

JARVIS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve

Carol Service

Sing with us!
December 24 at 6 p.m.

Online at jsbc.org



Join us for a Christmas Eve carol service!

Starts at 6:00 p.m. on December 24, 2020

This year, in lieu of a Christmas cantata, we will be holding an online Christmas carol service on December 24 at 6 p.m. It will be available on YouTube for everyone to join in the carol singing, listen to the special music, and hear a Christmas message.

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Welcome

Invocation

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Congregation)

By John F. Wade

Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King!

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:
O come, let us adore Him, (3×)
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:
O come, let us adore Him, (3×)
Christ the Lord.

Come let us adore him, worship and adore him.
Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

FIRST LESSON

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Genesis 3:8-19 read by Jemima Wang

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom

You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this,
You are cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.
15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

16 To the woman He said:
"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;
Your desire shall be for your husband,
And he shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':
"Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it
All the days of your life.
18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.
19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are,
And to dust you shall return."

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (solo: Melanie Yirenkyi)

By Charles Wesley

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart!

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling:
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone:
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

SECOND LESSON

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

Genesis 22:15-18 read by Maindi Muntaba

15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

The God of Abraham Praise (Congregation)

By T. Olivers

The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and Heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blessed.

The God of Abraham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys
At His right hand;
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and power;
And Him my only portion make,
My shield and tower.

The God of Abraham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my happy days,
In all my ways.
He calls a worm His friend,
He calls Himself my God!
And He shall save me to the end,
Through Jesus' blood.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Congregation)

Translated from Latin by John M. Neale

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;

From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night,
And pierce the clouds and bring us light!

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

O come, Desire of nations, bind,
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.

THIRD LESSON

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 read by Jedidiah Wang

2 The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (Congregation)

By Edmund H. Sears

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats,
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds,
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours,
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own,
The Prince of Peace, their King,
And the whole world give back the song,
Which now the angels sing.

FOURTH LESSON

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

Isaiah 11:1–9 read by Leanne Abalos

1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 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 of the fear of the Lord.

3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

4 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 slay the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole,
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
As the waters cover the sea.

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Congregation)

By Phillips Brooks

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

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.

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.

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.

FIFTH LESSON

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

Luke 1:26-38 read by Ræieab Wondesen

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favoured

one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

He Who is Mighty (Solo: Sarah Nadeau)

By Kate Degraide / Rebecca Elliott

Oh, the mercy our God has shown
To those who sit in death's shadow;
The sun on high, pierced the night
Born was the Cornerstone.

Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born;
He Who is mighty has done a great thing:
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting,
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame;
Holy is His name.

Oh, the freedom our Saviour won:
The yoke of sin has been broken.
Once a slave, now by grace,
No more condemnation.

Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born;
He Who is mighty has done a great thing:
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting,
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame;
Holy is His name,
Holy is His name.

Now my soul magnifies the Lord;
I rejoice in the God Who saves;
I will trust His unfailing love;
I will sing His praises all my days.

He Who is mighty has done a great thing:
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting,
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame.
Holy is His name,
Holy is His name.

SIXTH LESSON

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Luke 2:1–7 read by Kara Blake

1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

(Solo: Lydia Tomlinson)

Isaiah 40:9, G. F. Handel

Behold! A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name
Emmanuel: God with us.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain!
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength!
Lift if up, be not afraid!
Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The First Noel / Pachelbel's Canon

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King of Israel.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.

For all to see there was a star,
Shining in the East beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
Light both day and night.

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King of Israel.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.

Still, Still, Still (Duet: Melanie Yirenyi and Paul Taylor)
***Traditional Austrian carol and "Air" from orchestral suite in D,
J.S. Bach***

Silent is the night, and all the world is filled with joy.
Love is all around us ev'ry where,
And peace is with us in the air,
On the night when we celebrate a baby boy.

Still, still, still, on a night that is filled with joy.
All my heart this night rejoices,
Soft and sweet the angel voice.
Still, still, still, when we celebrate a baby boy.

SEVENTH LESSON

The shepherds go to see the Saviour of the world and find him lying in a manger.

Luke 2:8-16 read by Nehemiah Batistil

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, 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, goodwill toward men!"

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Congregation)

By Charles Wesley

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 th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born 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 us 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 we 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 new-born king"

Sing gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Sing gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Sing gloria! Sing gloria, gloria!

SERMON (Nathan Nadeau)

EIGHTH LESSON

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Matthew 2:1-11 read by Rachel Wong

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Their Treasures (Congregation)

By John Peter Bodner

Their treasures the wise men of old from afar,
Came bearing while led by the light of a star,
Rich presents of frankincense, myrrh, and of gold
To offer the King of the Jews long foretold.

The scribes from their Scriptures to Herod did show,
To Bethlehem Judah they onward should go,
For Micah the prophet predicted the place,
Where Christ should be born, full of truth and of grace.

When once they departed, again His star shone,
Which long from the East had directed them on,
And stood where it beckoned them enter a house,
To find the yong Child, with his mother and spouse.

As soon as they saw Him, they fell at His feet,
And worshipped Him only, as surely was meet,
Then opening their treasures, they offered Him there,
Gold, frankincense, myrrh as their gifts rich and rare.

Of gold He is worthy as God over all,
With prayer like rich incense on Him we must call,
And yet as true Man, He to us has drawn nigh,
With myrrh in His sorrows, to suffer and die.

Then let all the nations their treasures now bring,
And worship Christ Jesus, our Saviour and King,
Till all the redeemed shall in glory proclaim,
"All riches, all praise to the Lamb that was slain!"

So let all the earth join with heaven's high host,
Give praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inapproachable, hid from our eyes!

NINTH LESSON

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

John 1:1-14 read by Hannah and Rachel Morden

1 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 nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 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 beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Joy to the World (Congregation)

By Isaac Watts

Lift your voice in joyous praise!
God has come to earth this day.
Emmanuel now dwells with us.
Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

Joy to the World; the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing. (x3)

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy. (x3)

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found. (x3)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love. (x3)

Silent Night, Holy Night (Congregation)

By Joseph Mohr

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Sundays

11 a.m. - Morning Service
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Wednesdays

7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer

Thursdays

7:30 p.m. - Young Adults

Fridays

7 p.m. - Small Group Bible Study
7:30 p.m. - 青年团契 Chinese Young Adults Group

Saturdays

10 a.m. - Estudo Bíblico em Português – Portuguese Bible Study

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