



A FESTIVAL OF
*Lessons &
Carols*

Friday, December 3, 2021

4:00 p.m and 7:00 p.m.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

Elmhurst  150

An Invitation to Tonight's Service

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a bridge between the season of Advent and Christmastide. The form being used tonight has been used on Christmas Eve at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England, which was based on a format prescribed by Archbishop Benson for use at Truro Cathedral. The first service was held on Christmas Eve 1880.

As the service begins, the Prayers of the People are sought for those in need, including our University community of Elmhurst, our nation and the world. This season of Advent and Christmastide invites all to hear the accounts of God's redemptive acts that will unfold in the lessons read tonight, and we are all invited to understand our own lives in light of this night. These lessons begin with the account of God's confrontation with evil, represented by the serpent in the narrative of the Garden of Eden, and continue with the prophecies of the Messiah, who will bruise the serpent's head and conclude with the fulfillment of these prophecies as recorded in the Gospels. The lessons with hymns and carols enhance the message of God's saving love to reconcile humanity, and heal all of creation.

The center of this service is still found for those who hold "heart and mind" together, recognizing the brokenness in society. The light of candles shines in the darkness, and God's light continues to call all to the hope of salvation and reconciliation. The psalmist's words remind us of this night: "In Thy light, we see light," inviting Elmhurst and all to join as co-creators with almighty God. Our invitation to you tonight is to be captured by the majestic mysteries of God; mysteries of life eternal and life as experienced daily. For this season of light invites us into the depths of joy and awe.

Tonight reflects all the wonder, mystery and power that God gives to all of humanity. Text from William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, captures this best:

*O wonderful, wonderful, and most wonderful wonderful,
and yet again wonderful, and after that, out of all whooping!*

Wonder leads to joy and hope, giving perspective to our lives that may be filled with purpose and meaning.

May this night be a blessing to you, bringing yet more light into a hurting world. And may your light shine so brightly that others might find their own light, and in that illumination they too might be transformed by the renewal of their minds and hearts. That our souls might find our rest in thee, Eternal God.

Amen

Now enter tonight with God's rich blessing and abiding peace.

To protect the health of our community, campus visitors will be required to wear a mask during all indoor events, regardless of vaccination status.

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OF CHRISTMASTIDE

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Prelude

Trumpet: Colin Curatolo
Trumpet: Tim Gorman
Trumpet: Sebastian Martinez
Horn: Alyssa Ladewski
Trombone: Matt Garcia
Trombone: Kyle Kotula
Trombone: Drew Bryant
Tuba: Megan Corkey
Percussion: Zach Stephenson

Words of Welcome and Joys of this Evening

The Rev. H. Scott Matheny
Chaplain

On the Occasion of the 150th Anniversary

Troy D. VanAken
President

The Call to Gather

Procession

Long Is Our Winter

Anonymous

Combined Choirs

Soloist:

4:00 p.m. — Jessie Goodreid
7:00 p.m. — Gizel Issa

Processing the Cross

4:00 p.m. — Maverick Samuel
7:00 p.m. — Nathan Otlewski

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

The Prophecy/Hope Candle

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

“And again, Isaiah says, ‘The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.’ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:12–13

4:00 p.m. — Lauren Mack

7:00 p.m. — Elita Spadlowski

The Bidding Prayer

4:00 p.m. — Emily Leonard

7:00 p.m. — Shawndell Young

***All who are able, please stand.**

Carol for the Congregation

Once in Royal David's City

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848 alt.

Once in Royal David's City stood 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 Savior holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood, He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven, sit at God's right hand on high:
Where like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.

THE FIRST LESSON: FALL

Genesis 3:8–15

4:00 p.m. — Grace Wadsworth

7:00 p.m. — Lorraine Schuler

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

THE SECOND LESSON: ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 22:15–18

4:00 p.m. — Evan Caverly

7:00 p.m. — Rebekah Small

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The Bethlehem/Preparation Candle

God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to get ready. Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God!

As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’”

Luke 3:4–6

4:00 p.m. — Rachael Dickenson

7:00 p.m. — Esther Brown

THE THIRD LESSON: FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Isaiah 9:2–6

4:00 p.m. — Dr. Timothy Ricordati

7:00 p.m. — Kallie Hill

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

Carol

Sussex Carol

Traditional English Carol

arr. Dan Forrest

Sopranos & Altos of Collegiate Choir

Trumpet: Colin Curatolo, Tim Gorman

Horn: Alyssa Ladewski

Trombone: Matt Garcia

Tuba: Megan Corkey

Percussion: Zach Stephenson

Piano: Stephen Uhl

THE FOURTH LESSON: A SHOOT FROM JESSE

Isaiah 11:1–9

4:00 p.m. — Stephanie Cipolla

7:00 p.m. — Alexa Williams

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

Carol

There is No Rose

Z. Randall Stroope

Chamber Chorale

Oboe: Victoria Zibell

***All who are able, please stand.**

Carol for the Congregation

With Joy Draw Water

Anne McKinstry, 1986, 1993

With joy draw water from the spring; salvation's living well.

The Holy One is in your midst; glad praises sing and tell!

A shoot has sprung from Jesse's tree; of God the Chosen One;

A branch of knowledge and of truth; a gift of love has come!

With love the poor will be received; the proud will turn aside;

And faithfulness will be a path, and righteousness the guide!

The wolf shall lie down with the lamb; the calf and lion play.

God's peace shall dwell within the land; a child shall show the way!

THE FIFTH LESSON: GABRIEL

Luke 1:26–38

4:00 p.m. — Marc Molina

7:00 p.m. — Andrew Knap

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

Carol

Bogoróditse Děvo, ráduisya

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Concert Choir

*Rejoice, virgin mother of God,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Savior of our souls.*

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

The Shepherd/Joy Candle

The angels sang a message of joy!

“...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’”

Luke 2:7–15

4:00 p.m. — Sarah Stephens

7:00 p.m. — Riley Wieringa

THE SIXTH LESSON: BIRTH OF THE CHILD

Luke 2:1–7

4:00 p.m. — Jared Boekenhauer

7:00 p.m. — Ben Bollinger

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

Carol

Mary, Did You Know?

Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene
arr. Jack Schrader

Chamber Chorale

Flute: Maddy Soldan
Oboe: Victoria Zibell
Clarinet: Leo Rodriguez
Violin: Alexander Ross
Viola: Kylin Adap
Cello: Sabina Fijor

THE SEVENTH LESSON: SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

Luke 2:8–20

4:00 p.m. — Samantha Welko
7:00 p.m. — Dr. Dean Pribbenow

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

Carol

Convidando está la noche

Juan García de Zéspedes
arr. Eugene Rogers

Tenors and Bases of Collegiate Choir

Tenor: Daniel Cruz
Baritone: Adrian Trujillo
Guitar: Michan O'Brien
Percussion: Stephen Uhl

*The night is an invitation
Here for various bands,
To the new-born baby
Let us sing tender songs of praise,*

*Ah, how I burn divine Master!
In the beauty of your little eyes!
Ah, how a hundred bright stars pour down
Rays of glory! Rays of fire!*

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

The Angel/Love Candle

The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:16–17

4:00 p.m. — Tala Yacoub

7:00 p.m. — Diana Marin

THE EIGHTH LESSON: MAGI

Matthew 2:1–11

4:00 p.m. — Eaden Hvarre

7:00 p.m. — Raven Rhone

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

Carol

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

16th-cent. French Carol
arr. Mack Wilberg

Collegiate Choir & Concert Choir

Organ: Stephen Uhl

***All who are able, please stand.**

Carol for the Congregation

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1739 alt.

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn 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.
Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th' incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Refrain

Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Ris'n with healing in His wings, light and life to all He brings,
Hail, the Son of Righteousness! Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Refrain

***All who are able, please remain standing.**

THE NINTH LESSON: WORD MADE FLESH

John 1:1-14

4:00 p.m. — Dr. Annette M. VanAken

7:00 p.m. — President Troy D. VanAken

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

***Please be seated.**

Carol

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Julian Wachner

Combined Choirs

Harp: Jaina Carpenter

Trumpet I: Colin Curatolo

Trumpet II: Tim Gorman

Trumpet III: Sebastian Martinez

Horn: Alyssa Ladewski

Trombone I: Matt Garcia

Trombone II: Kyle Kotula

Bass Trombone: Drew Bryant

Tuba: Megan Corkey

Percussion: Zachary Stephenson, Grace Heisen, Morgan Martin

Organ: Stephen Uhl

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christ Candle

The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth!

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!’”

John 1:29

4:00 p.m. — Mikayla Hummons

7:00 p.m. — Hannah Schwarz

***All who are able, please stand.**

Carol for the Congregation

Please tilt your candle to receive the light, then **hold your lighted candle upright** to give light as we sing “Silent Night.” Continue standing until the completion of “O Holy Night.”

Silent Night

Franz Gruber

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.

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, Child of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from your holy face, bring the dawn of redeeming grace;
Jesus Christ at your birth, Jesus Christ at your birth.

***Please remain standing.**

The Blessing

Chaplain Matheney

Carol

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Combined Choirs

Soloists:

4:00 p.m. — Evan Caverly and Michael Lyskawka

7:00 p.m. — Alexa Williams and Diana Perez

Benediction

Chaplain: *Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

Recessional

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

13th Century Plainsong

Combined Choirs

***Please extinguish your candles after the choirs have recessed.**

Postlude

As this season of holy Advent waiting leads to the joy of Christmas, we at Elmhurst University give thanks for your presence here tonight at our annual service.

With ringing voices, sacred text, gracious music and blessed light, we join you in acknowledging all the many blessings that have been so richly bestowed. We look to the future with hope and excitement as the power of this night continues to point all of humanity forward in holy expectancy.

On behalf of President Troy D. VanAken and Dr. Annette M. VanAken, Chaplain Matheney, and the entire Elmhurst University community, we wish you a blessed season of light and holy joy, founded in this time of Advent waiting, and bringing us to the joy of Christmas. With blessings of peace and grace, we remain faithfully yours.

Elmhurst University All Alumni Gathering

Alumni attending this program are welcome to gather after the 7:00 p.m. service for refreshments and conversation in Founders Lounge. This event is open solely to alumni and is sponsored by the Elmhurst University Alumni Board.

Donations Accepted

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is free, but donations to support some of our other student-led service activities would be most appreciated. In the lobby, we are collecting donations for Elmhurst University's Relay for Life and Habitat for Humanity efforts. Please consider giving to these great causes. Thank you!

Collegiate Choir

Soprano I

Jeri-Ann Day
Sarah Gross
Amelia McNeil-Maddox
Julia Padilla
Ashley Silerio
Clare Songco

Soprano II

Carly Bieda
Rebecca Flores
Annabel Punzel
Jessica Sanderson
Isabelle Suarez
Marieli Urquiza

Alto I

Grace Anderson
Miranda Barrett
Hannah Ceaser
Cassadie Comiskey
Suleika Cortes Amial
Lola Frost
Carrie Ostergard
Joi Reed
Alyssa Syregelas

Alto II

Fatima Dabbah
Zhanner Davis
Erin Keeny
Tori Kornatowski
Paige Nowak
Paulina Walczak

Tenor

Daniel Cruz
Michael Lyskawka
Ben Robins
Joseph Sarabia
Nick Schmitt
Matt Smith
Josiah Varghese

Bass

Dylan Catapat
Ivan Felty
Alfred Sawyer
Adrian Trujillo

Chamber Chorale

Soprano I

Rebeca Flores
Jessie Goodreid
Jill Kammerer
Annabel Punzel
Claudia Schmidt

Soprano II

Carly Bieda
Kateleenn Faedtke
Lola Frost
Sarah Gross
Sharon McAllister
Julia Padilla
Isabelle Suarez

Alto I

Jaden Frantzen
Molly Glover
Maisie Steele
Paulina Walczak

Alto II

Tiyeen Brown-Tribble
Erin Chorazyczewski
Cassadie Comiskey
Annie Moore
Paige Nowak

Elmhurst University Concert Choir

Soprano I

Joanna Angumei
Stephanie Cipolla
Jeri-Ann Day
Kateleenn Faedtke
Gizel Issa

Soprano II

Hannah Ceaser
Jessie Goodreid
Tori Kornatowski
Abby Schaub
Melaney Walker

Alto I

Amber Bretana
Gabrielle Juskey
Khadijah Leverette
Diana Perez
Maisie Steele
Alexa Williams

Alto II

Erin Chorazyczewski
Emma Germann
Breanna Latelle
Valencia Smith
Clare Songco

Tenor I

Evan Caverly
Ethan Jankowski
Tristan Ramos
Joseph Sarabia

Tenor II

Dylan Catapat
Daniel Cruz
Alex Hansen
Zander Romano

Bass I

Noah Christiansen
Michael Lyskawka
Matthew Ossmann
Ben Robins
Alfred Sawyer
Matt Smith

Bass II

Kenny Cook
Michan O'Brien
Alexander Ross
Adrian Trujillo
Jason Yost

Musicians

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Organist

Sarah J. Catt

Director of Choral Activities

Donna Peterson Tallman

Director of Chamber Chorale

Stephen Uhl

Collaborative Pianist

Dr. James Hile

Director of Bands

Taka Matsunaga

Director of Orchestras

Head Ushers

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Intercollegiate Athletics

Vaishnavi Gandhi

Student Leader

Special Thanks

The Late Marilyn Graber

For her gift of trees and wreaths
to the Chapel and the Founders
Lounge Nativity Scene

Spiritual Life Council

For the hanging of the greens and
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St. Peter's United Church of Christ

For the gifts of bibles, hymnals and
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Marissa Iles and Mica Matney

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ELMHURST UNIVERSITY CORE VALUES

The values of Elmhurst University are the foundation to understanding who we are, what we stand for and how we carry out our mission.

Intellectual Excellence

We promote intellectual freedom, curiosity and engagement; critical and creative inquiry; rigorous debate; innovative thinking and integrity in all endeavors. We ignite a passion for learning.

Professional Preparation

We integrate professional preparation with a rigorous liberal arts foundation that prepares students for a successful, meaningful and fulfilling life.

Community

We build a welcoming community that values and embraces diversity and inclusion. We achieve this through mutual respect, compassion for others, honest and open communication, and fairness and integrity in all that we do.

Social Responsibility

We respect the dignity of every individual and promote responsible citizenship and civic engagement. We advocate for social justice on local, national and global levels. We act on our social responsibilities and empower others to do the same.

Stewardship

We are stewards of the human, fiscal and physical resources entrusted to us. We are accountable to one another for the quality of our community, the strength of our finances, and the utility and beauty of our campus as a place of intellectual engagement and personal growth. We pursue innovations that respect the environment and foster sustainability in the management of our resources.

Faith, Meaning and Purpose

We are grounded in our individual traditions and those of the United Church of Christ, and are committed to the development of the human spirit in its many forms through dialogue, inquiry and service.

Tonight's 7-o'clock service will be livestreamed, and can be viewed at bluejaytv.com.

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