

**TRINITY ON THE HILL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO**



**“And the light shineth in darkness” (John 1:5 KJV)**

**A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT**

**December 8, 2024  
Six O'clock in the Evening**

***We warmly welcome you to this evening's service.***

***Please silence your cell phones and pagers and maintain prayerful quiet before the service.***

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*The concept of this program finds its origins in the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols made famous by the Christmas Eve service at King's College, Cambridge. The service was conceived by F. W. Benson, the Bishop of Truro Cathedral, who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury. The service was used for the first time on Christmas Eve in 1880 and, as its popularity grew, it was formally adapted at King's College in 1918 by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of King's College. Since 1918, the service has been aired live by the BBC on Christmas Eve throughout the world. In 1934, sixteen years after the adaptation of the Nine Lessons and Carols, Eric Milner-White composed another order of service, a Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday. In the same format as the original Nine Lessons and Carols, the purpose of this service was to "not celebrate Christmas, but to expect it."*

*The popularity of the annual Advent Carol Service all over the world is a testament to the Christian yearning for the coming of Christ. As the people assemble in candlelight, a hushed expectancy is broken by the choir singing. The carols, hymns and readings reflect the yearning of the generations who waited for the birth of the Messiah and our own need for awakening into the spiritual life. They also provide an affirmation that Christ has come, is present in the world today, and will come again.*

***Please stay for a reception in Kelly Hall following the service.***

*Hymns for the service will be found in the blue Hymnal  
in your pew rack.*

**The Organ Prelude:** Prelude on PUER NOBIS

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**Choir Introit:** "In Night's Dim Shadows"

Robert Lehman

*In night's dim shadows lying,  
Our limbs fast locked in sleep,  
To thee, with faithful sighing,  
Our souls their vigil keep.*

*Lord, be thine advent hastened,  
Lest sin thy people mar;  
The gates which Adam fastened—  
The gates of heaven, unbar.*

*Desire of every nation,  
Hear, Lord, our piteous cry;  
Thou Word, the world's salvation,  
Uplift us where we lie.*

*Son, to thine endless merit,  
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend,  
With Sire and Holy Spirit  
Be praises without end.*

*Please stand for the Hymn*

**The Processional Hymn:** "Creator of the stars of night"

PUER NOBIS

The musical score is written for a choir and organ. It features a treble and bass clef for the vocal parts, and a grand staff (treble and bass clef) for the organ accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in One,  
 Cre a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to death a u - ni - verse  
 When this old world drew on toward night You came, but not in splen - dor bright  
 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day  
 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in One,  
 Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.  
 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.  
 You came, O Sav - ior, to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.  
 Not as a mon - arch, but the child Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.  
 All things on earth with one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n shall call you Lord.  
 De - fend us while we dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.  
Music: melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902; desc. Eliot Glaser

## **The Bidding**

The Reverend Mary Ann Hill, Rector

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience into the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Last, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven; in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

*Please stand or kneel*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## The First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15

Read by River Yamada

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Here ends the reading.

## Choir Anthem: "Adam Lay Ybounden"

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

*Adam lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden  
Written in their book.*

*Ne had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady  
Abeen heavené queen.  
Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen,  
"Deo gracias!"*

**The Second Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11**

Read by Rozelle Wright

*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the LORD GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand for the Hymn*

**Congregational Hymn:** "Comfort, comfort ye my people"**Hymnal 67**

*Please be seated*

**The Third Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9a**

Read by Patrick Moore

*God is called upon to act and to come among us.*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Here ends the reading.

*Please remain seated*

**Choir Anthem:** “This Is the Truth Sent From Above”

arr. James Kirkby

*This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God, the God of love:  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all, both rich and poor.*

*Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice  
To place them both in Paradise,  
There to remain, from evil free,  
Except they ate of such a tree*

*The first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create,  
The next thing which to you I'll tell,  
Woman was made with man to dwell.*

*But they did eat, which was a sin  
And thus their ruin did begin.  
Ruined themselves, both you and me,  
And all of their posterity.*

*Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose,  
And so a promise soon did run,  
That he would redeem us by his Son.*

**The Fourth Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Read by Damon Giovanielli

*God announces that a new covenant will be made with Israel.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand for the Hymn*

**Congregational Hymn:** “Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming”

**Hymnal 81**

*Please be seated*

**The Fifth Lesson: Baruch 4:36-5:9**

Read by Joanna Gillespie

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Here ends the reading.

**Choir Anthem: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"**

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

<i>The tree of life my soul hath seen,</i>	<i>For happiness I long have sought,</i>	<i>This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,</i>
<i>Laden with fruit and always green;</i>	<i>And pleasure dearly I have bought:</i>	<i>It keeps my dying faith alive;</i>
<i>The trees of nature fruitless be</i>	<i>I missed of all; but now I see</i>	<i>Which makes my soul in haste to be</i>
<i>Compared with Christ the apple tree.</i>	<i>'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.</i>	<i>With Jesus Christ the apple tree.</i>

<i>His beauty doth all things excel:</i>	<i>I'm weary with my former toil,</i>
<i>By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,</i>	<i>Here I will sit and rest a while:</i>
<i>The glory which I now can see</i>	<i>Under the shadow I will be,</i>
<i>In Jesus Christ the apple tree.</i>	<i>Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.</i>

**The Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-15**

Read by Petr Jandacek

*God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand for the Hymn*

**Congregational Hymn: "Savior of the nations, come!"**

**Hymnal 54** (descant, Joe Cox)

*Please be seated*



**The Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9**

Read by Nancy Coombs

*The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Here ends the reading.

**Choir Anthem: "A Shoot Shall Come Forth"**

Richard Horn

*A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse,  
And a bud shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit life shall be with him,  
The spirit of wisdom and truth.*

*He'll come from the end of his heaven,  
And the earth shall be torn from its place;  
Our lives shall be filled with his radiance  
As floodwaters cover the sea.*

**Refrain**

*From out of the wells of salvation  
Will he draw us the water of life;  
His waist shall be girdled with justice,  
The heart of his heart shall be Love.*

*Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard,  
And the lion eat straw with the ox,  
For the hand of a Child shall lead them  
To the peaceable kingdom of God.*

**The Eighth Lesson: Micah 5: 2-4**

Read by Ben Schilling

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand for the Hymn*

**Congregational Hymn: "O little town of Bethlehem"**

**Hymnal 78**

*Please be seated*

**The Ninth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38**

Read by Fr. Colin Kelly

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The LORD is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the LORD God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the LORD; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Here ends the reading.

**Choir Anthem: “The Angel Gabriel”**

arr. Malcolm Archer

*The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
‘All hail!’ said he, ‘thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favoured lady.’ Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
‘To me be as it pleaseth God’, she said,  
‘My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name’:  
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!*

*For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honour thee,  
Thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
Most highly favoured lady.’ Gloria!*

*Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say  
‘Most highly favoured lady.’ Gloria!*

**The Collect and Blessing**

*Please stand*

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

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending” Hymnal 57 (descant, L. Singleton)**

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

**Organ Postlude: “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”**

J.C. Pachelbel

*Following this service, the congregation is cordially invited to a reception in Kelly Hall.*

### **Clergy**

The Rev. Mary Ann Hill, Rector  
The Rev. Colin Kelly, Rector Emeritus

### **Acolytes**

Susan Sprake: Crucifer  
Cece Gulsby, River Yamada: Torch Bearers

### **Organist**

John Singleton

### **Chancel Choir Director**

Louisa Singleton

### **The Chancel Choir**

#### *Soprano*

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Karen Humphrey  
Kristina Montoya  
Robin Pekar  
Lisa Rothrock  
Andrea Schmidt  
Claire Singleton

#### *Alto*

Alison Bailey  
Ruth Cox  
Kandice Favorite  
Linda Light  
Marie Schmidt  
Isabella Stephens

#### *Tenor*

Judy Crocker  
Jason Rutledge  
Mark Staples  
Cathy Walters

#### *Bass*

Joe Cox  
Jeff Favorite  
Fr. Colin Kelly

Join us on **Christmas Eve** to celebrate the birth of the Savior:  
5:00 pm: Family Service with Pageant

10:00 pm: Carols for the Christ Child  
followed at 10:30 pm by  
Festival Choral Holy Communion with music for choir and organ

### **Christmas Day**

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist



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