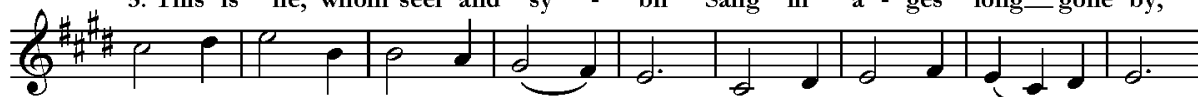


Fourteenth Century English Carol



1. Of the Fa - ther's heart be - got - ten, Ere the world from cha - os rose,
 2. By his word was all cre - a - ed; He com - mand - ed and 'twas done;
 3. He as - sumed this mor - tal bo - dy, Frail and fee - ble, doomed to die,
 4. O how blest that won - drous birth - day, When the Maid the curse re - trieved,
 5. This is he, whom seer and sy - bil Sang in a - ges long - gone by;



He is Al - pha: from that Foun - tain All that is and hath been flows;
 Earth and sky and bound - less o - cean, U - ni - verse of three in one,
 That the race from dust cre - a - ed Might not per - ish ut - ter - ly,
 Brought to birth mankind's sal - va - tion, By the Ho - ly Ghost conceived;
 This is he of old re - veal - ed In the page of pro - phe - cy;



He is O - me - ga, of all - things Yet to
 All that sees the moon's soft ra - diance, All that
 Which the dread - ful Law had sen - tenced In the
 And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, In her
 Lo! he comes, the pro - mised Sa - viour; Let the



come the mys - tic Close, *Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.*
 breathes be - neath the sun,
 depths of hell to lie,
 lov - ing arms re - ceived,
 world his prais - es cry!

6. Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises;
 Angels and archangels, sing!
 Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
 Let your joyous anthems ring,
 Ev'ry tongue his name confessing,
 Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

The Bidding Prayer

The Collect

The Congregation remains standing and silence is kept.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son Jesus Christ cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please sit.

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-20

Adam names his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

Reader: A Member of the Congregation

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 heavené queen.

Blessèd be the time
That apple taken was;
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gracias!

Fifteenth Century English Carol

The Second Lesson

Micah 5:1-4

A Savior will come from the little town of Bethlehem.

Reader: A Warden of the Parish

Carol

‘King Jesus hath a garden’

Dutch Melody, arranged by *John Scott*
(1956-2015)

KING Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flow’rs,
Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.
There naught is heard by Paradise bird,
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal trump and tymbal,
And the tender soothing flute.

The Lily, white in blossom there, is Chastity,
The Violet, with sweet perfume, Humility.
There naught is heard by Paradise bird,
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal trump and tymbal,
And the tender soothing flute.

The bonny Damaskrose is known as Patience:
The blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience.
There naught is heard by Paradise bird,
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal trump and tymbal,
And the tender soothing flute.

The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place,
‘Tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace.
There naught is heard by Paradise bird,
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal trump and tymbal,
And the tender soothing flute.

Yet, ‘mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim
The star of Beth-lem, Jesus, blessed be his Name!
There naught is heard by Paradise bird,
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal trump and tymbal,
And the tender soothing flute.

Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,
Make thou my heart thy garden plot, fair, trim and neat.
That I may hear this musick clear:
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal, trump and tymbal,
And the tender soothing flute.

The Third Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel greets Mary who is to become the Mother of God.

Reader: A Priest of the Parish

Hymn 265

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

THE angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

2. “For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world
will ever say—
“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:39-47

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and they rejoice in the Holy Spirit.

Reader: A Member of the Congregation

Magnificat quinti toni

Michael Praetorius
(1571-1621)

The Fifth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus is to be known as Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us’.

Reader: The Rector

The Peace

The Greetings

(Please be seated.)

Homily

Father Daniels

FESTAL EUCHARIST

Setting

Missa O Magnum Mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)

At the Offertory, Carol

‘In dulci jubilo’

arranged by *Robert Lucas de Pearsall*
(1795-1856)

In dulci jubilo,
Let us our homage shew!
Our heart's joy reclineth
In praesepio
And like a bright star shineth,
Matris in gremio.
Alpha es et O.

O Jesu parvule!
I yearn for thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech thee,
O Puer optime!
My prayer let it reach thee,
O Princeps Gloriae!
Trabe me post te!

O Patris caritas!
O Nati lenitas!
Deeply were we stained
Per nostra crimina;
But thou hast for us gained
Coelorum gaudia.
O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia.
where, If that they be not there?
There are angels singing
Nova cantica,
There the bells are ringing
In Regis curia.
O that we were there!

Fourteenth Century German Carol

ON this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,

Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. His the doom, ours the mirth;
when he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him.

Refrain

3. God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.

Refrain

4. On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving
Sanctus and Benedictus
The Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread
Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed at the High Altar and, for convenience and accessibility,
also at the Chantry Chapel Altar.*

At the Communion, Agnus Dei
and Carol

'Sing lullaby'

Basque Traditional
arranged by *Edgar Pettman*
(1865-1943)

SING lullaby!
Lullaby baby, now reclining,
Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Angels are watching, stars are shining
Over the place where He is lying:
Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby!
Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping,
Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King,
Soon will come sorrow with the morning,
Soon will come bitter grief and weeping:
Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby!
Lullaby baby, now a-doing,
Sing lullaby!
Hush; do not wake the Infant King,
Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing,
Then in the grave at last reposing:
Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby!
Lullaby! is the babe awaking?
Sing lullaby!
Hush; do not stir the Infant King.
Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning,
Conquering Death, its bondage breaking,
Sing lullaby!

S. Baring-Gould

AWAY in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus,
no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus:
look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in your tender care;
prepare us for heaven
to live with you there.

The Postcommunion Prayer
The Blessing and Dismissal
Hymn 100

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

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

Isaac Watts

Voluntary

Scherzo Symphonique (1974)

Pierre Cochereau

(1924-1984)

transcribed by *Jeremy Filsell*
(b. 1964)

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MUSIC NOTES

Tomás Luis de Victoria was born in Avila, Spain in 1548. He began his musical studies as a chorister at Avila Cathedral and moved to Rome in 1565. Having taken Holy Orders in 1575, *Victoria* continued to work as a musician, composer and priest in Rome until he returned to Spain as Chaplain to the Empress Maria in 1587. His work at the Empress's Monasterio de las Descalzas de S. Clara in Madrid included the role of Maestro de Capilla, and many of the composer's later masses were written for the choir of boys and priests that he directed there.

The *Missa O magnum mysterium* was published in 1592 and is based on the motet of the same name by *Victoria* composed some twenty years earlier. In the conventional style of the parody mass (a form particularly common in the 16th century), the composer selects motifs from the original motet with a mind to the text of the various sections of the mass, and with his characteristic Spanish flair *Victoria* breathes new life and purpose into the pre-composed themes.

The greens today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Mary Clark deBrabant and Margaret Crane Hurlbut.

Sunday Services: 8, 9, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Monday through Wednesday Services: 8 a.m., 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.
(The Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Eucharist includes a healing service.)
Saturday Service: 12:10 p.m.

*Choral Evensong on Tuesday, December 22, at 5:30 p.m.
Choral Evensong on Wednesday, December 23, at 5:30 p.m.
(This Choral Evensong is sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir.)*

The clergy are available to hear confessions by appointment.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:10 P.M. The Blessing of the Crèche: *A service for children and their families*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4 P.M. A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sermon by The Rector

10:30 P.M. (Doors open at 10 P.M.)

FESTIVAL MUSIC FOR TRUMPET AND ORGAN

11 P.M. THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

Sermon by The Rector

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

11 A.M. SOLEMN EUCHARIST

Sermon by The Rector

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

11 A.M. FESTAL EUCHARIST

Sermon by The Rector

The complete December calendar is available in the Narthex and in the reception area of the Parish House. It may also be found on our website at www.SaintThomasChurch.org.

PARISH NOTICES

Please Note: Unauthorized recordings and the taking of unauthorized photographs at SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE are prohibited.

If you are a visitor this morning, **we welcome you to Saint Thomas Church** and hope that you are with us again soon. We encourage you to complete a Welcome Card which you can find in the rack at the end of the pews or in the narthex at the front of the church.

You are invited to **Coffee Hour**, in the parish house living room and dining room following this service. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to members of the Welcome Committee, who will be distributing name tags, or to members of the clergy. Also, if you'd like to hear from us, please sign the Parish Guest Book if you have not already given us your contact information.

Nursery: We welcome our youngest members and guests to Saint Thomas Church. Nursery care is available for infants and young children of parents attending the 9 and 11 a.m. liturgies. If your child would like to attend the nursery, please ask one of our ushers or staff who will kindly direct you. Once at the nursery, parents will be asked to sign their children in and will receive a silent pager for use during the service.

Sunday School is on recess and will resume January 10.

Following the 11 a.m. service today, the Choir School Boys are holding a **Bake Sale**. Proceeds from this event will benefit the School. Please stop by the reception area of the Parish House and support our Choristers in their endeavors.

Tempus fugit! With only a few days left in 2015, the parish would like to invite those who have not yet pledged to the 2016 Every Member Canvass to do so. Pledge offerings support the operating budget of the church and choir school and are crucial to their financial health. There are pledge cards in the pews and in the narthex (the Fifth Avenue porch of the church); it is also possible to pledge through our secure website, www.SaintThomasChurch.org. Saint Thomas already has more than 400 members and friends who have pledged, for whom we are glad to give thanks, even as we pray that their number grows.

Year-end contributions to Saint Thomas Church and Choir School. As the New Year fast approaches and you consider your year-end gifts, please remember Saint Thomas Church and Choir School. Gifts can be made in honor or memory of family or friends. All donations, including cash gifts, must be postmarked by December 31, or received in the Finance Office by noon on Thursday, December 31, to qualify as a deduction for 2015 tax purposes. Likewise, gifts of stock must be received in the Church's investment account by December 31, 2015. For stock transfer instructions or other questions, please contact Ann Hall Kaplan at akaplan@SaintThomasChurch.org or 212.757.7013 ext 414.

The Bookstore, located on the first floor of the parish house, is open following both the 11 a.m. and the 4 p.m. services. Currently in stock: the new CD *Dancing Day*, sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys, books for Advent and Christmas, *Heaven, Hell . . . and Purgatory*, Michael Root (editor). Also available: The Christian Pocket Diary 2016, books by Father Austin and books for adult education classes. The Bookstore is also open Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, December 23 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, December 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Saint Thomas has a number of classes for adult theological education. Every Sunday a class meets at 10 o'clock on the fifth floor of the parish house; this is often an extended Bible study, and is generally taught by Father Austin. On most Mondays, he repeats the class at 12:40 p.m. on the second floor . . . On most Fridays at 12:45 p.m., Father Spurlock leads a Bible study on the second floor . . . The Rector's Christian Doctrine Class meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from January 12 through early May. This class covers the basics of Christian faith and practice as they have been received in our church, and it is especially for people who want to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church . . . Father Austin leads a monthly seminar book discussion, "Good Books & Good Talk"; this seminar will discuss *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark on Monday, January 25, at 6:15 p.m. Then, in February, the book will be *The Unnamed* by Joshua Ferris . . . And there are occasional lectures and shorter courses. For news, click on the "theology" tab of our website, or drop a line to vaustin@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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