



Service of Lessons & Carols
December 21, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent
Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling
Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



Isaiah 7:14
**The virgin will
conceive and give birth
to a son, and will call
him Immanuel**

Pre-service Music: The Peace Carol (Choir Anthem). Please join in this time of worship as we prepare for the service.

The Service of nine Lessons and Carols is one of the most beloved traditions of Advent and Christmas from England. First conceived by Archbishop Benson for use in the Truro Cathedral in the late 19th century, it was simplified and adapted in 1918 by Dean Eric Milner-White for use in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Today's Service is adapted from the King's College Chapel version. To assist the flow of the Service, Carols will not be announced but will be given a brief introduction on the keyboard; Lessons will also not be introduced, or concluded with, "This is the Word of the Lord."

A Bidding Prayer (screens)

The Lord's Prayer (screens)

Collect of the Dayp. 272 (screens)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle (with the children).

Light a Candle in the Night (Love) (screens).

Children are welcome to go out and get ready for the pageant.

Lessons and Carols

Opening Hymn: CP #123 Once in Royal David's City (screens)

(The congregation is welcome to join the choir at verse 2) (screens).

The Lessons

1. Genesis 2:4b-9, 3:1-15 (Human beings are created to be in loving relationship with God, one another, and all creation, but we have turned away from this, with disastrous consequences.)

Hymn: CP #132 - Of Eternal Love Begotten (screens)

2. Isaiah 40:1-11 (God comforts us and calls on us to prepare for redemption.)

Hymn: CP #48 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence. (screens)

3. Isaiah 7:10-14 & 9:2, 6-7 (God promises that a child shall be conceived, who will be known as "God with us".)

Hymn: Even So, Lord Jesus Come. (screens)

4. Micah 5:2-5a (The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.)

Hymn: CP #139 The First Nowell
(screens)

5. Luke 1:26-35, 38 (The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.)

Hymn: CP #109 - When the King Shall Come Again (screens)

6. Matthew 1:18-25 (Joseph is told that Jesus will be our “Emmanuel”)

Offertory Hymn: CP # 89 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel (screens)

Prayer Over the Gifts p. 272
(screens)

Children’s Pageant

7. Luke 2:1-20 (Jesus is born, and the Good News is proclaimed by angels to lowly Shepherds.)

Hymn: Rise Up Shepherd and Follow.

8. Hebrews 1:1-12 (The awesomeness of the Son is described.)

Hymn: CP #137 What Child is This?
(screens)

9. John 1:1-18 (A meditation on the Word, who came to dwell among us.)

Hymn: CP # 146 ‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (screens)

Concluding Rites (screens)

The Blessing (screens)

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP #108 - Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding (screens)

Sending (screens)

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T’ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***the Anglican Church of Burundi***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***The Rev. Sue Keonig, Director, and team of Northern Province Racial Justice and Healing***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***St. Mark, Innisfail*** and their ***incumbent The Rev. Gordon Pontifex and for Ministry Development Team***). We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King on St. Lucia and for The Rev. Dr. Eleanor Glasgow-Layne, Priest-in-Charge***.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families.

We pray for the special child our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

We thank you for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our risen Lord
by Barb Leinweber, in loving memory of her husband, Daryl; her parents,
Michael and Eileen; and her sister, Donna.*