

# A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



*Madonna and Child with St. John the Baptist,  
Sandro Botticelli, 15th c.*

The Feast of the Holy Name  
December 31, 2017  
5 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral  
The Episcopal Diocese of Florida  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Welcome to Saint John's Cathedral!**

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God. This bulletin contains the entire service and music. If you would like, you may also refer to The Hymnal 1982 found in your pew rack. Please silence all audible electronic devices. If you are in need of an assisted listening device, please see an usher.

The first Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols was held in Truro Cathedral, Christmas Eve 1878. The service was created to replace the practice of the Cathedral Choir caroling parishioners at their homes, but to still offer the Christmas cheer of hearing beloved carols. Edward Benson, then bishop of Truro, later became Archbishop of Canterbury and the Festival service began to spread. The most famous Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is that of King's College, Cambridge, which began in 1918. The longest running service in the U.S. is celebrated at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hanover, NH, which has presented the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols since 1935.

Thank you for being here, and we hope to see you again soon!

**VOLUNTARIES**

Noël X

Louis Claude Daquin

Three Chorale Preludes from *Das Orgelbüchlein*

J. S. Bach

*In Dulci Jubilo*

*O Hail this Brightest Day of Days*

*Lord Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God*

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

*The People stand and sing.*

**IN PROCESSION, HYMN 102**

“Once in royal David’s city”

*Irby*

*Soloist* 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.

*Choir* 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, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

*Choir* We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display  
 heaven’s Word, the world’s creator, cradled there on Christmas Day,  
 yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.

*Choir* For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew,  
 he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.  
 Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

*All* And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
 for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;  
 and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

*All* Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,  
 we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:  
 Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God’s right hand on high.

*Rebecca Andrews, soprano*

**THE BIDDING PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER, AND THE GRACE**

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, Dean

*The People remain standing. The Officiant says*

Dear People of God, in this Christmas Season, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God 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 to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy Child, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise. But

first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially for the Church in this country and within this city. And because God particularly loves them, let us at this time remember the poor and helpless, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, and all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Lastly, let us remember before God Jesus' pure and lowly Mother, and 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 Jesus, we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us: 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 Priest blesses the people.*

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. Amen.

*The People are seated.*

### THE INVITATORY CAROL

Poverty (Nativity)

Welsh Carol

All poor men and humble,  
All lame men who stumble,  
Come haste ye, nor feel ye afraid;  
For Jesus, our treasure,  
With love past all measure,  
In lowly poor manger was laid.

Though wise men who found him  
Laid rich gifts around him,  
Yet oxen they gave him their hay:  
And Jesus in beauty  
Accepted their duty;  
Contented in manger he lay.

The haste we to show him  
The praises we owe him;  
Our service he ne'er can despise:  
Whose love still is able  
To show us that stable  
Where softly in manger he lies.

### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Skylar Lowery, Youth Group

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### CAROL

The Lord at first did Adam make

English Carol  
Arr. Philip Moore

The Lord at first did Adam make  
Out of the dust and clay,  
And in his nostrils breathed life,  
E'en as the Scriptures say.  
And then in Eden's Paradise  
He placed him to dwell,  
That he within it should remain,  
To dress and keep it well:

*Refrain:*  
Now let good Christians wake from sleep,  
Let darkness turn to day,  
And sinners find in mutual love  
The straight and glorious way.

Now mark the goodness of the Lord  
Which he to mankind bore;  
His mercy soon he did extend,  
Lost man for to restore:  
And then, for to redeem our souls  
From death and hellish thrall,  
He said his own dear Son should be  
The Saviour of us all: *Refrain.*

Now for the blessings we enjoy,  
Which are from Heav'n above,  
Let us renounce all wickedness,  
And live in perfect love:  
Then shall we do Christ's own com-  
mand, e'en his own written word;  
And when we die in heaven shall  
Enjoy our living Lord: *Refrain.*

And now the tide is nigh at hand,  
In which our Saviour came;  
Let us rejoice and merry be  
In keeping of the same:  
Let's feed the poor and hungry souls,  
And such as do it crave;  
Then when we die, in heaven we  
Our sure reward shall have: *Refrain.*

*Luke Hopper, tenor*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

Michael Miller, Cathedral Choir

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

Arise, shine

Benjamin Lane

Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you; nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Lift up your eyes and look around; they come to you from far away.

*Rebecca Andrews, soprano*

## THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The Rev. Adam Greene,  
Episcopal School of Jacksonville

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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 Counselor, 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CAROL**

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
 I would my true love did so chance  
 To see the legend of my play,  
 To call my true love to my dance;

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
 So very poor, this was my chance  
 Between an ox and a silly poor ass  
 To call my true love to my dance.  
*Refrain.*

*Refrain:*

*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
 This have I done for my true love.*

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
 The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
 My Father's voice heard I from above,  
 To call my true love to my dance.  
*Refrain.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
 Of her I took fleshly substance  
 Thus was I knit to man's nature  
 To call my true love to my dance.  
*Refrain.*

*The People stand and sing.***HYMN 78**

"O little town of Bethlehem"

Forest Green

*All* O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
 yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

*All* For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
 O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
 and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

*Choir* How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
 No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
 where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

*All* O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
 cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

*The People are seated.***THE FOURTH LESSON**

Isaiah 11:2, 4, 6-9

Ginny Myrick, Cathedral District-Jax

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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. 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. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.

There stood in heav'n a linden tree, but tho' t'was honey laden,  
All angels cried, 'No bloom shall be like that of one fair maiden.'

Sped Gabriel on winged feet, and pass'd through bolted portals  
In Nazareth, a maid to greet, blest o'er all other mortals.

'Hail Mary!' quoth the angel mild, 'Of womankind the fairest:  
The Virgin ay shalt thou be styled, a babe although thou barest.'

'So be it!' God's handmaiden cried, 'According to thy telling.'  
Whereon the angel smartly hied up homeward to his dwelling.

This tidings fill'd his mates with glee: 'Twas passed from one to other,  
That 'twas Mary, and none but she, and God would call her Mother.

**THE FIFTH LESSON**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Tommy Donahoo, Senior Warden for the Vestry

*Lector*

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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." 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.**CAROL**

A Maiden Most Gentle

French tune  
Arr. Andrew Carter

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:  
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,  
And marveled in awe at the babe in her care.  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

How blest is the birth of her heavenly child,  
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;  
Sing praise to the Savior, sing endless 'Ave'.  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call  
The Lord of creation, and Savior of all.  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

*The People stand and sing.***HYMN 105**

"God rest you merry, gentlemen"

*God rest you merry*

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

*Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly 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. *Refrain*

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him from Satan’s power and might.” *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *Refrain*

*The People are seated.*

**THE SIXTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

The Rev. Raja Zabaneh,  
Chaplain to the Cathedral Residences

*Lector* A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CAROL**

All bells in paradise

John Rutter

Deep in the cold of winter,  
Darkness and silence were everywhere;  
Softly and clearly, there came through the  
stillness a wonderful sound to hear:

Lost in awe and wonder,  
Doubting I asked what this sign might be:  
Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable,  
A marvelous sight to see. *Refrain.*

*Refrain:*  
*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,*  
*Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;*  
*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,*  
*Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King,*  
*All bells in paradise I heard them ring:*  
*“Glory to God on high,” the angel voices sing.*

He comes down in peace, a child in humility,  
The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor;  
Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,  
gold, incense and myrrh. *Refrain.*

**THE SEVENTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-20

Timothy Tuller, Canon for Music

*Lector* A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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 Savior, 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 favors!" 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. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were

amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### OFFERTORY CAROLS

*We welcome you to Saint John's Cathedral! It is our privilege and joy to offer quality programs of music like this one. Please help us continue this great tradition through your generous donation during the Offering. Together we gather to make music to the glory of God and to make a difference in the city of Jacksonville.*

Hodie Christus natus est

J.P. Sweelinck

*Hodie Christus natus est. Noe!*  
Today Christ is born: born!

*laetantur Archangeli*  
Archangels rejoice:

*Hodie Salvator apparuit: Alleluia!*  
Today the Savior appeared: Alleluia!

*Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:*  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:

*Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,*  
Today on Earth the Angels sing,

*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia.*  
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

In the bleak midwinter

Gustav Holst

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.

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.

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.

-Christina Rossetti

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.

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.

*The People stand and sing.*

### HYMN 94

“While shepherds watched their flocks by night”

*Winchester Old*

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

*All* “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

*Choir* “To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line  
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

*Choir* “The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.”

*All* Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng

of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

*All* "All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

*The People are seated.*

**THE EIGHTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-12

The Rev. Canon Allen LaMontagne, Sub-Dean

*Lector* A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CAROL**

Lully, lulla, lullay

Philip Stopford

Lully, lulla, lully, lulla  
By, by, lully, lullay.  
Thou little tiny Child,  
By, by, lully, lullay.

Herod the king, in his raging,  
Chargèd he hath this day  
His men of might in his own sight  
All young children to slay.

O sisters too how may we do  
For to preserve this day?  
This poor youngling for whom we sing,  
"By, by, lully, lullay."

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee,  
And ever morn and day.  
For Thy parting neither say nor sing,  
"By, by, lully, lullay."

*Martha Gerding, soprano*

*The People stand for this reading.*

**THE NINTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, Dean

*Lector* A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 83**

“O come, all ye faithful”

*Adeste fideles*

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 from God, Light from Light eternal,  
 lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb; only-begotten Son of God the Father; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

**THE COLLECTS FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD***The People stand as the Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Priest* 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.*

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE BLESSING**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**HYMN 87**

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

*Mendelssohn*

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 heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
 late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
 Pleased as man with man 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.  
 Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
 hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

*The People remain standing for the retiring procession.*Chorale Prelude on *In Dulci Jubilo*

Marcel Dupré

*The People are seated for the Voluntary.*Chorale Improvisation on *In Dulci Jubilo*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



## **Special Music Services and Events at St. John's Cathedral**

### **BEACHES FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS**

**ADAM BRAKEL, ORGANIST**

**Sunday, January 21 at 4 p.m.**

Sponsored in part by the American Guild of Organists - Jacksonville Chapter.  
Doors open at 3:15 p.m.

### **DIOCESAN CONVENTION OPENING EVENSONG**

**Friday, January 26 at 4 p.m.**

A celebration of Episcopal Schools to open the 175th Diocesan Convention.

### **LENTEN CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Sunday, February 18 at 5 p.m.**

The First Sunday in Lent

Sung evening prayer featuring the Cathedral Choir, beautiful music intended to prepare one for the sacred time of reflection leading up to Easter.

### **ORGAN RECITAL**

**TIMOTHY TULLER, CANON FOR MUSIC**

**Sunday, March 4 at 5 p.m.**

Experience an exquisite program of organ music from the German Romantic tradition. Music to include Max Reger's Fantasia and Fugue on B-A-C-H and the Jacksonville premiere of *Saul*, a monumental work by 19th century composer Johann Gustav Stehle.

*Proceeds from this concert will benefit the Cathedral Choir's Summer Residence at the Washington National Cathedral (July 18-22, 2018).*

### **ST. GEORGE'S DAY CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Sunday, April 29 at 5 p.m.**

An evensong in honor of the patron saint of England, featuring the Cathedral Choir and the Jacksonville Pipes & Drums

### **PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**

**SEND-OFF CONCERT AND DINNER**

**Sunday, June 3 at 5 p.m.**

The choir will perform pieces in their repertoire for the summer residency.



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