



**ST. JOHN'S
NORTHWESTERN
ACADEMIES**



A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Noble Victory Memorial Chapel, Delafield, WI
December 11th, 2022

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ *All stand*

Processional Hymn: Once In Royal David's City

Sung by Cody Strang, 12th Grade

¶ *All remain standing*

The Bidding Prayer

Mr. Robert Fine, President, St. Johns Northwestern Academies

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Chapel, dedicated to Mary, his most blessed Mother, 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, and especially within these United States and the nations represented by our students, within this Academy, and this City of Delafield.

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.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man 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:

Our Father;

¶ *All join*

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *President*

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.

¶ *All join*

Amen.

¶ *The congregation sits*

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Read by SSG Zachary Spreitzer

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

The First Carol: O Come, O Come, Immanuel

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

1 O come, O come, Im - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, who or - dered all things
 3 O come, O come great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se's stem, un - to your own and

Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 might - i - ly to us the path of knowl - edge show
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times did give the law
 res - cue them! From depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in its ways to go. Re - joice! Re -
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

joice! Im - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el

Text: Latin, 12th cent.; composite
 Tune: *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt.
 Thomas Helmore, 1854



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The Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18

Read by Luciano Martinez, 7th Grade

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

The Second Carol: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Trumpet: Mr. Conrad Jorgensen

The Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Read by Allison Belt, 8th Grade

- ² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
- ⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Third Carol: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace ful wings un - furled,
 3. And ye, be - neath life's cru - shing load, whose forms are ben - ding low,
 4. For lo! the days are has - tening on, by pro - phet seen of old,

from an - gels ben - ding near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gra - cious King."
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains, they bend on ho - vering wing,
 look now! for glad and gol - den hours come swift - ly on the wing,
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in so - lemn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and e - ver o'er its Ba - bel sounds, the bles - sed an - gels sing.
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing!
 and the whole world send back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1849
 Tune: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850



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 CAROL
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The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Read by Michael Anyanwu, 9th Grade

- There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
- ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

The Fourth Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, how still we__ see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga thered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem, des - cend to__ us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go
 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of__ won dering
 So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bles sings of his
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in__ us to -



by. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the e - ver - las-ting
 love, O mor-ning stars, to - ge - ther pro-claim the ho - ly
 heaven. No ear may hear his co - ming, but in this world of
 day. We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad ti-dings



Light; the hopes and fears of
 birth, and prai - ses sing to
 sin, where meek souls will re -
 tell; O come to us, a -



all the years are met in thee to - night.
 God the King, and peace to all on earth.
 ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 bide with us, our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Read by Xuan Jin, 11th Grade

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He 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 father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God.

³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

The Fifth Carol: What Child Is This

Piano: Scout Adams, 11th Grade

Violin: Sophie Zielinski, 12th Grade

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-16

Read by Dillon Hamer, 11th Grade

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

The Sixth Carol: Silent Night

Piano: Lake Segel, 12th Grade

The Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-14

Read by Mr. Robert Fine, President, St. Johns Northwestern Academies

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.


⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¶ *All stand*

The Seventh Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful

O Come, All Ye Faithful




1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py mor - ning,




come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be -
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven_ a - bove; glo - ry to
 Je - sus, to thee_ be all glo - ry given; Word of the

Refrain



hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 God, all glo - ry in the high - est; O come, let us a -
 Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him,___ Christ,___ the Lord.

¶ *All remain standing*

THE COLLECT AND BLESSING

Fr. Robert Aldridge, Chaplain, St. Johns Northwestern Academies

The Lord be with you.

¶ *All join*

And with thy spirit.

¶ *Chaplain*

Let us pray.

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

¶ *All join*

Amen.

¶ *Chaplain*

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

¶ *All join*

Amen.

¶ *All remain standing through the Closing Hymn*

The Closing Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, — Christ, the e - ver -
 3 Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

new - born King: peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, —
 las - ting Lord, late in time be - hold him come, —
 Right eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings, —

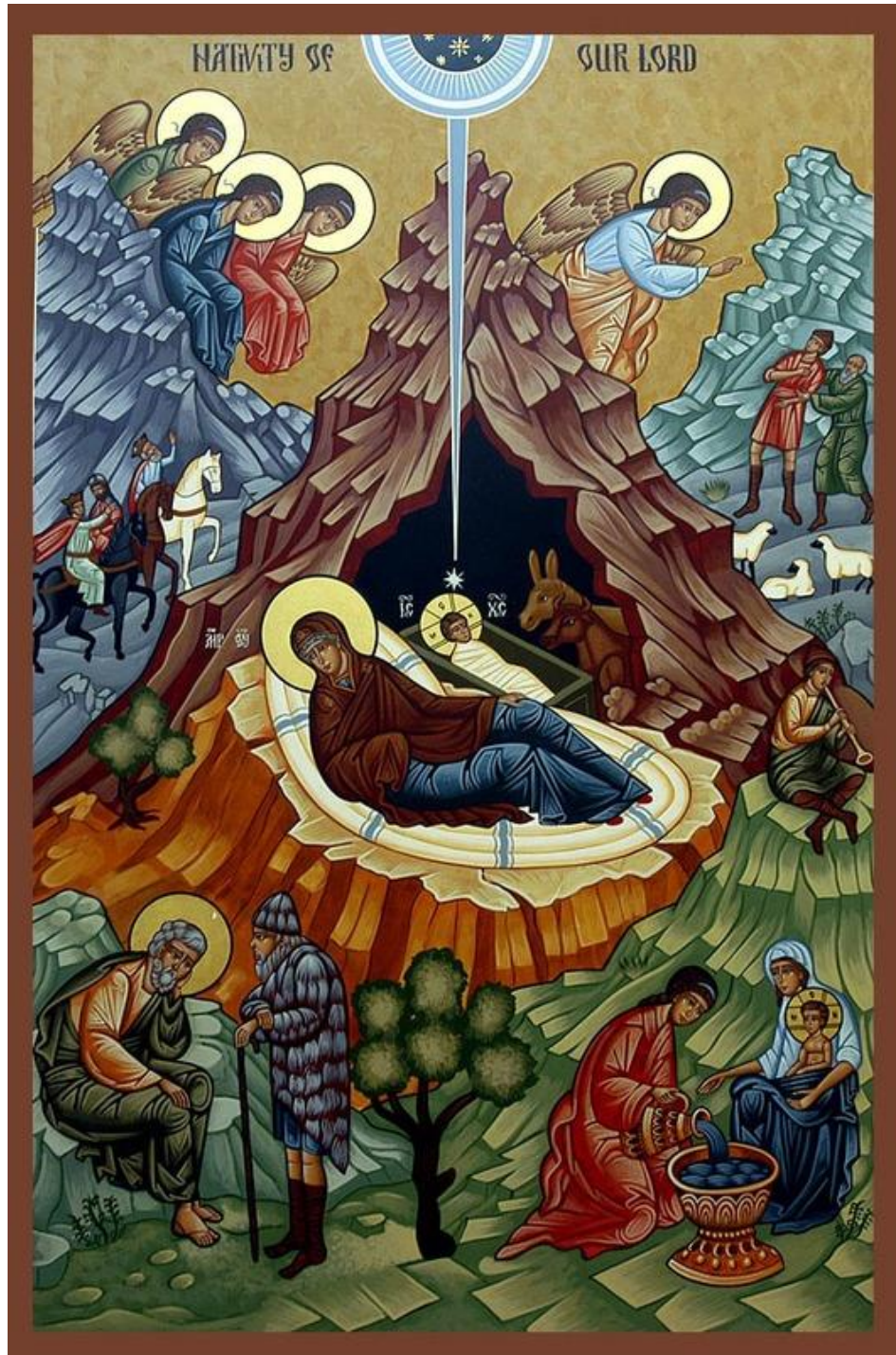
God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb: veiled in flesh the
 risen with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —
 Go - dhead see; — hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —
 glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die, —

with th'an - ge - lic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is — born in
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, — our Im -
 born to raise us from the earth, born to — give us

Beth - le - hem!"
 ma - nu - el. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,
 se - cond birth.

"Glo - ry — to the new - born King."



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