

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Saint John the Evangelist & Saint Joseph Marzello Parishes, Pittston, PA

Welcome and Introduction

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Opening Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verses



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †
3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †
4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -



1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;
4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
4. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mí - num.

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;
tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.



VERSES



1. O bright Moth - er of mer - cy, so pure and so brave,
2. God ex - alt - ed you, daugh - ter, and called you in time
3. Your con - sent to God's Spir - it was fruit - ful and free,
4. Now we hail you, O daugh - ter of mer - cy and light;



1. we hon - or your vir - tue and dig - ni - ty praise.
2. to of - fer your womb to bring forth the di - vine.
3. ac - cept - ing God's Son in a great mys - ter - y.
4. O pray we em - brace peace and good, love and right.



1. Ev - 'ry an - gel sa - lutes you, the earth calls you blessed.
2. You were will - ing to serve though you knew not a man.
3. For the Lord you re - mained ev - er - vir - gin in faith,
4. You are splen - did, en - throned a - bove moon, star, and earth.



1. We look to you, Moth - er, for mer - cy and rest.
2. You trust - ed in God and said "yes" to his plan.
3. de - liv - ered from doubt and as - sist - ed by grace.
4. O queen of the heav - ens, your Son saved the world!

REFRAIN



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, a -



ve, a - ve, a - ve, bless - ed one.

Carols

Joseph's Song

Mary, Did You Know?

The Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-14

Carol

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Carol

The First Noel

Verses

1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
 2. They look - ed up and saw ___ a star
 3. And by the light of that ___ same star
 4. This star drew nigh to the ___ north - west,
 5. Then en - tered in those wise ___ men three,
 6. Then let us all with one ___ ac - cord

1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2. Shin - ing in ___ the east, ___ be - yond ___ them far;
 3. Three ___ wise ___ men came ___ from coun - try far;
 4. O'er ___ Beth - le - hem ___ it took ___ its rest,
 5. Full ___ rev - 'rent - ly ___ up - on ___ the knee,
 6. Sing ___ prais - es to ___ our heav - 'nly Lord;

1. In fields where _ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
 2. And to the ___ earth it gave ___ great light,
 3. To seek for a king was their ___ in - tent,
 4. And there it ___ did both stop ___ and stay,
 5. And of - fered ___ there, in his ___ pres - ence,
 6. Who with the ___ Fa - ther we ___ a - dore

1. On a cold win - ter's night ___ that was ___ so deep.
 2. And ___ so it con - tin - ued both day ___ and night.
 3. And to fol - low the star ___ wher - ev - er it went.
 4. Right _ o - ver the place ___ where Je - sus lay.
 5. Their _ gold ___ and myrrh ___ and frank - in - cense.
 6. And _ Spir - it blest ___ for ev - er - er - more.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Carol

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.


Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.



Verses




1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to




1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let


Refrain



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,



haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

This song may be combined with *Child of the Poor*; use accompaniment and instructions found for *Child of the Poor*.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.
 Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

The Seventh Lesson

John 1:1-14

Carol

Astro del Ciel (Silent Night)

Closing Remarks and Prayer

Rev. Jackson Pinhero, OSJ, *Assistant Pastor*

Closing Carol

O Holy Night