

## A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS is a worship service which commemorates the Christmas season by recounting the miracle of Christ's condescension to mankind. The service travels through the Scriptures, chronologically recounting the steps to mankind's redemption through Christ's incarnation. The story begins in Genesis with the fall of man and God's subsequent promise to Abraham that, through his seed, all the nations will be blessed. From that point we visit the foretelling of the coming of the Savior in Isaiah before moving to the familiar story in Luke chapter 2, which describes the blessed birth in the lowly stable. The service concludes in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, as he unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation; the Word made flesh whose own received Him not. This is a special moment in the service as the worshippers share the light of the season, Christ himself, with each other, preparing their hearts to share this Light with the community.

This Service originated at King's College in England in 1918 in an effort to infuse more imaginative worship into the Church of England. It was adapted from a service begun in 1880 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, which used nine tiny lessons and nine carols on Christmas Eve. 1928 marks the first radio broadcast of the service at King's College. Since then, it has been broadcast every year, with the exception of 1930, even through the Second World War, when the ancient windows (along with the heat in the building) were removed from the cathedral for their preservation and the name King's College could not be broadcast for security reasons.

Inevitably, Lessons and Carols has become a favorite Christmas service of congregations around the world. Over the course of the 20th century, the format has essentially become public domain and has been used in churches everywhere to commemorate the coming of the promised Savior.



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PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

*presents*

# Lessons & Carols

*featuring the*

PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE CHORALE &  
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

*Rod Appleton, Chorale Director*

*Scott McCormick, Orchestra Director*

*Rachel Hoopai, Accompanist*

December 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The Barbara Hodel Center

Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, Virginia



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## PRELUDE

*Rachel Hebert, Harp*

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND BIDDING PRAYER

*Jack W. Haye, President, Patrick Henry College*

*“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, the power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.”*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Once in Royal David's City  
Cecil Francis Alexander (1818 – 1895)  
H. J. Gauntlett (1805–1876)  
arr. Robert J. Powell

*Patrick Henry College Chorale, Chamber Orchestra, and the Congregation*

- I. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 should be kind, obedient, good as he.
4. Chorale only
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he has gone.

## CHORALE

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Anna Allen	Chiara Baldacci	Benjamin Appleton	Luke Argue
Ashley Allen	Marina Barnes	Gabriel Blacklock	Leonardo Briceno
Sidney Anderson	Katherine Forster	Spencer Dalke	Josiah Dalke
Mikael Good	Gracen Fulmer	Ian Frith	Joshua De Jong
Rachel Hankinson	Kali Jerrard	Chris Mims	Marius Du Plessis
Kaitlan Michels	Isabella Kotiadis	Peter Poythress	Elias Gannage
Hannah Munshi	Amber Miller	Joshua Reeves	Ethan Johnston
Emma Perley	Lauren Morris	Cole Reynolds	Daniel Mainieri
Kaitlyn Rychener	Grace Roberts	Connor Weitz	Christian Rodgers
Abby Stewart	Elizabeth Russell		John Southards
Justine Van Ness	Beth Whitehead		Ben Stiegelmeier
Claire Wunder			Daniel Weitz

## CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I	VIOLIN 2	VIOLA	CELLO
Elias Gannage	Hope Sluka	Gentry Shannon	Elizabeth Shannon
Mikael Good	Caitlin Marr	Samuel Lung	Benjamin Purnell
Lauren Hutson	Katherine Forster	Gabriel Abernathy	Patrick Luchuk
Jacob Lertora	Loree Katahara		Michael Lung
			Samuel Abernathy

BASS	PIANO	PERCUSSION
Micah Katahara	Marina Barnes	Nathan Hillanbrand
		Julianne Kidd
		William Seabolt
		Brynna Rice

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## NINTH LESSON

*Elias Gannage, Katherine Forster, Ben Stiegelmeier, choristers*  
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.  
John i

His Light in Us

Euan Tait (b. 1968)  
Kim André Arnesen (b. 1980)

*Patrick Henry College Chorale*

Silent Night

Joseph Mohr (1792–1848)  
Franz Gruber (1787–1863)  
arr. John Schmidt, Al Van Der Beek, Steven Sharp Nelson

*Claire Wunder, soprano*  
*Elizabeth Shannon, cello*  
*Rod Appleton, piano*

The candles will be lit during the singing of Silent Night and may remain  
so until after the benediction.

## COLLECT

*Grace Roberts, President, Patrick Henry College Chorale*

The Advent Candle

Charles Bennett (b. 1954)  
Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

## BENEDICTION

*Jack Haye, President, Patrick Henry College*

*Christmas Celebrations continue at PHC!*

*Join us Sunday, December 8 at 6pm for “Christmas Joy”,  
presented by the 75 members of the PHC Youth Music Academy Choir and Orchestra.  
Free to attend and all are invited.*

## FIRST LESSON

*Peter Poythress, chorister*  
God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head.  
Genesis iii

Veni, Veni (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Chip Davis (b. 1947)  
arr. R. Longfield

*Patrick Henry College Chamber Orchestra*

## SECOND LESSON

*Chiara Baldacci, chorister*  
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.  
Genesis xxii

Gaude et Laetere

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

*Patrick Henry College Chorale*

Rejoice and be glad, O Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh;  
whom the prophets foretold, whom Angels worship,  
whom Cherubim and Seraphim proclaim, “Holy, holy, holy”.

## THIRD LESSON

*Leonardo Briceno, chorister*  
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.  
Isaiah ix

And the Glory of the Lord (from *The Messiah*)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Patrick Henry College Chorale and Chamber Orchestra*

## FOURTH LESSON

*Kaitlan Michels, chorister*  
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.  
Isaiah xi

Fantasia on Greensleeves

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*Patrick Henry College Chamber Orchestra*

## FIFTH LESSON

*Josiah Dalke, chorister*

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Luke i

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

*Patrick Henry College Chorale*

O great mystery,  
and wondrous sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in their manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear the  
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

## SIXTH LESSON

*Abby Stewart, chorister*

St. Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus.  
Luke ii

Christmas Day

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

*Patrick Henry College Chorale and Chamber Orchestra*

*Soloists: Justine Van Ness, John Southards, Marina Barnes, Benjamin Appleton, Claire Wunder, Marius  
Du Plessis, Christian Rodgers, Kali Jerrard, Elizabeth Russell, Grace Roberts*

## SEVENTH LESSON

*Daniel Mainieri, chorister*

The shepherds go to the manger.  
Luke ii

Taladh Chriosda (*The Christ Child's Lullaby*)

Traditional Gaelic Carol  
arr. Alexandra Molnar-Suhajda

*Prof. Susan Bour, Rachel Hankinson, flutes  
Rachel Hebert, harp*

Wexford Carol

Traditional 12th Century Carol  
arr. Elaine Hagenberg

*Patrick Henry College Chorale and Chamber Orchestra*

## EIGHTH LESSON

*Asbley Allen, chorister*

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.  
Matthew ii

Christus Natus Est

Countee Cullen (1903-1946)  
Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

*Patrick Henry College Chorale*