

CANDLELIGHT CAROL FESTIVAL



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

WELCOME TO CANDLELIGHT

We're so glad you've joined us.



Every year, Riverside's social services and programs provide more than 50,000 neighbors with nutritious meals, quality clothing, safe places to rest, hot showers, job training, and more.

In the spirit of the holidays, we invite you to consider a special gift to Riverside in support of those we serve. To give, look for volunteers at the back of the Nave after the service or visit trcnyc.org/give



UPCOMING CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY SERVICES

DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

4:00 p.m. | Service for Children & Families | Nave

8:00 p.m. | Service of Lessons & Carols | Nave

Join us for a traditional service of lessons and carols.

DECEMBER 31 | NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Ushering in the New Year | Nave

10:00 p.m. | Carillon Recital

10:30 p.m. | Organ Recital

11:00 p.m. | Worship with Rev. Michael Livingston, preaching

12:00 midnight | Swinging Peal of the Carillon

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We ask that you please refrain from applause to maintain the meditative mood of this service.

CARILLON

A La Nanita Nana
Coventry Carol
Carol of the Bells
Novena di Natale

arr. Richard von Grabow
arr. R. Barnes
arr. Albert Gerken
Nino Rota

(Little Fife - The Flock and Angel - The Manger - Gloria)

Concert Variations on Westminster
O Come All You Faithful
Prelude in Baroque Style on "Good King Wenceslas"
Come All, Ye Shepherds

R. von Grabow
arr. Albert Gerken
R. Von Grabow
arr. Theophil Rusterhol

STRING ENSEMBLE

Three Traditional Carols
In the Bleak Midwinter
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Carol of the Bells

HANDBELLS

The First Noel
Were You There on That Christmas Night?
Christmas Joy

arr. Kevin McChesney
N. Sleeth, arr. M. L. Thompson
Cynthia Dobrinski

ORGAN AND HARP

Selected Carols
Aria in Classic Style

Carlos Salzedo
Marcel Grandjany

THE LESSER PROCESSION

The Lesser Procession
Of eternal love begotten, e'er the world began to be,
God is Alpha and Omega, she the source, the ending he;
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.
O ye heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, her praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before her, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.
Christ, to thee with God Creator, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
Honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

13th Century Plainsong

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 8:1, 22-24, 27-31
(page 638 in the Old Testament)

Rev. Bruce Lamb

INTROIT

Plainsong, Mode 1

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily.
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's cold shadows put to flight!

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Debra Northern

Luke 2:1-7
(page 58 in the New Testament)

THE GREATER PROCESSION

+HYMN

Gloria

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain:

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain:

+HYMN

Regent Square

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:

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

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:

Refrain:

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.

Refrain:

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.

Refrain:

COLLECT and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Kevin VanHook

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

**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.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CAROLS

Born, Born in Bethlehem

Spiritual, arr. Donald Moore

Mary had a baby, oh, my Lord. Born, born in Bethlehem. The hay is his pillow, the manger his bed. The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on his head, yet there where he lies, he's so weak and so poor, come shepherds and wise men to kneel at his door. The glory surrounds them with angels on high, and "Peace upon earth!" heav'nly voices reply, then come, little children, and hear what they say, that gladdened the world on that first Christmas day. Mary had a baby, oh, my Lord. Born, born in Bethlehem. Yes, he was born in Bethlehem!

Hodie (This Day)

James Whitbourn

Hodie Christus natus est. (Today Christ is born.) The holy child is born. In his love our hope does rest on this eternal morn. Cherubs with trumpets shatter the stars. Seraphs touch their strings. Saints, angels, choirs are massed. The Word seeds the heav'n in rings. In a blessed stable a picture is seen. Parents, Jesus there. An ass looking on, an ox beaming at the best hay of the year. The wise men are no longer wise: God in the crib has bewildered them. They place their gifts around the sides. Kneel and pray. Adore him. Yet in this joy is sensed a shadow, an intimation of loss. A ghostly fear of a dark tomorrow with thorns and a heavy cross. But now the heav'ns spin fast around, its jubilation day. Infinity's ears are whipped by sound, would this day so stay. Hodie Christus natus est.

The Offering, from "A Hymn of the Nativity"

Lee Hoiby

Welcome the world's sure way! Heav'ns wholesome ray. Welcome to us: and we, sweet to ourselves in thee. Yet when young April's husband showers shall bless the fruitful Maia's bed, we'll bring the firstborn of her flowers to kiss thy feet and crown thy head. To thee, dread lamb! Whose love must keep the shepherds, more than they the sheep. To thee, meek Majesty! Soft King of simple graces and sweet loves. Each of us his lamb will bring, each his pair of silver doves; till burnt at last in fire of thy fair eyes, ourselves become our own best sacrifice.

HANDBELLS

Lo, How a Rose

arr. Cathy Moglebust

†HYMN 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

CAROLS

Oh, Jerusalem in the Morning

arr. Joseph H. Jennings

Mary, Mary what's the matter? Oh, Jerus'lem in the mornin'. Oh Joseph, Joseph, what is the matter? Oh Jerus'lem in the mornin'. Night is chilly, what's the matter? Oh Jerus'lem in the morning'. I hear the oxen bawlin', the lambs a squallin' singin' oh, Jerus'lem in the mornin'. I hear the cattle lowin', and the rooster crowin', singin' oh, Jerus'lem in the mornin'.

Little baby Jesus, born in a stable. Oh, Jerus'lem in the mornin'. Little baby Jesus lyin' in a manger. Oh, Jerus'lem in the mornin'. Mary, baby, born today wrapped in swaddlin' clothes. Laid Him in a manger, Lord, that's how the story goes. Shepherds bidin' in their fields - watchin' o'er their sheep, angels singin' loud and clear - woke them from their sleep. Wise men saw the shinin' star shinin' in the East. Came on camels from a-far bringin' gifts to the Prince of Peace.

I'm singin', oh Jerusalem, oh, Jerusalem oh Jerus'lem in the mornin'. Little baby Jesus born in a stable, Little baby Jesus lyin' in a manger. Little baby Jesus born to be our Saviour. Oh, Jerus'lem in the mornin'. See the stars a glowin', their luster showin', Oh Jerus'lem in the mornin'. I see the Moon in crescent, phosphorescent, oh Jerus'lem in the mornin'. I see the dove a cooin', cows a moo-in', asses brayin', horses neighin', goats a bleatin', birds a tweetin', geese squawkin', parrots talkin', mice a prancin', lupie dancin', heav'nly choir, singin' higher. Mary, Mary, Joseph, Joseph, little baby Jesus, what is the matter? Oh, Jerusalem in the mornin', in the mornin'.

GREETING

Rev. Michael Livingston

Shen Khar Venakhi

Traditional Georgian

You are a vineyard just blossoming,
Young and good, springing up in Eden.
You yourself, are the sun brilliantly shining.

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

Born in a stable so rare, born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star, He who loved us so.
Far away, silent He lay, born today, your homage pay; For Christ is born for aye, born on
Christmas Day. Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby; Over her son so dear, angel
hosts fill the sky. Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills, worship this
babe so rare, hearts with his warmth He fills. Love in that stable was born into our hearts to
flow; Innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love
to know.

RITUAL of LIGHT

The Riverside Pastoral Staff

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

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.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior 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.

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born.

PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper &
Rev. Livingston

The congregation will extinguish their candles after the prayer.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The First Nowell

English

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

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They look-ed 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:

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

Refrain:

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain:

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

VIOLA, HARP, AND ORGAN

The Sleep of the Infant Jesus

Henri Büsser

The congregation is requested to remain seated through the performance of this composition.

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The Riverside Rising Voices
Matthew Hommez, director

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Matt King, piano

Charles Semowich, carillon

Miranda Sielaff, viola

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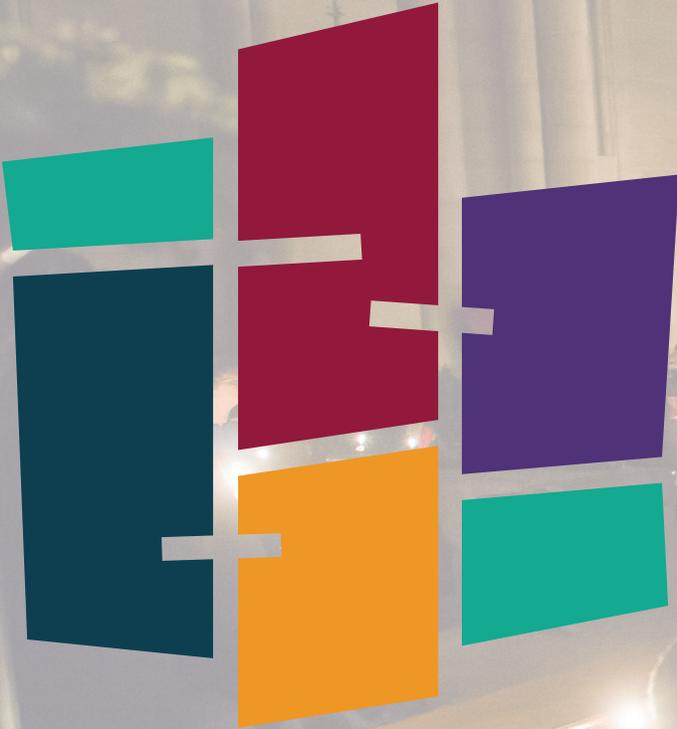
Juan José Ibarra, bass

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THE RIVER IN THE CITY

The image shows the interior of a large Gothic cathedral. In the foreground, an organ console is visible with a person seated at it. The organ's facade is illuminated with a warm, golden light. In the background, a choir is performing in a balcony area, also illuminated. The architecture features high vaulted ceilings and large stone columns.

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