

ADVENT SERVICE OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS



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Services of “Lessons and Carols” originated in England at King’s College Chapel, Cambridge University, which begins the Christian Year on the eve of the First Sunday in Advent with a special service of readings and carols. The order of service includes traditional readings, carols, choral anthems, and prayers that vividly express the Church’s preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus, both in the festival of Christmas and in the consummation of the ages. Traditionally, there are nine readings, each of which is followed by a carol serving as a commentary or response to each of the readings. Over the years, the service has been adapted by many others around the world to serve a variety of purposes and settings.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stand

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway” *LSB* 343

LESSON

Isaiah 40:1–8

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”
Text from *LSB* 347
Arranged by Taylor Davis
Sung by *Laudamus*

“Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over.”

Hark, the herald’s voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked;
Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o’er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

LESSON

Jeremiah 23:5–6

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CAROL

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” *LSB* 359

LESSON

Isaiah 64:1–9

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CAROL

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide” *LSB* 355

LESSON

Luke 1:26–38

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CAROL

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” *LSB* 356

LESSON

Luke 1:39–56
The Lesson concludes with
LSB 933 “My Soul Rejoices”

My soul rejoices,
My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior
Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing,
Join in confessing
God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely
Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His arm now baring,
His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters,
Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted;
The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token
All that was spoken
To Abr’ham’s offspring
God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CHORAL MOTET

“Christus Factus Est”
Felice Anerio (c. 1560–1614)
Philippians 2:8–9, adapted
Sung by *Laudamus*

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us
unto death, even unto death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name
which is above all names.

CAROL

“The First Noel”
Arranged by Dan Forrest
Sung by *Laudamus*

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.

Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heaven and earth from naught
And with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*

Sit

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

L He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

L The grace of the Lord Jesus be with us all.

C **Amen.** (*Rev. 22:20–21*)

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE

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Instrumentalists
Organist

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