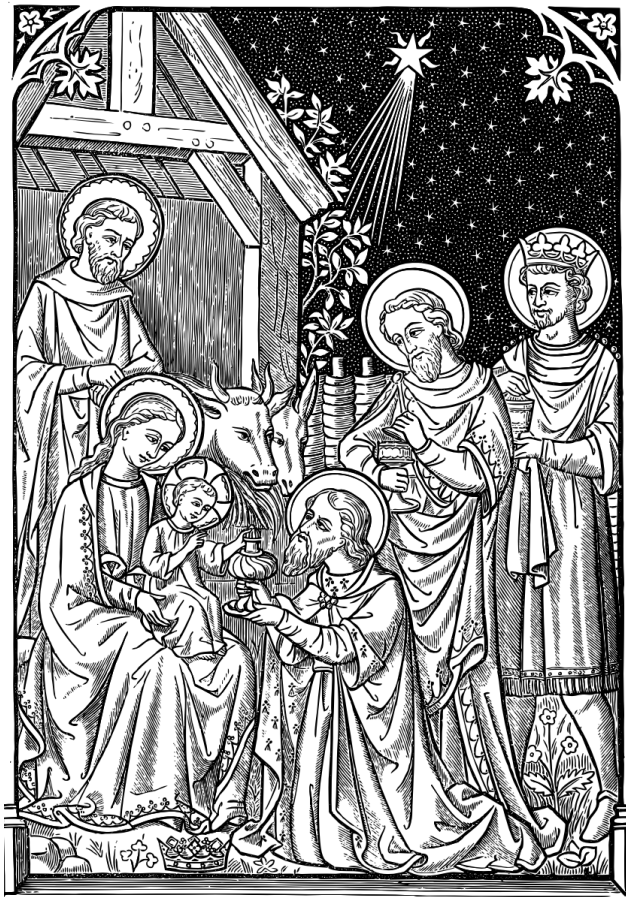


A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Epiphany



Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham
3 January 2026



Epiphany Lessons & Carols

featuring

Chorus Angelorum, Cathedral Choir, Cathedral High School Choir,
Walsingham High School Choir, and Walsingham Treble Choir



Organ Prelude: In dir ist freude, BWV 615
"Pastorale" from Symphony No. 2, Op. 13
Noel VIII

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Gattins Responsory Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)
(Sung by Chorus Angelorum and Cathedral Choir, the People are seated.) arr. Jackson, Moore

Arise, shine O Jerusalem:
For thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is ris'n upon Thee.
We have seen his star in the East:
and are come with gifts to worship him.
The Kings of Tharsis and the isles shall give presents:
The Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
All Kings shall fall down before him: All nations shall do him service.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Arise, shine O Jerusalem:
For the glory of the Lord is ris'n upon Thee.

Processional Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City" Irby Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)
arr. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929), David Willcocks (1919-2015)

*The people remain seated for the first verse of the Processional Hymn
and stand during the organ interlude preceeding verse 2.*

Verse 1: Solo

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.

Verse 2: All

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, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Verse 3: Women and trebles

And through all His wondrous childhood He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

Verse 4: Men

For he is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.

Verse 5: Choir

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Verse 6: All

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

The Bidding

(Officiant)

Beloved in Christ: how beautifully the Church provides in this Epiphanytide that we should recite the words of Holy Scripture and so recall the appearance of God's glory shown forth in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us; to reflect upon the visit of the magi bringing homage to the King of Kings at his birth; and, to hear the prophetic words of Anna and Simeon revealing the Christ child as a light to lighten all people.

Let us celebrate, in our carols and hymns, that Christ our true light, has come into the world. Let us rejoice in him who calls us out of darkness, and so pray that we might bear witness to the light; that all men might believe, and that his loving kindness might be known in all the world.

We pray, too, for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, and for all who minister the gospel of Christ; we pray for all people, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God; and we pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the sick and the bereaved, and for all who have no one to pray for them.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace:

R. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Lord's Prayer

(Officiant and people)

*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. Amen.*

(Officiant)

May 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. **Amen.**

(The people are seated)



The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-16

Carol: "Puer natus in Bethlehem"

(Sung by Chorus Angelorum and Cathedral Choir)

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

*Puer natus in Bethlehem, Unde gaudet Jerusalem, alleluia.
Hic iacet in praesepio, Qui regnat sine termino, alleluia.
Cognovit bos et asinus, Quod puer erat Dominus. alleluia.
Et Angelus pastoribus, Revelat quod sit Dominus, alleluia.
In hoc natali gaudio, Benedicamus Domino, alleluia.*

A boy is born in Bethlehem, for which Jerusalem may rejoice. Alleluia.
Here He lies in a manger, who reigns for ever. Alleluia.
The ox and ass knew that He was the Lord. Alleluia.
And the angel revealed to the shepherds that He was the Lord. Alleluia.
For this joyful birth, let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

The Second Lesson: Micah 5:2-4

Carol: "Angel's Carol"

(Sung by Walsingham Treble Choir)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Have you heard the sounds of the angel voices ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from Heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long?*

Gloria in excelsis, Deo! Hear the angels sing their joyful song

*He is come in peace in the winter's stillness like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night
He is come in joy like the sun at morning filling all the world with radiance and with light
He is come in love as the child of Mary in a simple stable, we have seen his birth!*

Gloria in excelsis, Deo! Hear the angels singing Peace on Earth

*He will bring new light to a world in darkness like a bright star shining in the skies above
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations when he comes to reign in purity and love
Let the Earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming, let the Heavens answer with the joyful mourn!*

Gloria in excelsis, Deo! Hear the angels singing, Christ is born!



The Third Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

Carol: "Magi Vidente Stella"

(Sung by Chorus Angelorum and Cathedral Choir)

Jacobus Clemens non Papa (1510-1555)

*Magi videntes stellam dixerunt ad invicem
hoc signum magni regis est eamus et inquiramus eum et offeramus ei munera aurum thus et myrrham.*

The magi, seeing the star, said, each in turn:
"This is the sign of a great king! Let us go and look for him and offer him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Carol: "On this day"

(Sung by all, the people standing)

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Verse 1: All

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord,
Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

Refrain: Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2: Women and trebles

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth, Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. *Refrain.*

Verse 3: Men

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him. *Refrain.*

Verse 4: All

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us. *Refrain.*

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Carol: "Behold a mystical Rose"

Bascan Carol, arr. Peter Latona (b. 1968)

(Sung by Cathedral High School Choir, Walsingham High School Choir, and alumni)

*Behold a Mystical Rose From thorny stem hath sprung; of David's lineage God chose to give to the world His Son.
All hail, thou House of Gold, of whom ancient prophets foretold; thy royal praises we sing; Thy womb was the court of our King.
Behold the Mother of God, yet lowliest daughter of men; at her assenting nod God Gave His Son to men.
All hail, Thou Morning Star, who brought Blessed Light from afar, dispel the darkness of night, illumine our path with Thy Light.
Behold the cause of our Joy, who bore the infinite Child, to Satan's kingdom destroy and men to God reconcile.
All hail, thou Gate of Heav'n, through thee all graces are giv'n; through thee Salvation came; all praised and blest be thy name!
All hail, thou Gate of Heavn, through thee all graces are giv'n; through thee Salvation came; all praised and blest be thy name!*

Carol: "A Maiden most gentle"

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

(Sung by combined choirs)

*A maiden most gentle and tender we sing of Mary the mother of Jesus our King. Ave Maria.
How blest is the birth of her heavenly child who came to redeem us in Mary so mild. Ave Maria.
The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call the Lord of creation and Saviour of all. Ave Maria.
Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare and marveled in awe at the babe in her care. Ave Maria.
Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray sing praise to the Savior, sing endless Amen. Ave Maria.*

The Fifth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-23

Carol: "Mater ora filium"

Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

(Sung by Walsingham Treble Choir)

*Mater ora filium, ut post hoc exilium nobis donet gaudium beatorum omnium.
Fair maiden, who is this bairn that thou bearest in thine arm? Sir, it is a King's Son that in heav'n above doth won.
Man to Father he hath none, but himself God alone; of a maid he would be born, to save mankind that was forlorn.
Three kings brought him presents, gold, myrrh, and frankincense, to my Son full of might, King of kings and lord of right.
Fair maiden, pray for us unto thy Son, sweet Jesus, that he will send us of his grace in heav'n on high to have a place.*



The Sixth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Carol: "Brightest and Best"

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

(Sung by Walsingham Treble Choir)

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.
Say, shall we yield him in costly devotion, odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?
Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
Richer by far is the hearts adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

Carol: "The Three Kings"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

(Sung by Chorus Angelorum and Cathedral Choir)

*"Who knocks tonight so late?" the weary porter said. Three kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head.
The serving man bowed down, the Inn was full, he knew. Said he, "In all this town is no fit place for you."
A light in the manger lit; there lay the Mother meek. Said they, "This place is fit. Here is the rest we seek."
Come, come. They loosed their latchet strings, so stood they all unshod "Come in, come in, ye kings, and kiss the feet of God."*

The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:21-40

(The people stand)

Hymn at the offering: "As with the gladness men of old"

(Sung by all, the people seated)

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As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright, so, most gracious Lord, may we ever more be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee
whom Heav'n and Earth adore, so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare, so may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way, and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright, need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun, which goes not down; there forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

Carol: "Nunc Dimittis in D"

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

(Sung by Cathedral High School Choir, Walsingham High School Choir, and alumni)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Carol: "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day"

Traditional

(Sung by combined choirs)

arr. Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

*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;*

Refrain: Sing O my love, this have I done for my true love.

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 the 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.

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance,

My Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance.

Vesper Responsory

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

(Officiant and people remain seated)

arr. Moore, Jackson

Behold the Lord the Ruler is come: in his hands are the Kingdom, dominion and power.

Give the king Thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

All they from Saba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Behold the Lord the Ruler is come: in his hands are the Kingdom, dominion and power.

Collect

(Please stand.)

V. We have seen his star in the East.

R. And are come with gifts to worship the Lord.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray. (Please kneel.)

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy Only Begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Candidates and Conferral of Ecclesiastical Honors

(please be seated.)

Most Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to receive the ecclesiastical honor of the Benemerenti Medal, for outstanding service to the Catholic Church:

*Lois Davis
Paula Dean
Ruth Mack
Matthew "Bret" Reed
Susana Treviño*

Collect

(Please stand.)

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, who bestowest upon thy servants all good things: Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to strengthen and sustain thy holy Church by the witness of Lois Davis, Paula Dean, Ruth Mack, Bret Reed, and Susana Treviño; grant that they may be fervent to walk in the truth, fruitful in the works of fraternal charity, and a clear reflection of the splendour of thy heavenly glory unto all. Bless, O Lord, these thy servants whom thou honourest this day: make them a leaven of sanctification, prophetic heralds unto thy people, and faithful servants of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ, who goes before us at all times and in all places with the light of heavenly grace, shed a ray of his glory unto you, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "The First Noel"

(Sung by all, the people standing)

Noel

arr. Sir David Willcocks

Verse 1.

The First Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as 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.

Verse 2.

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**

Verse 3.

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

Verse 4.

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took it rest,
And there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

Verse 5.

Then entered in those Wise men three full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **Refrain**

Verse 6.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought and with his blood mankind has bought. **Refrain**

Organ Postlude: Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Please join us for a Reception in Benedict XVI Hall immediately following Lessons and Carols.
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