

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish Sacramento



*"An Angel Playing a Flageolet" by Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones, circa 1878*



## A Festival of Nine LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 24th at 9:00pm

### **Opening Prayer**

**Carol:** *Good Christians, All, Rejoice*

*IN DULCI JUBILO*

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!

Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door, And we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all, To gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: 66 77 78 55; Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1813-1866, alt. Music: J. Klug's Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1535.

### **Lesson One** *Genesis 3: 1-15*

**Carol** *Maranatha, Lord Messiah*

*Kathy Powell*

Gracious God of Wisdom, who hear your people's cry, teach us ways of prudence, O Breath of God Most High.

**REFRAIN: Maranatha, Lord Messiah, long awaited from afar.**

**Come and make your home among us. Let us see your birthing star.**

Mighty Voice on Sinai, whom Moses heard in awe, Adonai, now lead us with holy arm and law. **(Refrain)**

Fragrant Bud of Jesse, whose blooming kings revere, root your words within us, God's Word for all to hear. **(Refrain)**

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### **Prayer**



**Lesson Two** *Jeremiah 23: 5-8*

**Carol** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

**REFRAIN**

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man-u-el, shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord' rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. **(Refrain)**

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. **(Refrain)**

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**Lesson Three** *Isaiah 11: 1-10*

**Carol** *Creator of the Stars of Night*

*Carol Browning*

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.

**REFRAIN: Come, O Lord, and bring your light, O radiant star, our hearts' delight.  
O God-with-us, Emmanuel, With your love, the dark dispel.**

In sorrow that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe,  
You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty. **(Refrain)**

When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child Of Mary, blameless mother mild. **(Refrain)**

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**Lesson Four** *Isaiah 9: 1-6*

**Carol** *The Holly and the Ivy*

*traditional English*

The holly and the ivy, When they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, The holly bears the crown:

**REFRAIN: O, the rising of the sun, And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the choir.**

The holly bears a blossom, As white as lily flow'r,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, To be our dear Saviour: **(Refrain)**

The holly bears a prickles, As sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, On Christmas Day in the morn: **(Refrain)**

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**Lesson Five** Luke 1: 26-38

**Carol** Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

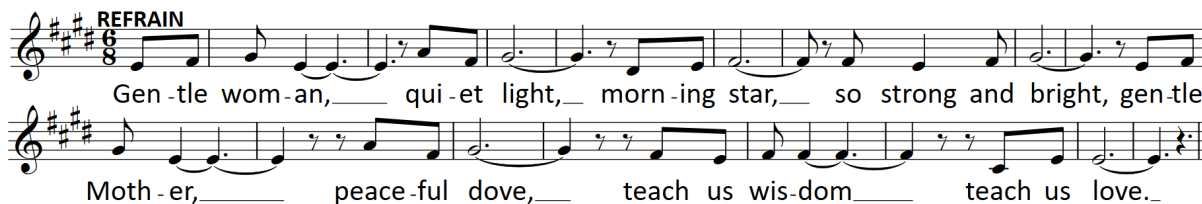
Carey Landry

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women, and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

**REFRAIN**



Gen - tle wom - an, — qui - et light, — morn - ing star, — so strong and bright, gen - tle  
Moth - er, — — — — — peace - ful dove, — — — — — teach us wis - dom — — — — — teach us love. —

You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.

You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one. **(Refrain)**

Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.

Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts. **(Refrain)**

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**Prayer**

**Lesson Six** Luke 2: 1-18

**Carol** Silent Night

Joseph Mohr

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, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! 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, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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**Lesson Seven** Matthew 2: 1-12

**Carol** Come to Bethlehem Manger

Tony Alonso, Gabe Huck, Spiritual

Brightest star in starry sky; Come to Bethlehem manger!  
Seekers, seek both low and high; Come to Bethlehem manger!

**REFRAIN: Come to one, come all! Come to Bethlehem manger!**  
**Christ be the food of all creation. Come to Bethlehem manger!**

Night to night shall bring the news; Come to Bethlehem manger!  
Day to day proclaims it true; Come to Bethlehem manger!

Child of Adam, child of Eve; Come to Bethlehem manger!  
Old deceiver's been deceived; Come to Bethlehem manger!

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**Lesson Eight** Luke 1: 1-14

**Carol** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the\_angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the\_incarinate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Tune: MENDELSSOHN, 77 77 D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847.  
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**Lesson Nine** Mathew 28: 16-20

**Carol** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*African-American spiritual; John W. Work, Jr.*

**REFRAIN: Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!**

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Text: African American spiritual; verses by John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925 Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, 7 6 7 6 with refrain;  
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**Closing** *Joy to the World*

*Isaac Watts, George F. Handel*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us, our songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, Tune: ANTIOCH, CM; arr. from George F. Handel, 1685–1759, in T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833  
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