

Benediction

And now may He who by His Incarnation gathered into things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen. Now go forth in peace and joy, extending the peace of Christ to all you meet.

Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World"

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Postlude

Lessons & Carols History

The Service of Lessons and Carols was first developed in the late nineteenth century by Archbishop Benson for use in King's College Chapel, Cambridge.

The service, which has as its focal point the coming of Christ, is characterized by a very simple pattern. It is ordered around Scripture readings that pertain to Christ's coming and birth, followed by songs (both choral and congregational) and prayers.

Since its first use and subsequent spread throughout the world, the service has been adapted in many ways, ranging from a very simple service of readings and congregational songs to an elaborate production.

Members of the congregation participate in the readings of the Scriptures and can be representational of the different church organizations from children to adults.



