Lessons — and — Carols

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Ascension Chapel, Augustana College

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*This service ends in silence without applause.
Please enjoy this quiet service of contemplation.*

Prelude

Augustana Handbell Choir, directed by Benjamin Holmes

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Arr. Joel Raney

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Arr. Lloyd Larson

Processional Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

The congregation is invited to stand and sing.

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

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
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 did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of the nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid every strife and quarrel cease
and fill the world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
that trust Thy mighty power to save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, Thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
that we no more have cause to sigh. *Refrain*

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by Thy drawing night;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

Bidding Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Spoken together

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Each lesson ends:

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: *O Radiant Dawn*

James MacMillan (b.1959)

O radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light
Sun of Justice, come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone!"

Second Lesson: Micah 5:2-4

*Carol: O mi Belen! / El desembre congelat from
Christmas in the Southwest*

Traditional Biscayan / Catalanian carols, arr. Conrad Susa
(1935-2013)

O Bethlehem! Blest is the hour the Savior comes to you,
Light from your city shines so bright,
Burns like a beacon, guiding us safely,
Straight on our way, in dark and daylight, O Bethlehem!

On December's frozen ground fear and doubt denying
April wears a floral crown all the world admiring,
From a garden filled with love springs a blossom from above
With a flower so lovely comes the blessed hour.

God the Father made the night all in darkness shrouding.
Hiding from all human sight worry, fear, and doubting.
Shining through a midnight clear, brightest light of all the year,
With a light outpouring heaven stands adoring.

Blooming at our humble feet winter's chill defying,
Springs a lily pale and sweet, fragrant and inspiring.
All the world can feel its power, shining in our darkest hour,
All the sweetest fragrance bless us with your radiance.

Congregational Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem
Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

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.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His 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 Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Please be seated.

Third Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Carol: O viridissima virga
Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

O greenest Branch, hail, which in blowing wind sprang forth from the
prayers of the saints,
Proceeding such that when the time came, you bloomed in your branch.
Hail, hail to you, in whom the heat of the Sun has infused with the
fragrant balsam.
Thus in you flourished the beautiful flower,
Which to parched perfumes, who withered were, gave all their aromas,
And thus appeared everything in greenness, lush and full.
The heavens spread dew over the grass, and all the earth was made
glad,
Because her womb brought forth fruit for us,
and all the birds of the heavens built their nests in her.
Thus a harvest was made for humanity, and joy was great among the
banqueters.
And therefore, O mild Virgin, in you there is no deficit of joy
All of this Eve disdained, but now, praise be to the Highest.

Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Carol: I wonder as I wander (traditional Appalachian carol)

Arr. Leonard Enns (b. 1948)

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

When Mary birthed Jesus all in a cow's stall, with wise men, and farmers, and shepherds, and all.
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall; 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 heav'n for to sing, He surely could have had it, for He was the King.

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:39-55

Carol: In dulci júbilo

Traditional Latin/German

Trans. Reginald Jacques, arr. Robert L. Pearsall (1795-1856)

In dulci júbilo let us our homage show;	[in sweet rejoicing]
Our heart's joy reclineth in praesepio	[in the stall]
And like a bright star shineth Matris in gremio.	[on the Mother's lap]
Alpha es et O!	[You are Alpha and O(mega)]

O Jesu parvule! I yearn for thee alway!	[O little Jesus]
Hear me, I beseech Thee, O Puer optime!	[O best boy]
My prayer let it reach Thee, O Princeps gloriae!	[O Prince of Glory]
Trahe me post te!	[...drag me after you]

O Patris caritas! O Nati lenitas!	[O love of the Father, O gentleness of the Son]
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Deep were we stained per nostra crimina;	[through our crimes]
But Thou hast for us gained coelorum gaudia,	[the joys of heaven]
O that we were there!	

Ubi sunt gaudia, where, if they be not there?	[where are the glories]
There are angels singing nova cantica	[a new song]
There the bells are ringing in regis curia	[in the King's court]
O that we were there!	

Congregational hymn: Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

Love Divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
May Thy presence e'er be with us, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thou wouldst approve,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory till with Thee we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.
Please be seated.

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Carol: Rocking (Traditional Czech)

Trans. Percy Dearmer, arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir, we will lend a coat of fur
See the fur to keep you warm, snugly 'round your little form.

Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep, sleep in comfort, slumber deep;
We will serve you all we can, darling, darling little man.

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

Carol: *The Huron Carol*

Canadian First Nations carol, trans. J. Edgar Middleton, arr. Allan Bevan (b.1951)

'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 wondering hunters heard the hymn:
Jesus, your king 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 nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:
Jesus your King is born, in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,
The holy Child of earth and heav'n is born this day for you,
Come kneel before the radiant Boy who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
Jesus your King is born, in excelsis gloria.

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 12:1-12

Carol: *The Zither Carol*

Czech folk tune, text and arr. Malcolm Sargent (1895-1967)

Girls and boys, leave your toys, make no noise, kneel at His crib and
worship Him,
At Thy shrine, Child Divine, we are thine, our Savior's here.
'Hallelujah' the church bells ring
'Hallelujah' the angels sing
'Hallelujah' from everything, all must draw near.

On that day, far away Jesus lay, angels were watching round His head
Holy Child, Mother mild, undefiled, we sing thy praise.
'Hallelujah'... Our hearts we raise.

Shepherds came at the fame of Thy name, angels their guide to Bethlehem.
In that place, saw Thy face filled with grace, stood at Thy door.
'Hallelujah'... Love evermore.

Wisemen too haste to do homage new: gold, myrrh and frankincense
they bring.
As 'twas said, starlight led to Thy bed, bending their knee.
'Hallelujah'... Worshiping Thee.

Oh that we all might be good as He, spotless with God in unity,
Savior dear, ever near with us here since life began.
'Hallelujah'... Godhead made man.

Cherubim, seraphim, worship Him; sun, moon and stars proclaim His power.
Every day on our way we shall say, 'Hallelujah.'
'Hallelujah'... Hallelujah!

Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14

Carol: *Thou Shalt Know Him*

Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by any din of drums
Nor His manners, nor His airs, nor by anything He wears.
Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by His crown or by His gown,
But His coming known shall be by the holy harmony
Which His coming makes in thee. Amen.

Congregational Hymn: *Silent Night*

Text: Joseph Mohr

Music: Franz Gruber

Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

*Candles are lit during the singing. Please light candles by tipping the unlit
candle toward the flame.*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child; holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

(interludes by Augustana Handbell Choir)

Silent night, holy night; shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night; Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

The Blessing

Candles are extinguished at the service end.

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AUGUSTANA CHAMBER SINGERS

Michelle Crouch, *conductor*

Sheila Doak, *accompanist*

Soprano

Maggie Meyers

Anna Winn

Hannah Wyrick

Alto

Emily Churak

Olivia Jones

Joey Loven

Tenor

Jon Hansen

Ryan Jones

Aiden Koehne

Bass

Cody Cusac

Luke Exner

Xander Thomson

ASCENSION RINGERS

Benjamin Holmes, *conductor*

Maranda Bargren

Lillian Cobert

Antonio Gassman

Abby Gentry

Kaitlyn Glusick

Anandi Hoogheem

Olivia Jones

Terrance Jones

Joey Loven

Maggie Meyers

Alice Pellemoine

Lillian Slater

Michael Steinbecker

Sidney Underwood

Megan Yarusso

INTERCESSOR

Pastor Melinda Pupillo

Chaplain of the College

READERS**3 p.m. Service**

Erik Bergren '25

Ian Bischoff '25

Zach Blair '25

Kailynn Catalani '26

Courtney McRoberts '24

Emily Medford '25

Chloe Rittenhouse '26

5 p.m. Service

Leslie Bandera '24

Erik Bergren '25

Ian Bischoff '25

Zach Blair '25

Kailynn Catalani '26

USHERS**3 p.m. Service**

Jules Bendfeldt '24

Nicole Grafon '25

Olivia Schroeder '26

Abbey Soper '26

5 p.m. Service

Jules Bendfeldt '24

Nicole Grafon '25

Olivia Schroeder '26

