

# A Virtual Lessons and Carols

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Prelude                      Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming                      James Woodman  
   O Come, O Come Emmanuel                      Anne Krentz Organ

Opening Hymn                      Prepare the Royal Highway                      *Bereden väg för Herren*

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
*O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
*O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

Fling wide your gates, O Zion: your Savior's rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.  
*O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

The Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The First Lesson                      Isaiah 40:1-5

Carol                      Comfort, Comfort Ye My People                      John Ferguson

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark! the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,  
Calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away;  
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

The Second Lesson                      Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol                                      I Wonder as I Wander

The Third Lesson                      Luke 2:1, 3-7

Carol                                      Night of Silence                                      Daniel Kantor

Cold are the people, winter of life,  
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,  
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, flowers that will echo the sunrise,  
Fire of hope is our only warmth, weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,  
On wind you enfold us you speak of the light,  
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly, rumors of a dawn so embracing,  
Breathless love awaits darkened souls, soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star,  
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,  
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love,  
Star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

*Please join in singing:*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia;  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

The Fourth Lesson                      Luke 2: 8-16

Hymn

Joy to the World!

*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,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

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

The Fifth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Carol

We Three Kings

Jason Krug

Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

*Cranham*

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air,  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

The Sixth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Carol

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

Charles Wood

Carol

Still, Still, Still

Anne Krentz Organ

The Collect and Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

*In dulci jubilo*

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before Him bow and He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Carol of the Bells

James E. Clemens  
George Winston