

## 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"*

LSB #387

## Postlude

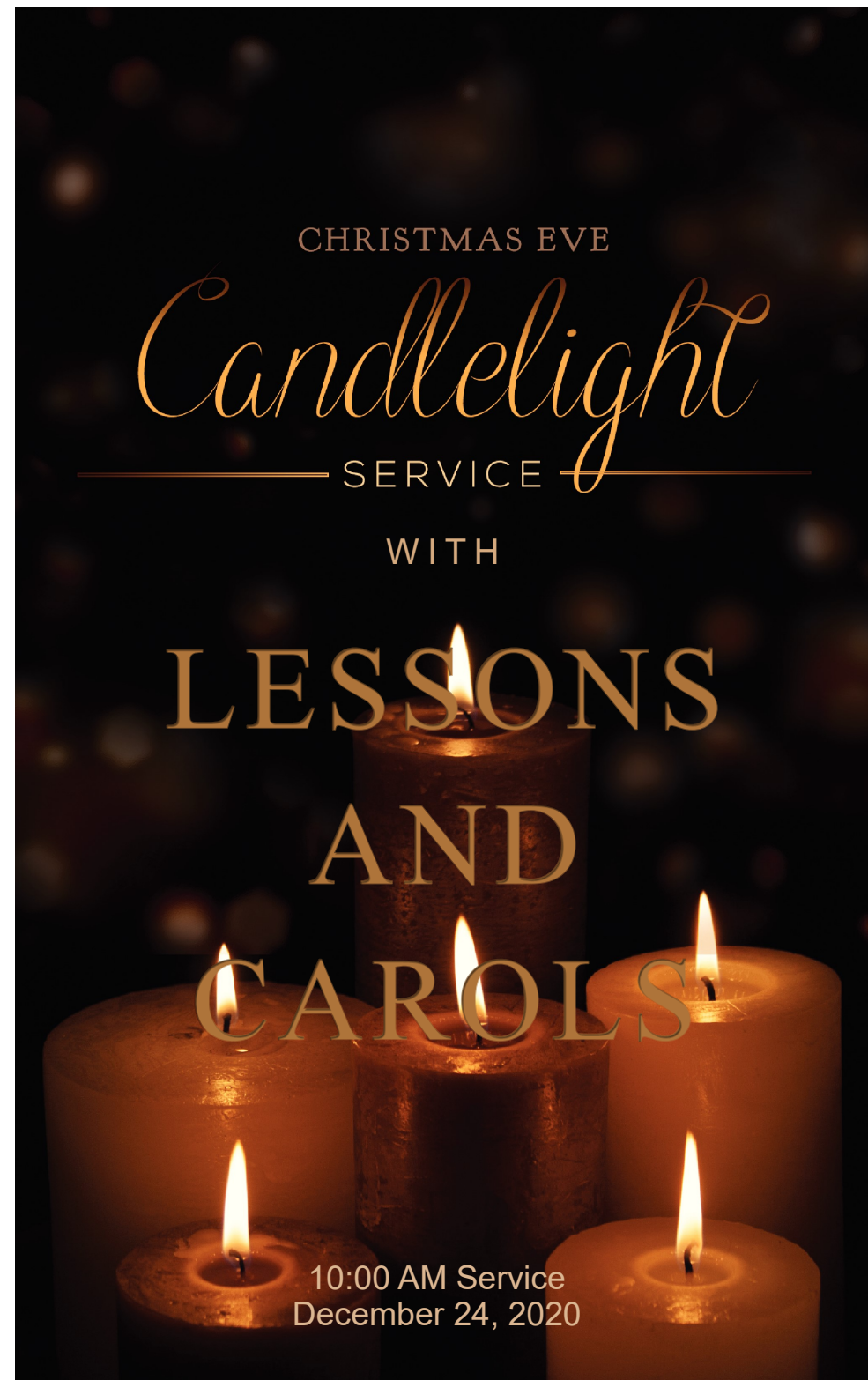
## Lessons & Carols History

**T**he 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.



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## Lessons & Carols

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**Processional Hymn**     *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*                     **LSB #379**

### Prayer

P. O Jesus Christ, light of the World,  
C. **Shine Your mercy upon us.**

**Blessing**   **Pastor & Congregation**

May the almighty God bless us with divine grace, may Christ give us the  
the joy of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above,  
may the Spirit of Love unite us all.

**First Lesson**                                     Genesis 3:8-15  
God’s punishment for satan and Adam and Eve  
*“O Come. O Come, Emmanuel”*     **LSB #357 vv. 1, 4-6**

**Second Lesson**                                Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by the prophet Isaiah  
*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*     **LSB #338**

**Third Lesson**                                    Micah 5:2-5a  
The prophet Micah prophesies the glory of Bethlehem  
*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*             **LSB #361**

**Fourth Lesson**                                 Luke 1:26-35, 38  
The angel Gabriel visits the virgin Mary  
*“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”*     **LSB #356**

**Fifth Lesson**                                    Matthew 1:18-25  
An angel appears to Joseph  
*“Savior of the Nations, Come”*     **LSB #332 vv. 1-3, 7**

**Sixth Lesson**                                    Luke 2:1-7  
In Bethlehem, Mary gives birth to her firstborn, a son  
*“What Child is This?”*                     **LSB #370**

**Seventh Lesson**                                Luke 2:8-14  
Shepherds are visited by God’s messengers  
*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*             **LSB #368**

### Offering

**Confession**   **p. 151**

### THE TABLE OF THE LORD

#### Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and  
when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:  
Take, eat; this is my ☐ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance  
of me.

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given  
thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my ☐ blood  
of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This  
do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

P. The Lord be with you always.  
C. **and also with you.**

#### The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, which 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, forever. Amen

**Communion**                                     *“Sing We Now of Christmas”*

#### (Lighting of Candles — Please Stand)

(Candles will be lit during the Instrumental Introduction of “Silent Night”)

**Eighth Lesson**                                 Luke 2:15-20  
The shepherds visit the manger  
*“Silent Night”*                             **LSB #363**

**(Extinguish candles—Please be Seated)**