

WORSHIP AT  
**GRACE**  
CHURCH ON-THE-HILL  
FOUNDED IN 1874

**A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2022 – 7:30PM**



**PROCESSIONAL***ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY*

H.J. GAUNTLETT

**1. Soloist Luka Tonna**

*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.*

**2. Choir Only**

*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.*

**3. Choir and Congregation**

*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.*

**4. Choir and congregation**

*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.*

**GREETING****A BIDDING PRAYER****CHOIR***DROP DOWN YE HEAVENS FROM ABOVE*

JUDITH WEIR

*Drop down ye heavens from above,  
And let the skies pour down righteousness.  
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people;  
My salvation shall not tarry.  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions.  
Fear not, for I will save thee;  
For I am the Lord thy God,  
The holy one of Israel, thy redeemer.  
Drop down ye heavens from above,  
And let the skies pour down righteousness.*

**LESSON 1 – GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19**

READ BY: RACHEL WASHBURN

**Soloist: Gabriel Laxamana**

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see'  
Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

**LESSON 2 – GENESIS 22:15-18**

READ BY: MARK DELIMA

**HYMN (SUNG BY ALL) A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER PRAETORIUS**

*A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the Infant  
With virgin honour pure.*

***Refrain: Repeat the hymn again.***

***'To God on high be glory,  
And peace on earth to all!'***

*The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high!  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky. R*

*While thus they sing your monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice ye vales and mountains,  
Ye oceans clap your hands. R*

*And idol forms shall perish,  
And error shall decay,  
And Christ shall wield his sceptre,  
Our Lord and God for ay. R*

**LESSON 3 – ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7**

READ BY: NANCY KITCHEN

**CHOIR**      *NO SAD THOUGHT HIS SOUL AFFRIGHT*      R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

*No sad thought his soul affright,  
Sleep it is that maketh night,  
Let no murmur nor rude wind  
To his slumber prove unkind:  
But a quire of angels make  
His dreams of heav'n and let him wake  
To as many joys as can  
In this world befall a man.*

*Promise fills the sky with light,  
Stars and angels dance in flight;  
Joy of heav'n shall now unbind  
Chains of evil from mankind,  
Love and joy their power shall break,  
And for a newborn prince's sake;  
Never since the world began  
Such a light such dark did span.*

**LESSON 4 – Isaiah 11:1–3; 4; 6–9**

READ BY: KATIE BRYSKI

**CHOIR**      *JESU, THOU THE VIRGIN BORN*      HOLST

*Jesu of a maiden Thou wast born,  
To save mankind that was forlorn,  
All for our sins.  
Jesu fili virgine, misere nobis.*

*Then for us He shed his blood,  
And also died He on the rood,  
All for our sins.  
Jesu fili virgine, misere nobis.*

*Within a cradle He was laid;  
Both ox and ass with Him played  
With joy and bliss.  
Jesu fili virgine misere nobis*

*And then to hell He took the way,  
To ransom them that there did lay,  
With joy and bliss.  
Jesu fili virgine, misere nobis.*

**HYMN**      *LO HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING*      HELMSLEY

*Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured 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;  
all 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.*

*Now redemption, long expected,  
see in solemn pomp appear;  
all his saints, on earth rejected,  
thrill the triumph sound to hear:  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear!*

*Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come  
quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!*

## LESSON 5 – LUKE 1:26-35, 38

READ BY: JAMIE HIGGINS

**CHOIR**      *MARIA DURCH EIN DORWALD GING*

ARR. STEFAN CLAAS

*Mary walked through a wood of thorn:  
Kyrie eleison.*

*Mary walked through a wood of thorn,  
Which seven long years no leaf had borne;  
Jesus and Mary.*

*What bore Mary beneath her heart?  
Kyrie eleison.*

*A little child without any smart  
Mary bore beneath her heart,  
Jesus and Mary.*

*Then roses sprang from out the thorn;  
Kyrie eleison.  
As the Christ child through the wood was born,  
Roses sprang from out the thorn;  
Jesus and Mary*

## LESSON 6 – LUKE 2:1, 3-7

READ BY: PAM BAILLIE

**CHOIR**      *AWAY IN A MANGER*

ARR. WILLCOCKS

*Away in a manger,  
No crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing,  
The Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus;  
Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side  
Until morning is nigh.*

**Soloist: Lucas Thomas**

*Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever,  
And love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven  
To live with Thee there.*

**Soloists: Rachel Washburn, Cora  
Conacher, Caylin Thomas**

## LESSON 7 – LUKE 2:8-16

READ BY: TOM FITCHES

### HYMN

*SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW*

GOSS, ARR. WILLCOCKS

#### **SOLO: Gabriel Laxamana**

*See amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See, the gentle Lamb appears,  
Promis'd from eternal years.*

**R.** Hail, thou ever blessed morn;  
Hail redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

**ALL:** *Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim. R.*

**Choir:** *Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
What your joyful news today.*

*Wherefore have ye left your sheep,  
On the lonely mountain steep? R.*

**Choir:** *As we watch'd at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels singing "Peace on earth"  
Told us of the Saviour's birth. R*

**ALL:** *Sacred infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this. R.*

**All:** *Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,  
By thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble thee,  
In thy sweet humility. R.*

## Lesson 8 – Matthew 2:1-11

Read By: SARAH HICKS

### **CHOIR** *THREE KINGS FROM PERSIAN LANDS AFAR* ARR. PETER CORNELIUS

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travellers three,  
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*How brightly shines the morning star!  
With grace and truth from heaven afar  
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Of Jacob's stem and David's line,  
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,  
My soul with love o'erfloweth.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The Kings are travelling, travel with  
them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King.*

*Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us,  
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*  
**Soloist: Lawrence Shirkie**

**Soloists: Luka Tonna, Lucas****Thomas, Sara Thomas***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***ALL:** *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 dawn of redeeming grace,**Jesus Lord, at Thy birth**Jesus Lord, at Thy birth***Lesson 9 – John 1:1-14  
(ALL STAND)**

READ BY: THE REV. MICAH LATIMER-DENNIS

**CHOIR****O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM****LAURIDSON***O magnum mysterium**Et admirabile sacramentum**Ut animalia viderent Dominum  
natum**Jacentem in praesepio!**Beata Virgo, cujus viscera**Meruerunt portare**Dominum Christum**Alleluia**O great mystery,**and wonderful sacrament,**that animals should see the newborn  
Lord,**lying in a manger!**Blessed is the virgin whose womb**was worthy to bear**the Lord, Jesus Christ.**Alleluia!***OFFERING HYMN****O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL****ADESTE FIDELES***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;***R.** *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: R.**See how the shepherds,**Summoned to his cradle,**leaving their flocks, Draw nigh with  
lowly fear;**We too will thither bend our joyful  
footsteps: R.**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in  
exultation,**sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest: R.**Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this  
happy morning,**Jesu to thee be glory giv'n:**Word of the Father,**Now in flesh appearing: R.*

## CLOSING PRAYERS

### THE GRACE

#### CLOSING HYMN

THE FIRST NOWELL

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*The first nowell, the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
as they lay,  
in fields where 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 lookèd 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.  
℟.*

*And by the light of that same star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.  
℟.*

*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.  
℟.*

### DISMISSAL

#### POSTLUDE

NOËL EN GRAND CHOEUR

BEAUVARLET-CHARPENTIER  
ORGANIST: THOMAS FITCHES

*Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be  
changed. In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.*

—1 Corinthians 15: 51-52