

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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ADVENT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

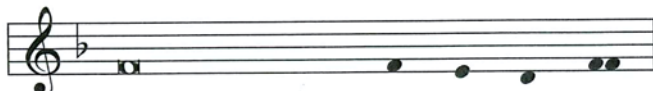
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AS WE GATHER

In 1934, sixteen years after he had introduced to King's College, Cambridge, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve, the Dean, Eric Milner-White, composed a further service—a Procession with Carols upon Advent Sunday. His desire for more imaginative forms of worship appears in the preface he wrote to that service: In the old English liturgies, the Advent Offices made a preparation for the coming of our Lord to this earth far more vivid and eager than those of our present prayer book. So an Advent carol service, if without precedent, is not without suitability, if it helps to express “the desire of all nations and ages.” The purpose of the service was not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it.

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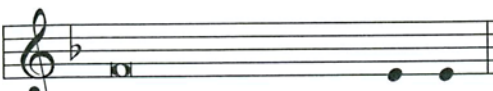
M Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



M Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning,



C and the day is almost o - ver.

M Be our light and scat-ter the dark-ness,

C and hear our evening hymn of praise.

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of

Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through

blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
 Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

Exhortation and Prayer

Pastor: Dear People of God...

People: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Almighty God bless us with His grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

People: Amen.

The First Lesson— Genesis 2:4-9;15-25 The Lord Creates Adam and Eve

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: “The Tree of Life My Soul Has Seen”

**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.**

**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. *(tune CW 597)***

The Second Lesson— Jeremiah 31:31-34 God promises a new covenant to be written in the hearts of His people.

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW 6 “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

The Third Lesson—Isaiah 64:1-9 God is called upon to come among us and deliver us from our iniquities.

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW 22 “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

The Fourth Lesson— Isaiah 7:10-15 The Lord promises that a Son will be conceived and His name will be Emmanuel.

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol : CW 23 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

The Fifth Lesson— Zephaniah 3:14-18 The Lord takes away the punishment against His people.

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: “The Tallis Canon”—*played by New Life’s Tone Chime Choir*

The Sixth Lesson—Isaiah 65:17-25 God will create a new heavens and a new earth.

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Carol: “Oh Lord of Light Who Made the Stars”

**Oh Lord of light, who made the stars, O Dawn by whom we see the way,
O Christ, Redeemer of the world: Come now and listen as we pray.**

**In lowliness You came to earth To rescue us from Satan’s snares,
O wondrous Love that healed our wounds By taking on our mortal cares.**

**To pay the debt we owed for sin, Your painful cross was made the price;
From blessed Mary’s womb You came, A victim pure for sacrifice.**

**But now You reign, the King of kings, Adored in highest majesty:
Your very name is held in awe From pole to pole and sea to sea.**

**Great Judge of all, on earth’s last day Have pity on Your children’s plight.
Rise up to shield us with Your grace; Deliver us from Satan’s might.**

**To God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One.
Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. (*tune CW 5*)**

The Seventh Lesson— Zechariah 9:9-12 The King comes, gentle and riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Carol: CW 17 “God’s Own Son Most Holy”

The Eighth Lesson—Luke 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel announces that Jesus will be conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW 24 “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

The Ninth Lesson—Matthew 1:18-25 The angel tells Joseph about the birth of his Savior, and his role in God’s plan of salvation.

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW 76 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

Offering

Offertory

Announcements and Advent Greeting

Greet one another with the Advent greeting, “The peace of Christ be with you this Advent Season!” or another appropriate expression of peace.

Pastor: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of Your Son our Lord; that, when He shall appear, He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, be not dismayed;

People: Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.

Pastor: Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.

People: Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.

Pastor: We wait for Your loving-kindness, O Lord.

People: In the midst of Your temple.

Pastor: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: May Christ, who by His incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Dismissal

Pastor: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.