

# The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

*December 23, 2018, 6:00 PM*

## **Welcome**

**Processional hymn:** Once in Royal David's City (155),  
congregation stands on the fourth stanza.

## **Opening prayer, standing:**

Our Father, who 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 debts; as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

**Opening hymn:** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," choir

**First lesson:** Genesis 3:8–15, 17–19

**Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (124),  
congregation seated

**Second Lesson:** Genesis 22:15–18

**Hymn:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” choir

**Third Lesson:** Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

**Hymn:** “The People That in Darkness Sat,” men’s choir

**Fourth Lesson:** Micah 5:2–4

**Hymn:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” youth choir

**Fifth Lesson:** Luke 1:26–38

**Hymn:** “Gabriel’s Message,” choir

**Sixth Lesson:** Luke 2:1; 3–7

**Hymn:** “Silent Night,” adult and youth choir

**Seventh Lesson:** Luke 2:8–16

**Hymn:** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (133), congregation standing

**Eighth Lesson:** Matthew 2:1–12

**Hymn:** “As with Gladness Men of Old,” ladies’ choir

**Ninth Lesson:** John 1:1–14

**Prayer**

**Closing hymn:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (145), congregation standing

**Benediction**