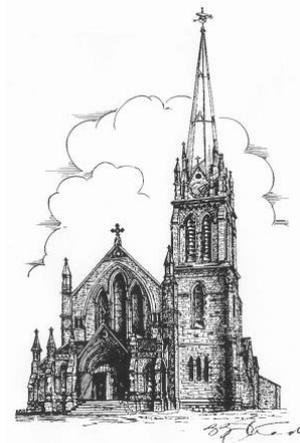


A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 22nd, 2018

7:00 pm

Community Carol Service



Welcome!

*All free-will offering contributions will be
donated to the Dads & Tots Program.
Offering plates available at the doors*

Preludes *‘Rhapsodie sur des Noels’* -Eugene Gigout
 ‘Weinacten’ -Max Reger

Introit *‘Vesper Responsory’* -Trad./Palestrina

Processional Carol ***‘Once in Royal David’s City’***

Solo: Once in royal David’s city
 Stood in 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.

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 Saviour Holy.

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.

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.

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.

Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Leader:

*The Rev. Steven Scribner
Priest in Charge, Trinity Church*

Carol 'O Come All Ye Faithful'

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore him...

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God
In the highest;

O come, let us adore him...

See how the Shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:

O come, let us adore him...

Reader: Deputy Mayor, Ms. Shirley McAlary
City of Saint John

Choir ‘Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree’ - Tallis Canon

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18
page 18 (OT) blue pew Bible

Reader: Rev. Jasmine Chandra
Central Saint John Ministry

Choir ‘What Sweeter Music’ - arr. Vaughan Williams

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7
- page 638 (OT) blue pew Bible

Reader: Rev. John Paul Westin
Priest in Charge, Stone Church

Choir ‘Pavane for a Silent Night’ - M. Ravel

Fourth Lesson Micah 5:2-4
- page 865 (OT) blue pew Bible

Reader: Bart Claus
Church of St. Andrew & St. David

Carol ‘O Little Town of Bethlehem’

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 street 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 wondering love.
O Morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given
As love imparts to human hearts
the blessings of God's heaven!
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.

Fifth Lesson

St. Luke 1:26-38
page 56 (NT) blue pew Bible

Reader:

The Reverend Canon Gregory McMullin

Choir ‘Gabriel’s Voice’

-L. Higginson

Sixth Lesson

St. Matthew 1:18-23
- page 1 (NT) blue pew Bible

Reader:

The Honorable Wayne Long
Member of Parliament, Saint John-Rothesay

Carol ‘Silent Night’

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. (repeat)

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born! (repeat)

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. (repeat)
Amen.

Choir ‘Tell Me, Tell Me!’

-‘Spiritual’/Albrecht & Althouse

Seventh Lesson

St. Luke 2:8-16
- page 58 (NT) blue pew Bible

Reader:

The Reverend Thomas Graham
Retired Lutheran Pastor

Carol *'Angels We Have Heard on High'*

Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear? **R**

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **R**

See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love. **R**

Ladies Choir *'Winds Through the Olive Trees'* -R.C. Bayley

Eighth Lesson

St. Matthew 2:1-11
- page 2 (NT) blue pew Bible

Reader:

*Most Reverend Robert Harris
Bishop of Saint John*

Choir *'A Christmas Lullaby'*

-D. Moore

Ninth Lesson

St. John 1:1-14 (All Stand)
- page 91 (NT) blue pew Bible

Reader:

*The Rt. Rev'd David Edwards
Bishop of Fredericton*

Carol ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled,
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

***Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

***Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and Life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

***Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

Closing Prayers & Collect - *Rev. Steven Scribner*

Choir ‘*Gesu Bambino*’ -P.A. Yon/Schweitzer

The Blessing - *The Rt. Rev’d David Edwards
Bishop of Fredericton*

(The congregation may sit or kneel to pray)

Bishop: *The Lord be with you.*
People: *And also with you.*
Bishop: *Let us pray.*

Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be on you and remain with you always. Amen

Carol ‘Joy to the World’

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing. (x 3)

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy. (x 3)

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found. (x 3)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love. (x 3)

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo – J.S. Bach

Music Directors: *Spencer H. Belyea – Trinity Church*
 Kevin Langford – St. Luke’s Church
 Stephen Alexander – St. Mary & St. Bartholomew’s Church

Chorus: The Saint John Deanery Choir

Organist & Rehearsal Accompanist – Michael Molloy

Vocal Soloists:

Cantor – Kevin Langford

Soprano – Mary Louise Belyea

Flute:

- Stephen Alexander

3rd Field Regiment Brass Quintet

Trumpet 1 - Bdr Jonathan White CD

Trumpet 2 - MBdr Joseph Lafreneiere

Horn - Bdr Marilyn Williams CD (Ret)

Trombone - Bdr Graham Kidd

Bass Trombone - Pte Hannah Wilson

***Thank you to our greeters and all those who
assisted with this evening's service, and
especially to our guest musicians and readers.***

Merry Christmas to All!