

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL
Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846



**A Festival of
Nine Lessons and Carols**
7pm, Sunday 27th December 2020

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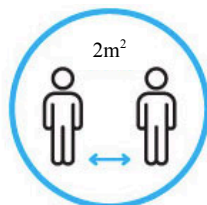
COVID-19 restrictions have eased, but clearly the virus has not yet been eradicated, and we must still remain vigilant. If you are not feeling confident about returning to worship, then please remain at home and join us online: FaceBook (www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill) or YouTube (www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill).

Please read carefully and observe all the requisite COVID-Safe guidelines below. If you have any questions, the sidesperson will be able to help you:

- *our density quotient at St Peter's allows for up to 110 people in the pews, and a total congregation (including choir, servers, children's church, overflow etc) of up to 174 people.*
- *If you have booked a pew, the sidespeople will tick off your name on arrival.*
- *If you have not booked, that's fine, you can scan the QR Code on your smart phone, or just give your first name and phone number to the sidespeople.*
- ***Masks are now optional in church. It is obligatory, however, to wear a mask for congregational singing if you wish to join in.***
- *The new 2sqm spatial distancing essentially means keeping an elbow's distance from others at all times (other than partners and immediate family members, of course).*
- *Please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter or leave church.*
- ***If you are feeling unwell, especially with COVID-19-type symptoms, you must not be at church; please go home and get tested immediately.***
- *Do not to shake hands, hug, or kiss others beyond your immediate family.*
- *All service booklets are single-use only, so please take yours home.*

Please note: we have a busy program of worship and social service at St Peter's Eastern Hill, seven days a week, but the church and hall are cleaned and sanitised daily, under WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of our buildings and furnishings.

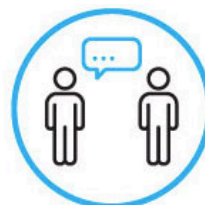
We have a COVID-Safe Plan and are committed to keeping you safe



Physical Distancing



Sanitising and washing hands



Please be kind and care for one another in these stressful times of change



About Tonight's Liturgy

The carols sung at tonight's Festival of Lessons and Carols, and throughout the subsequent liturgical seasons of Christmas and Epiphany, have deep roots in the tradition of Christian worship. The origin of carol singing, however, is pagan and the word derives from "*koros*" a circle of dancers and singers that complemented the dialogue of the Attic drama of ancient Greece. It was only by the grudging consent of the medieval Catholic Church that Christian carols took root in Europe, but by the beginning of the fifteenth century carol singing had become an integral element of seasonal worship. The seventeenth-century Puritan regime of Oliver Cromwell went on to ban carols, and even the celebration of Christmas itself, but they were preserved and augmented in the New World, and eventually restored as a beloved tradition in Britain.

While the terms "carol" and "hymn" may occasionally overlap, the two genres are in fact different. Hymn texts tend to didacticism, while the purpose of the carol - one that stems from its medieval analogue, the mystery play - is narrative. For unlettered folk of the Middle Ages, the carol, like a stained glass panel or a fresco tableau, depicted the momentous event of Christ's Incarnation. And, in honor of the saint who may well be called the father of the Christian ode to joy, Francis of Assisi, the nature of most carols is both "hilarious" (joyous) and reverential.

Centuries ago carol singing was celebrated over several seasons of the Church year. The custom has come, however, to be associated only with the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The tradition of the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" was established in England - as the adaptation of an earlier service - on Christmas Eve, 1918, in the chapel of Kings College, Cambridge, for the university community and for the City of Cambridge. This wonderful tradition has been duplicated in cathedrals and churches throughout the world ever since.

St Peter's Eastern Hill is a lively Anglo-Catholic church;
we would love to see you again.

For our Sunday Mass times and other information see:

www.stpeters.org.au

The Director of Music is Andrew Raiskums, assisted by Sue Wuttke; our organist is Rhys Arvidson; we welcome tonight members of Gloriana Chamber Choir.

**Please ensure that your mobile phone is turned OFF for
the duration of the service.**

ORDER OF SERVICE

*All congregational carols and responses are printed in **bold**. Please stand to sing the processional carol, joining in from the second verse.*

CAROL – Once in Royal David's City

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.

**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.**

**For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.**

**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;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.**

NEH 34
Words: C. F. Alexander
Music: H. J. Gauntlett
rev. A. H. Mann

Remain standing for the bidding prayer led by Fr Hugh Kempster, Vicar of St Peter's.

BIDDING PRAYER

Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels; to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the first lesson.

FIRST LESSON

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19

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.' And to the man he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

CAROL – The Truth from Above

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.

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.

And 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.

Please remain seated for the second lesson.

SECOND LESSON

God's promise to faithful Abraham.

GENESIS 22:15-18

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

*English traditional carol
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams*

CAROL – In Dulci Jubilo

In dulci jubilo [In quiet joy]
Let us our homage shew;
Our heart's joy reclineth
In praeseptio [in a manger]
And like a bright star shineth,
Matris in gremio. [in the mother's lap]
Alpha es et O. [Thou art Alpha & Omega]

O Jesu parvule! [O tiny Jesus]
I yearn for thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech thee,
O puer optime! [O best of boys]
My prayer, let it reach Thee,
O princeps gloriae! [Prince of glory]
Trahe me post te! [draw me unto thee]

O patris caritas, [O father's caring]
O nati lenitas, [O newborn's mildness]
Deeply were we stained
Per nostra crimina [by our crimes]
But Thou hast for us gained
Coelorum gaudia. [heavenly joy]
O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia, [where be joys]
Where, if that they be not there?
There are angels singing
Nova cantica, [new songs]
There the bells are ringing
In Regis curia: [at the king's court]
O that we were there!

*14th century German tune
arr. R.L. Pearsall; ed. Reginald Jacques*

Please remain seated for the third lesson.

THIRD LESSON

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

CAROL – Sussex Carol

On Christmas night, all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night, all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,

All for to see the newborn King.
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
From out of darkness have we light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God, and peace to men,
Now and for evermore! Amen."

*English traditional carol
arr. Sir David Willcocks*

FOURTH LESSON

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

ISAIAH 11: 1-4, 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stock 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.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

CAROL – The Lamb

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is callèd by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild:
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are callèd by His name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

*Text: William Blake
Music: Sir John Tavener*

CAROL – While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
An angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.**

**'Fear not', said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind'.**

**‘To you, in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:**

**‘The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid’.**

**Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:**

**‘All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heav’n to men
Begin and never cease.’**

*Text: Nabum Tate,
Melody & Harmony: Este's Psalter, 1592*

Please remain seated for the fifth lesson.

FIFTH LESSON

The angel Gabriel's annunciation to Mary.

LUKE 1: 26-35, 38

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, favoured 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 favour 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 for ever, 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.’

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.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

CAROL – Ave Maria

Bogoróditse Dyévo, ráduisya,
Blagodátnaya
Mariye, Gospód s tobóyu.
Blagoslovyéna ty v zhenákh,
i blagoslovyén plod
chryéva tvoyevó,
yáko Spása rodilá yesí dush náshikh.

*Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God,
Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.*

*Blessed art Thee among women, and blessed is
the Fruit of Thy womb, for Thou hast borne
the Saviour of our souls.*

From the All-Night Vigil by Sergei Rachmaninov

Please remain seated for the sixth lesson.

SIXTH LESSON

St Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus.

LUKE 2: 1, 3-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

CAROL – O Magnum Mysterium

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum
natum, iacentem in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Iesum Christum.
Alleluia!

*O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

Morten Lauridsen (b.1943)

Please remain seated for the seventh lesson.

SEVENTH LESSON

The angels proclaim good news to the shepherds.

LUKE 2: 8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL – Quem vidistis pastores

Quem vidistis, pastores, dicite,
annuntiate nobis, in terris quis
apparuit?

Natum vidimus et choros angelorum
collaudantes Dominum.
Dicite, quidnam vidistis?
et annuntiate Christi nativitatem.

*Who have you seen, shepherds?
Speak, and tell us who has appeared on
earth.*

*'The new-born we saw and choirs of angels
praising the Lord.'
Speak of what you have seen,
And announce the birth of Christ.*

*From Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël by
Francis Poulenc*

Please stand for the offertory carol, during which a collection will be taken.

CAROL – God Rest you Merry Gentleman

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
Was born upon this Day,
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**From God our heav'nly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem
straightway,
This blessèd Babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen fed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

*NEH
English traditional carol
arr. Sir David Willcocks*

Please be seated for the eighth lesson.

EIGHTH LESSON

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

MATTHEW 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL – In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, —
Give my heart.

*Text: Christina Rossetti
Music: Harold Darke*

Please stand for the ninth lesson, read by Fr Hugh Kempster.

NINTH LESSON

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

ST JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

Remain standing for the congregational carol.

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;

Refrain: 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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;

Glory to God, in the highest.

NEH 30

Words: Latin 18th Century, trans. F. Oakeley (1802-80)

Music J. F. Wade (1711-86); descant version by Sir David Willcocks

Fr Hugh: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Fr Hugh: Let us pray.

All kneel.

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

ALMIGHTY GOD, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grant that we being born again, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand for the recessional carol.

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 th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,

Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen 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 newborn King*

NEH 26

Words: Charles Wesley and others

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Postlude: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) *In dir ist Freude* (BWV 615).

You are warmly invited to the Parish Hall after the service for hospitality.