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EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS

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VOLUNTARY: Les mages, from *La Nativité*

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

The people stand for the First Lesson.

THE FIRST LESSON: John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

The hymns are sung from the blue Hymnal 1982

Hymn 82 “Of the Father’s love begotten”

Divinum Mysterium

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Officiant says

Brothers and sisters, we are gathered to celebrate with joy the appearance of God’s glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us; to reflect upon the visit of the magi bringing homage to their King at his birth; and to hear the prophetic words of Anna and Simeon revealing the Christ child as a light to lighten all people.

As we rejoice in this, the Word made flesh, who called us out of darkness into light, so we pray that his love and faithfulness may be known in all the world. We pray for the unity and mission of Christ’s Church, and for all who minister the gospel of Christ; we pray for the world, that we may have reverence for the

natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God; and we pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the sick and the bereaved, and for all who have no one to pray for them.

May God our Father take us and use us in his service; may he open our eyes to see his glory, and equip us to bless his people, now and at all times. *Amen.*

Officiant and people

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 Officiant continues

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

The people sit

INVITATORY CAROL

*Videntes stellam Magi
gavisi sunt gaudio magno:
et intrantes domum
obtulerunt Domino aurum,
thus et myrrham.*

When the Magi saw the star
they were filled with great joy:
and they went into the house
and offer the Lord gold,
frankincense and myrrh.

Words: Magnificat antiphon for the second day of Epiphany
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

THE SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 60.1-11

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Lift up your eyes round about, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far,
and your daughters shall be carried in the arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant,
your heart shall thrill and rejoice;
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall come up with acceptance on my altar,
and I will glorify my glorious house.
Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?
For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your sons from far,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the Lord your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.
Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I smote you,
but in my favor I have had mercy on you.
Your gates shall be open continually;
day and night they shall not be shut;
that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations,
with their kings led in procession.

CAROL

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring, to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity night:
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high.

Myrr is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
heaven sings alleluya,
alleluya the earth replies.

Words: John Hopkins (1820-1891)

Music: melody by John Hopkins

Arr. Martin Neary (b. 1940)

THE THIRD LESSON: Luke 2.1-17

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and 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 among men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child.

The people stand and sing

Hymn 115 "What child is this"

Greensleeves

The people sit.

THE FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 2.1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will govern my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with

Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

CAROL

When He is King we will give Him the Kings' gifts,
myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
beautiful robes', said the young girl to Joseph
fair with her firstborn on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in gravesheets,
myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
he that lies now in the white arms of Mary
sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt (1899-1957)
Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)
arranged by David Hill (b. 1957)

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2.25-40

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to thy people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

“Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel,
and for a sign that is spoken against
(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also),
that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

CAROL

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Words: *Nunc dimittis* from the *Fauxbouron Service*
Music: Matthew Larkin

THE SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 3.13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

CAROL

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

Words: Gerard Markland (b. 1953)
Music: Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

THE SEVENTH LESSON: John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The people stand and sing

Hymn 135 "Songs of thankfulness and praise"

Salzburg

The people sit.

THE EIGHTH LESSON: Luke 9.28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

CAROL

O <i>ardens mons,</i>	O burning mountain,
O <i>electe sol,</i>	O chosen sun,
O <i>perfecta luna,</i>	O perfect moon,
O <i>inestimabilis fons,</i>	O fathomless well,
O <i>claritas immodica,</i>	O clearness beyond all measure,
O <i>sapientia aeterna,</i>	O wisdom without end,
O <i>misericordia infinita,</i>	O mercy without all limit,
O <i>virtus ultra resistentiam,</i>	O strength beyond resistance,
O <i>excelsum ineffabilis,</i>	O inexpressible height,
O <i>lux inaccessabilis,</i>	O unattainable light,
O <i>corona omnis majestatis.</i>	O crown of all majesty.

All creation humbly sings your praise:
Bright stars, high mountains,
depths of the seas, rushing waters,
All these break into song
at heaven’s proclamation:
This is my Son, my beloved,
My chosen One.
Alleluia!

Words: Mechthild of Magdeburg (1207-1294)

Words: Jessica French (b. 1984)

INDUCTION OF CHORISTERS

The Novice Choristers are presented for Induction.

Dean As choristers in this Cathedral, will you be reverent in the house of God, and faithful in your leadership of worship?

Choristers We will.

Dean Will you be faithful and diligent in attending rehearsals and services, in learning and practicing, and in participating fully in the life of the Cathedral Choir?

Choristers We will.

Dean Will you respect others and honor your role as a leader in this community of faith?

Choristers We will.

Dean Will all of you who are family, friends, and teachers of these young people do all in your power to support their commitment to this ministry?

People We will.

The names of the Inductees are read.

Dean I admit you into the Cathedral Choir. Receive these medals and wear them as symbols of your role as ministers in this Cathedral.

Choristers Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people stand and the Officiant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Officiant then gives the following blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 119 “As with gladness men of old”

Dix

VOLUNTARY: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Dieterich Buxtehude
(c.1637-1707)

Please follow the procession out of the West door and assemble there for the Chalking of the same and the Burning of the Greens.

The Officiant chalks the lintel with 20+C+M+B+25 and says this prayer.

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus two thousand and twenty-five years ago. May Christ bless this cathedral and all who enter here, and remain with us throughout the new year. *Amen.*

Everyone is invited to take a piece of chalk and a copy of the prayers with you to chalk and bless your own homes.

BURNING OF THE GREENS

Visit, O blessed Lord, this place with the gladness of your presence; bless us with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide comfort, and strengthen us; preserve us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The congregation is invited to add small sprigs of greenery to the fire.

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