



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada

*A Festival of
Lessons & Carols*

**December 14th 2025
7.00 pm**

Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.



This service is video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.



Hymns are from the **blue** Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.



A Note about this Service: A service of lessons & carols for Christmas was first developed in 1880 by Bishop Edward Benson of Truro (later Archbishop of Canterbury), and an adaptation by King's College, Cambridge, became famous. This iconic Christmas liturgy has been further adapted, using readings and carols to narrate the story of God's loving purpose in creation, from the Spirit of God which moved over the waters at the beginning of time, to the redemption of the world by Christ Jesus, the timeless Word made flesh.

Presented by:

Trinity United Church Choir (Michael Fenn)

St. John's Beginnings (Trish Warren)

and

**St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church Choir
(Wendy Earl)**

Prelude

Laura Porter and Terry Dillabough

Processional – #123 – "Once in Royal David's City" (vs. 1, 3)

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see Him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
when, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall gather round.

Welcome –

Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

1st Lesson Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

Trish Warren

Carol #118

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs 1-4)

Anthem: Beginnings –

"Make Room" (Mayer/Hall)

2nd Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7
Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6-9

Sandy Rankin

Carol #120

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Anthem: **Trinity United Church Choir** – *"The Son of Mary" (Parr)*

3rd Lesson Luke 1: 26-38

Rev. Takouhi Damirdjian

Carol #138

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Carol #137

"What Child Is This"

4th Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Karen Bryan

Carol #126

"Away in A Manager"

Anthem: **St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church Choir** –
"Stars Were Gleaming" (arr. Hobson)

5th Lesson Luke 2: 8-16

Chris Elmsley

Carol #135

"Shepherds in the Field Abiding"

6th Lesson John 1: 1-17

Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Dismissal

Blessing

Recessional #119

"Silent Night"

Services in Advent and Christmas

Sunday December 21

8am – Said Eucharist, Advent 4

10am – Sung Eucharist, Advent 4

Wednesday December 24

7pm – Christmas Eve Communion

11pm – Christmas Eve Communion

Thursday December 25

10am – Christmas Morning Said Eucharist



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Weekly Liturgies

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 am & 10 am* – Wednesdays 10 am

*Sunday School offered at 10 am from September – June

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