The Loyola University Maryland Community
has gathered every year
since 1989
at the beginning of the
Advent Season
for
The Annual Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

In the stillness of this early winter night
we hear proclaimed once again
the words of prophets and evangelists...
the story of Salvation retold
for a new generation of the Loyola Family.

As we approach the great feast of Christmas,
and the coming of the “Prince of Peace”
our world is torn by conflict and violence.
Let us rediscover as we listen to Holy Scripture
and listen to Carols
sung near a brightly-lit tree,
the true meaning of Christmas.

Tonight’s Carol service is dedicated
to the someone who has been
by my side for thirty-four years,
one who has shared joys, laughter, and dreams,
and of course, pain and tears...
my steadfast support and strength,
Joe Somma,
I would not be here without you.

For the “Loyola Family” here in this Chapel and all those across the country
we embrace the opportunity to share this season
of warmth with you through our music.

From the bottom of our hearts –
Peace to you & yours...

A Very Happy Christmas
and Blessed New year!
Tonight’s Lessons & Carols Service

is being
professionally recorded,
and
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for other members of the Assembly
and internet listeners...

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All chiming digital devices and mobile phones,
and
please do not talk or cough
unless it is absolutely necessary.

**Thank you!**
A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Assembly is invited to sing all **bold** verses.

**PRELUDE**

*In Dulci Jubilo*

Johann Michael Bach (1648-1694)

**ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY**

English Traditional Carol (1848), Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919–2015)

*This Carol which begins the service has been sung every year.*

*Soloist: Maeve Hayn, ’22*

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.

He came down to earth from heaven – who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood’s pattern, Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

--- Please Stand ---

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

--- Please Be Seated ---

**OPENING PRAYER**

Marie Anderson, Center for Community Service & Justice

--- Please Be Seated ---
UP GOOD CHRISTIAN FOLK, & LISTEN

Tune from *Piae Cantones* (1582)
Text and arranged by G.R. Woodward (1848-1934)
*This carol was last performed at Lessons & Carols in 2019.*

Up! Good Christen folk, and listen; How the merry church bells ring,
And from steeple bid good people, come adore the newborn King:
Tell the story how from glory God came down at Christmas-tide,
Bringing gladness, chasing sadness, show’ring blessings far and wide,
Born of mother, blest o’er other, Ex Maria Virgine,
In a stable (’tis no fable), Christus natus hodie.

LESSON I: GENESIS 3: 8-15
Clare Doyle, Class of 2025

JESUS CHRIST THE APPLE TREE

Words from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*, compiled by Joshua Smith, 1784
Music by Elizabeth Poston (1905 - 1987)
*This carol was last performed at Lessons & Carols in 2015.*

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green:
    The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne’er can tell
    The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought:
    I missed of all; but now I see
‘Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I’m weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest a while:
    Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

LESSON II: ISAIAH 35: 1-6
Melissa Jacob, Class of 2024
**LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING**

Words by C. Wesley and J. Cennick – Tune: *Helmsley*, 18th Century English
Arranged by John Rutter (2000)

*This carol was last performed at Lessons & Carols in 2019.*

– Please Stand –

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
 Thousand, thousand saints attending, Swell the triumph of his train:
   *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears, on earth to reign.*

Every eye shall now behold him. Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him; Pierced and nailed him to a tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.

**Yea, Amen!** Let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory, Claim the kingdom for thine own;
   *O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!*

**LESSON III: ISAIAH 11:1-9**

John Mirarchi, Class of 2023

**NOËL NOUVELET**

Traditional French Carol, late 15th Century

*Text: Grande Bible des Noëls, tant vieux que nouveaux, Troyes, 1721*
Arranged by Harold Owen (2003)

The earliest sources for this carol date from the late 15th century, although it is probably much older.

*This Carol is being performed for the first time this evening.*

Noël nouveau, Noël chansons icy;
Dévotes gens, rendons à Dieu mercy;
Chantons Noël pour le roy nouveauet,
Noël nouveau, Noël chansons icy!

En Bethléem, Marie et Joseph vy
L'asne et le bœuf, l'enfant couché parmy
La crèche était au lieu d'un bercelet…

L'estoile vint qui le jour esclaircy
Et la vy bien d'où j'estois départy
En Bethléem les Trois Roys conduisait…

Christmas comes anew, let us sing Noel here!
Pious people, let us cry to God for mercy!
Let us sing Noel for the new little King!
Christmas comes anew, let us sing Noel here!

In Bethlehem, I saw Mary and Joseph,
The ox and the ass, the child laid on its bed,
The manger was in place of a little crib.

The Star I saw, which lit up the sky,
That from the Orient, whence it had come,
Was leading the three kings to Bethlehem.
LESSON IV: MICAH 5: 2-5
Ryan Brooks, Class of 2022

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
16th Century English Traditional Carol,
Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1961)
This Carol was last performed at Lessons & Carols 2015.

– Please Stand –

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heav’ny Father A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name: O tidings of comfort and joy…

The shepherds at those tidings Rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind, and went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessed babe to find: O tidings of comfort and joy…

But when to Bethlehem they came, where at this infant lay,
They found him in a manger where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling Unto the Lord did pray: O tidings of comfort and joy…

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface: O tidings of comfort and joy…

– Please Be Seated –

LESSON V: LUKE 1: 26-38
Ebo Quainoo, Graduate Student in Theology
**AVE MARIA**

Text: *Hail Mary*, Music and additional text by Daniel Kantor
Arranged by Daniel Kantor and Rob Glover

*This carol was last performed at Lessons & Carols in 2018.*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
Nunc et in hora mortis nostri. Amen.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among all women; Blest is the fruit of your womb.

**Refrain**

Jesus, formed in your faith. Ave Maria, Alleluia.  
Jesus, born in your love, Ave Maria, Alleluia.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, the Lord is with you.  
Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

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**LESSON VI: LUKE 2: 1-7**

Valentin Mudiay, Office of Campus Ministry

**GAUDETE**

Verses by Joseph S. Cook (1859-1933) – Tune: *Piae Cantiones* (1582)  
Arranged by Robert J. Batastini (1987)  

*This Carol was last performed at Lessons & Carols in 2017.*

Gaudete, gaudete, Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine, gaudete.  
* (Rejoice, rejoice, Christ is born of the Virgin Mary, rejoice!)

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Angels sing about his birth, wise men sought and found him.  
Heaven’s star shone brightly forth, glory all around him!
WEXFORD CAROL
Traditional Irish Carol
Thought to have originated in County Wexford, this is one of Ireland oldest carols, the text dating back to the 12th century.
This arrangement, created by Nic Scott, '05 while he was a Loyola music intern, combines the voice leading of Callanan & Rutter with Nic's own unique keyboard style.
Wexford Carol was last performed for Lessons & Carols in 2012.
Soloists: Brendan Sweeney, ’21, Christina Guerra, ’22 & Angela Solazzo, ’22
Nic Scott – Piano

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done, in sending his beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day; in Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide, the noble Virgin, and her guide were long time seeking up and down, to find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass; from ev'ry door repelled alas! As long foretold, their refuge all was but a humble oxen stall.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; to where God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear, “Prepare and go,” the angels said, “To Bethlehem be not afraid; for there, you'll find this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born!”

With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angel had foretold, they did our Saviour Christ behold. Within a manger he as laid, and by his side the virgin maid, attending on the Lord of life, who came on earth to end all strife.

LESSON VII: LUKE 2: 8-14
Julie Sanz, Student Health Services

JOY TO THE WORLD
18th Century, English Carol; Text by Isaac Watts (1848–1934)
Tune arranged by Lowell Mason (1792–1872), and based on a melody ascribed to Handel.
Setting by John Rutter (1981)
This Carol setting was last performed at Lessons & Carols 2019.

– Please Stand –

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 Earth! The Savior reigns;  
Let men their 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.

– Please Be Seated –

LESSON VIII: MATTHEW 2: 1-11
Paola Pascual-Ferrá, Ph.D., Department of Communication

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS / FREE-WILL OFFERING
Gifts from our “Presence for Christmas” project are placed under the tree.  
Collection baskets will be passed this evening for the first time to help support 
undergraduate Choir students who are going on the Ignatian Pilgrimage this coming May.  
Donations will help to provide scholarships for those in financial need.  
Thank you for your generosity.

THE FIRST NOWELL
18th Century Cornish Carol, first published in 1823.  
Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)  
Sung every year.

(Men)  
The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep:  
ALL: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.
(Women)
They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east beyond them far;
   And to the earth it gave great light,
   And so it continued both day and night:
ALL: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

(Choir)
And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far;
To seek a king was their intent, and to follow that star wherever it went.
   Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

(All)
Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heav’nly Lord,
   That hath made heav’n and earth of naught,
   And with his blood mankind hath bought:
   Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

APPRECIATION
Councilman Mark Conway, 4th District, City of Baltimore

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER
Text by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)
Music by Harold Darke (1911)
This carol setting was last performed at Lessons & Carols in 2017.

   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, heav’n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
   Heav’n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.
   In the bleak mid-winter a stable place suffic’d
   The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

   Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
   A breast full of milk and a manger full of hay.
   Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
   The ox and ass and camel, which adore.

   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.
– Please Stand –

LESSON IX; JOHN 1: 1-14
Amanda Thomas. Ph.D., Interim President
Terrence Sawyer J.D., Incoming President

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL
English Carol, John Francis Wade, 1751
Adeste Fideles attributed to St. Bonaventure, 13th cent.
Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Sung every year.

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
    O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
    O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
    Very God, Begotten not created;
ALL:
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
    O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels; Sing in exultation,
    Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
Glory to God, in the highest;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
    O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning.
    Jesu, to Thee be all glory giv’n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
    O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER
Rev. Jack Dennis, S.J., University Chaplain
SIGN OF PEACE

FINAL BLESSING

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

English Carols, Hymns & Sacred Poems, 1739
Mendelssohn tune adapted by W.H. Cummings, 1855
Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Sung every year.

Hark! the herald angels sing; “Glory to the new-born King;”
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark, the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of Righteousness!
Light and Life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wing;
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”
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Feb. 3rd

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