

*Sacred Music at All Saints Concert Series  
presents*

## ***Advent Lessons and Carols***



**Saturday, December 6, 2025  
7:30 PM**

**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MANASSAS, VA**

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## Welcome

Our wish for you is that, after having participated in this festival service, your hearts and minds will be more receptive to the wonder of the coming Christmas season. To facilitate this end, we ask that all cell phones and other electronic devices be switched off before the program and that you remain in place for the duration of the service. Please refrain from flash photography. Due to copyright laws, audio and video recording is not permitted. All are invited to join heartily in the singing of the carols found in the program and, if you are able, to stand where indicated in the program. As this service is a prayer, please refrain from applause until the conclusion of the service.



## ***The Origins of the Festival of Lessons and Carols***

The concept of this program developed from the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols made famous by the Christmas Eve service at Kings College, Cambridge. The service was conceived by F. W. Benson, the Bishop of Truro Cathedral who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury. The service was used for the first time on Christmas Eve in 1880 and as its popularity grew, it was formally adapted at Kings College in 1918 by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of Kings College. Since 1918, the service has been aired live by the BBC on Christmas Eve throughout the world. In 1934, sixteen years after the adaptation of the Nine Lessons and Carols, Eric Milner-White composed another order of service, a Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday. In the same format as the original Nine Lessons and Carols, the purpose of this service was to “not celebrate Christmas, but to expect it.” The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday both combine scripture and music in an intimate way to tell the story of the expectation and birth of Christ. It was Milner-White’s belief that the scripture lessons were the backbone of the service and the “handmaid of the liturgy.” Today we adapt these two liturgies for this time, this space, and this community. May your hearts and minds find openness to the coming of the Savior through these Lessons and Carols.

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## ORDER of SERVICE

### INVITATORY CAROL

#### Creator of the Stars of Night

arr. Timothy Lewicki  
(b. 1989)

*Choir*

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

At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

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

Come in your holy might, we pray,  
Redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below  
From all assaults of our dread foe.

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.

To God Creator, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally.

Text: *Conditor alme siderum*, Latin 9th. c., tr. The Hymnal 1982, © 1985, The Church Pension Fund

*Please stand.*



PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
 Who or - der all things might - i - ly;  
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
 In an - cient times once gave the Law  
 That trust your might - y power to save,  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 And teach us in her ways to go.  
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
 Gau - de! Gau - de! Em - mán - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.  
 Na - scé - tur pro te Ís - ra - el.

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CAROL

### Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's Son, make  
2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3. Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the  
4. Bright - ly doth thy man - ger shine; Glo - rious is its

here thy home. Mar - vel now, both heav'n and earth,  
of our God Was the Word of God made flesh,  
vic - t'ry won. Bound - less shall thy king - dom be;  
light di - vine. Let not sin o'er - cloud this light;

That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's shall off we - spring, pure and  
When ry's shall its glo - ries  
Ev - er be our faith thus bright.

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!*

Isaiah 40:1-8

## CAROLS

### Comfort, Comfort, O My People

arr. Claude Goudimel  
(c.1520-1572)

*Choir*

**C**omfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness,  
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;  
speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is crying  
in the desert far and near,  
bidding all men to repentance,  
since the kingdom now is here.

O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way!  
Let the valleys rise to meet him,  
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
make the rougher places plain:  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign,  
For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that his word is never broken.

## Wait for the Lord

Jacques Berthier  
(1923-1994)

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

### SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 23:5-6

*I will raise up a righteous branch for David.*

### CAROLS

## Lift Up Your Heads

Peter Niedmann  
(b. 1960)

*Choir*

**L**ift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart from earthly

use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to  
thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel:  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sov'reign enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won. Amen.

Text: Georg Weissel (1590-1635),  
translation by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

## The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

arr. Tyleen Stults

*Resounding Joy: All Saints Handbell Choir*

*Behold: your king is come to you, a savior is he.*

CAROLS

**Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth**

PUER NATUS NASCITUR  
arr. Mark Schweizer  
(1956-2019)

*Choir*

**C**ome, Thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest Thy virgin birth:  
Let every age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, Thou art still  
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
The promised Fruit to man displayed.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.

Praise, eternal Son, to Thee;  
Whose Advent sets thy people free,  
With whom the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.

Text: St. Ambrose (340-397), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

*Please stand, as you are able, for the carol.*

## O Come, Divine Messiah

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence  
2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et  
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And  
long fore - told. Come break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -  
cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a - way.  
deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to  
shall your God - head see.



earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face, And bid us



hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine Mes -



si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When



hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

*Please be seated.*



*Greater will be the glory of this house.*

*Please stand, as you are able, for the carol.*

CAROLS

**Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying**

WACHET AUF  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Choir*

**W**ake, awake, for night is flying, The watchers  
on the heights are crying, Awake Jerusalem,  
at last! Midnight hears the welcome voices And  
at the thrilling cry rejoices: Come forth, you  
virgins, night is past! The Bridegroom comes,  
awake, Your lamps with gladness take, Alleluia!  
And for his marriage feast prepare, For you must  
go to meet him there.

Now let all the heav'ns adore thee, And men and  
angels sing before thee, With harp and cymbal's  
clearest tone; Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where we are with choir immortal Of angels  
round thy dazzling throne; Nor eye has seen, nor  
ear Has yet attained to hear, What there is ours;  
But we rejoice, and sing to thee Our hymn of joy  
eternally.

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608),  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878)

**Advent Fantasy**

arr. Judy Phillips  
(b. 1952)

*All Saints Handbell Choir: Resounding Joy*



*Here is your God, he comes with vindication.*

## CAROL

**Ecce virgo concipiet**

Cristóbal de Morales  
(1500-1553)

*Choir*

**E**cce virgo concipiet et pariet filium  
et vocabitur nomen ejus: Admirabilis,  
Deus Fortis.  
Super solium David, et super regnum ejus  
sedebit in aeternum.

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and his name shall be called: Wonderful,  
Mighty God.  
Over the throne of David, and over his  
kingdom, he will reign in eternity.*

Text: cf. Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7



## SIXTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.*

## CAROLS

**Rorate Caeli**

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

*Tim Lewicki, organ*

**Ave Maria**

Jacques Arcadelt  
(1507-1568)

*Choir*

**A**ve Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus  
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus  
Holy Mary, pray for us. Amen.*

Text: Luke 1:28, 41

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

*Please stand, as you are able, for the carol.*

## CAROL

## On Jordan's Bank

WINCHESTER NEW



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make
3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And
5. All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, And let each heart pre -  
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth and let your  
 ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

CLOSING PRAYER *and* BLESSING

## CAROL

## People, Look East

BESANÇON



1. Peo - ple, look East! The time is near Of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, One more  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, That in course and the flow'r may flour - ish.  
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing - time has cho - sen.  
 weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing.



Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day:



Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
 Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## Sortie on 'Venez Divin Messie'

César Franck  
(1822-1890)

*All are invited to a Christmas cookie reception following the organ voluntary.*

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Friday, October 24, 2025 • 7:30 PM



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**MAUREEN WALSH, SAXOPHONIST**  
Friday, January 23, 2026 • 7:30 PM

Local saxophonist **Maureen Walsh** is a prolific solo recitalist, presenting up to twenty solo recitals each year and has created 5 albums of music. We welcome Ms. Walsh to All Saints as she presents a concert of American music to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States. Enjoy music by Copland, Williams, Gershwin and others.



**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
Saturday, December 6, 2025 •  
7:30 PM

Members of the All Saints Music Ministry present this beloved service of Scripture readings, hymns, and choral anthems to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Enjoy music for harp, handbells, choir and organ.



**BLUE RIDGE SINGERS**  
JEFFREY ALBAN, *conductor*  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 • 7:30 PM

We welcome back the **Blue Ridge Singers**, who have appeared on the series each year, to present a concert of choral music. This dedicated group of musicians under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Alban presents their Spring program.



All events are free and open to the public. A meet-the-artist reception follows each concert. A free-will offering will be taken to support current and future programming for this annual concert series.

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Emily Mason, *harp and organ*



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*We wish you a peaceful remainder of this Advent season  
and a blessed Christmas!*

*Come, Lord Jesus!*

*Join us at our other events and liturgies  
this Advent and Christmas Season:*



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