

# CHRIST CHURCH



## A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 2021 at 7 pm

Verse 1: The Soloist – Gianna Caruso , *treble*  
 Verse 2: The Choir  
 Verses 3 – 6: The Choir & Congregation

SOPRANO  
ALTO

1. Once in roy-al Da-vid's\_ ci - ty Stood a low-ly cat-tle\_ shed,  
 Where a mo-ther laid\_ her\_ ba - by In a man-ger for\_ his\_ bed:  
 2. He came down to earth from hea-ven Who is God and Lord of\_ all,  
 And his shel-ter was\_ a\_\_ sta - ble, And his cra-dle was\_ a\_\_ stall;

TENOR  
BASS

Ma - ry\_ was that mo-ther mild, - Je - sus\_ Christ\_ her lit - tle child\_ -  
 With the\_ poor and mean and low-ly Lived on\_ earth\_ our Sa - viour ho - ly.

3. And through all his wondrous childhood  
 He would honour and obey,  
 Love and watch the lowly maiden,  
 In whose gentle arms he lay:  
 Christian children all must be  
 Mild, obedient, good as he.

4. For he is our childhood's pattern,  
 Day by day like us he grew,  
 He was little, weak, and helpless,  
 Tears and smiles like us he knew:  
 And he feeleth for our sadness,  
 And he shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him,  
 Through his own redeeming love,  
 For that child so dear and gentle  
 Is our Lord in heaven above;  
 And he leads his children on  
 To the place where he is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
 With the oxen standing by,  
 We shall see him; but in heaven,  
 Set at God's right hand on high;  
 Where like stars his children crowned  
 All in white shall wait around.

## **THE BIDDING PRAYER *(The people stand)***

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmas-tide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in the manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the church he came to build, and especially in this our diocese.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**All:**

***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.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **THE INVITATORY**

**CAROL: *All My Heart This Night Rejoices***

**Johann G. Ebeling**

*All my heart this night rejoices, As I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices;  
Christ is born, their choirs are singing, Till the air, everywhere, Now their joy is ringing.*

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

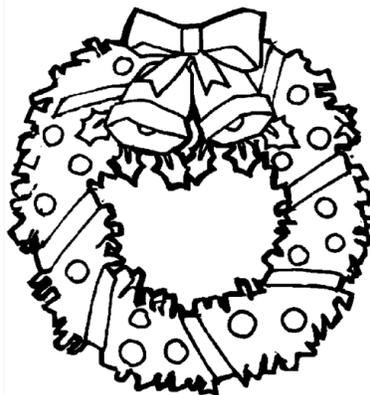
And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art Thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**CAROL: *Adam Lay Ybounden***

**Boris Ord**

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden written in their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our Lady abeen heaven queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!*

- Anon. 15<sup>th</sup> Century



**THE SECOND LESSON – An Acolyte**

**Genesis xxii**

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

And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

**CAROL: *See Amid the Winter's Snow***

**John Goss, arr. Dan Forrest**

*Alleluia!  
See amid the winter's snow  
Born for us on earth below  
See the tender Lamb appears  
Promised from eternal years*

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn  
Sing through all Jerusalem  
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

*Alleluia!  
Lo within a manger lies  
He who built the lofty skies  
He who throned in high sublime  
Sits amid the cherubim*

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn  
Sing through all Jerusalem  
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

*Alleluia!  
Sacred infant, all divine  
What a tender love was thine  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this*

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn  
Sing through all Jerusalem  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

- Edward Caswall

**THE THIRD LESSON – An Chorister**

**Isaiah ix**

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

**CAROL: *On This Day Earth Shall Ring***

**Personent Hodie, arr. Larry Shackley**

Diana Greene, *piano*

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: and 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; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord. With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

**CAROL: *The First Nowell* (omit vs. 4 & 5)**

**The First Nowell**

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

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 - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as 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

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.

*Refrain*

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

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*



*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

**CAROL: *Christmas Lullaby***

**John Rutter**

*Clear in the darkness, a light shines in Bethlehem  
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air  
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah  
But only a mother and baby lie there*

*Ave Maria, Ave Maria  
Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing  
Ave Maria, Ave Maria  
Maiden and mother of Jesus our King*

*Where are his courtiers and who are his people?  
Why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?  
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people  
With peace as his sceptre and love for his crown*

*Ave Maria, Ave Maria  
Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing  
Ave Maria, Ave Maria  
Maiden, and mother of Jesus our King*

*What though your treasures are not gold or incense?  
Lay them before him with hearts full of love  
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother  
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above*

*Ave Maria, Ave Maria  
Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing  
Ave Maria, Ave Maria  
Maiden, and mother of Jesus our King*

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should 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.

**CAROL: *The Child Lay in the Cloth and Hay***

**Arr. Carl Schalk**

*The child lay in the cloth and hay, the host of heralds came;  
The angel whispered to the earth: Messiah is his name.*

*The child came to the barren womb, and now Messiah came;  
The angel whispered to the rich: Messiah is his name.*

*The child had neither house nor bed, the dream of heaven came;  
The angel whispered to the night: Messiah is his name.*

*The child ran through the rock and sand, the thorns and thistles came;  
The angel whispered: take the crown, Messiah is his name.*

*The child sat as the one on high, all light and glory came;  
Thee angels whispered as one voice: Messiah is his name.*

- Herbert Brokering

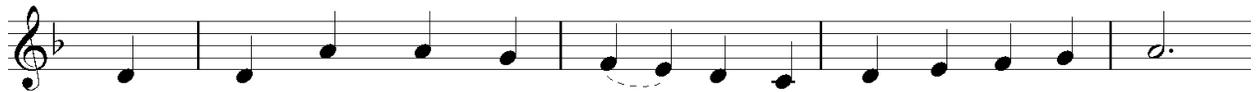


*The shepherds go to the manger.*

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

**CAROL: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (omit vs. 3)***

**Traditional, arr. Willcocks**



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
 2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
 3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."  
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



*Refrain*  
 O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasurers they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

**CAROL: *Nativity Carol***

**John Rutter**

*Born in a stable so bare  
Born so long ago  
Born 'neath light of star  
He who loved us so*

*Wise men from distant far land  
Shepherds from starry hills  
Worship this babe so rare  
Hearts with his warmth he fills*

*Far away, silent he lay  
Born today, your homage pay  
For Christ is born for aye  
Born on Christmas Day*

*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*

*Love in that stable was born  
Into our hearts to flow  
Innocent dreaming babe  
Make me thy love to know*

*Far away, silent he lay  
Born today, your homage pay  
For Christ is born for aye  
Born on Christmas Day*

*Far away, silent he lay  
Born today, your homage pay  
For Christ is born for aye  
Born on Christmas Day*

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, not of the will of the flesh, not of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

**CAROL: O Come All Ye Faithful (omit vs. 3)**

**Adeste fideles, arr. Willcocks**

The musical score is arranged in three systems. Each system includes a vocal line (Soprano/Alto or Tenor/Bass) and an Organ part. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

**System 1:**

SOPRANO ALTO  
 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri -  
 (ORGAN)  
 2. God of God, Light of  
 3. See how the shep - herds, Sum - moned to his  
 4. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul -

**System 2:**

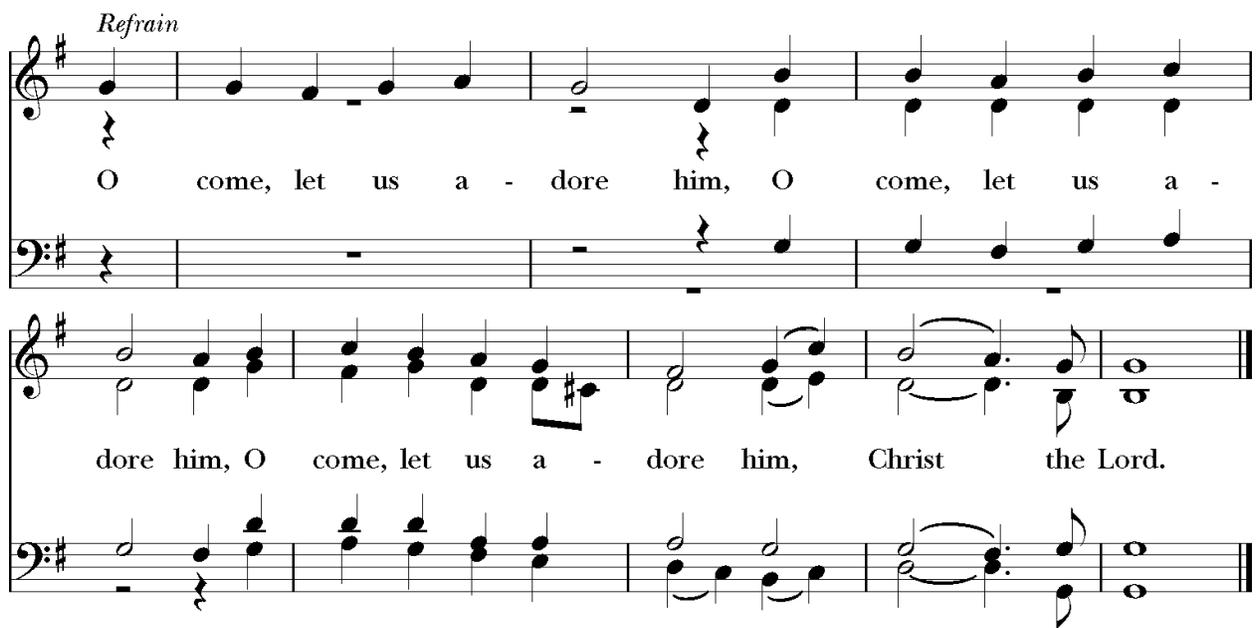
- um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Light, Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 cra - dle, Leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;  
 - ta - tion, Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;

**System 3:**

Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels:  
 Ve - ry God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:  
 We too will thi - ther Bend our joy - ful foot - steps:  
 Glo - ry to God In the high - est:

Man.

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -  
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

### THE OFFERING

Voluntary: *Fantasia on 'Greensleeves'*

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Michael Mullinar

Nicholas Currie, *violin*; Diana Greene, *piano*

### THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

### THE BLESSING

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. *AMEN.*

SOPRANO  
ALTO

(ORGAN)

TENOR  
BASS

1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing \_ Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, \_ Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! \_ Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, \_ God and sin - ners re - con - ciled:  
 Late in time be - hold him come \_ Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb:  
 Light and life to all he brings, \_ Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings;

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, \_ Join the tri - umph of the skies, \_  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, \_ Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! \_  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, \_ Born that man no more may die, \_

With th'an - ge - lic host pro - claim, Christ is \_ born in Beth - le - hem.  
 Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, \_ our Em - ma - nu - el.  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to \_ give them se - cond birth.

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**Christmas Services**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM – Family Eucharist with Pageant

7:30 PM Carol Sing

8:00 PM – Festal Choral Eucharist

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

**December 26<sup>th</sup> – The First Sunday after Christmas**

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

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**The Choir of Christ Church**

Nicholas Currie  
Eric Schaberg  
Andrea Santoro  
Loni Bach

*violin*  
*violin*  
*viola*  
*cello*

*The congregation is cordially invited to a  
Reception in Holley Hall immediately following the service  
for refreshments and to greet the performers*

