

A Festival
of Nine
Lessons and Carols

Presented by
the Choir of
Logan Elm Baptist Church
with
Pickaway Brass Ensemble

7 December 2000
3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

We welcome you to Logan Elm Baptist Church and thank you for joining us for our annual Christmas program given by the Sanctuary choir. Our presentation this year is the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Basing it on ancient sources, E.W. Benson, Bishop of Truro designed this service in 1880 "for use on Christmas Eve in the wooden shed which served as his cathedral." The Dean of King's College, Cambridge, Eric Milner-White, adapted the service for use in the college's chapel in 1918.

Our presentation includes the traditional lessons (scripture readings) which tell the Christmas story, punctuated by appropriate songs and carols. Our musical selections are drawn from ancient and modern sources from both England and the United States. We invite you to stand and join with us in the singing of two familiar carols at the appointed time.

Special thanks to Pickaway Brass for joining with us to help make this a memorable and meaningful celebration of Christ's first coming, His message of peace, and His free gift of eternal life. May you have a blessed holiday season filled with joy and happiness, and may the Lord bless you with the true knowledge of Him and prepare your hearts for His Second Coming. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Please hold any applause until the conclusion of tonight's presentation.

Canticle of Praise

Arr. by C. Kirkland and T. Fettke

We sing gloria! we sing gloria, we sing gloria,
 We sing gloria to Christ, Jesus Christ.
 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, Christ, the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels; sing in exultation.
 O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy
 morning.
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
 O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.
 We sing gloria!

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost
 the life of paradise and that his seed
 will bruise the serpent's head.*

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. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to Him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 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?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 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. And I will put enmity between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel."

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. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 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.
 Thanks be to God.

Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn

Arr. by David Jones

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,
 Whereon the Savior of the world was born;
 Rise to adore the mystery of love,
 Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
 With them the joyful tidings first begun
 Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
 Who heard the angelic herald's voice:
 Behold, I bring you tidings of a Savior's birth
 To you and all the nations of the earth:
 This day hath God fulfilled His promised word,
 This day is born a Savior, Christ the Lord."

Then may we hope, the angelic thrones among,
 To sing, redeemed a glad triumphal song;
 He that was born upon this joyful day
 Around us all His glory shall display;
 Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing
 Eternal praise to heav'n's Almighty King.

SECOND READING

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed all the nations of the earth be blessed.

When the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld you son, your only son, "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendents as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendents shall possess the gates of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Thanks be to God.

Sussex Carol

Arr. by Peter Niedman

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be so sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad.
When from our sin He set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before His grace,
When life and health come in its place.
Angels and mortals with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace on earth,
Now and forevermore. Amen."

THIRD READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

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. 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. 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.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul has seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared to Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

FOURTH READING

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 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. 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; 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. "The wolf shall also 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. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 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. Thanks be to God.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Latin hymn

(Congregation please stand and sing all verses)

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 Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent hear;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

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.

(Congregation please be seated)

FIFTH READING

Luke 1:26-35

The Angel Gabriel salutes the blessed virgin Mary

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 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. And will reign over the house of Jacob forever. And of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said unto 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. Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

David Jones

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
(My soul magnifies the Lord)

My soul proclaims the greatness,
the greatness of the Lord,
And my spirit exults in God my Savior;
In live He speaks to me in my lowliness of heart.
O sing the greatness of the Lord.

My soul proclaims the greatness,
the greatness of the Lord,
And my spirit exults in God my Savior;
Our Lord, Almighty King,
has done great things to me,
And holy is His name.

Interlude

Pickaway Brass

SIXTH READING

Luke 2:1,3-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Ceasar Augustus that all the world should be registered. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Thanks be to God.

Mary's Lullaby

Almon C. Bock II

Sleep thou, my baby, my tiny child.
Lullaby, lullaby.
Sleep in thy manger, my little child.
Lullaby, lullaby.

Weep not my baby, my tiny child.
Lullaby, lullaby.
Lie still, my baby, my little child.
Lullaby, lullaby.

O little town of Bethlehem Ephrathah
Has not an inn for thy bed.
I have but straw to give thee, my little one;
Lay down thy sweet little head.

Dear baby Jesus, my tiny child.
Lullaby, lullaby.
Sleep in my arms little tiny child.
Lullaby, lullaby.

I Saw Three Ships

Arr. by John Rutter

I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three?
On Christmas Day in the morning?

O, they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And who should be in those three ships,
But Joseph and his Lady?

And he did whistle and she did sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the angels in heav'n shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

The Choir of Logan Elm Baptist Church

Soprano

Charlotte Schall
Sharon Belcher
Pam Atkinson
Rachel Gibson
Rebekah Gibson
Linda Gunther
Rosie Caldwell
Karen Quincel
Ricki Beth Hodges
Karen Clark
Debbie Stowers
Penny Schall
Mary Potter
Erin Jones
Diane Thompson
Jennifer Thompson

Alto

Sandy Bennet
Becky Cavanaugh
Brenda Gibson
Katie Love
Cherie McKinney
Wilma Mets
Sandy Stuart
Carolyn Thompson
Emily VanDette

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Justin Atkinson
Seth Gibson
Betty Landrum
Jared Quincel
Ethan VanDette
Mary K. VanDette

Bass

Dave Atkinson
Greg Fox
Bill Gibson
John Schall
Tom VanDette

Pam Jones, accompanist
Readers, Pastor Dave Cavanaugh and Sue Strait
Shelly Muncy, Dan Campbell, Scott Cavanaugh, Sound Technicians
David Jones, Director

Banner carriers, Carl Amspaugh, Ed Hively, Mark Krouse, Nicholas Krouse,
Les Richards, Jim Roundhouse, Lee VanDette, Terry Wadlington

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Trumpet

Jeff Matthew

Trumpet

Laura Bethel

French Horn

Beck Orlinger

Jerry Voss

Trombone

Cliff Kerns

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