

# THE GRETCHEN R. IBEN SERIES

## *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*



10 December 2017

Westminster Church + Peoria, Illinois

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Four O'clock

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THE ORGAN	Noel: Grand Jeu et duo Chorale Prelude on 'Lo How A Rose'	Louis Claude d'Aquin Hermann Schroeder
THE BELLS	Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Still, Stil, Still What Is This Lovely Fragrance	Cathy Moglebust
THE ORGAN	Vom Himmel Hoch	Gerald Near
*HYMN IN PROCESSION 49	Once In Royal David's City <i>(The soloist sings the first verse alone, then the congregation joins on verses 2 - 4)</i>	Irby
THE BIDDING PRAYER		Rev. Denise Clark-Jones
HYMN 9	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Veni Emmanuel
THE FIRST LESSON	Read by Rashad Reed <i>Chorister in the Westminster Choir Camp</i>	Genesis iii
CAROL	Adam lay ybounden Women of the Choir	Peter Warlock
	1. Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.	3. Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never our lady Abeen heaven queen.
	2. And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkes finden Written in their book.	4. Blessed be the time That apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen: <i>Deo gracias!</i> ... 15 <sup>th</sup> Century Carol
HYMN 2	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	Hyfrydol
THE SECOND LESSON	Read by Alencia Norris <i>Westminster Choral Scholar, Bradley Class of 2018</i>	Genesis xxii

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\* indicates those who are able may stand

## ANTHEM

*Sarum Plainsong, Mode IV, 9<sup>th</sup> century*

### Creator of the Stars of Night

1. Creator of the stars of night,  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call.

2. When this old world drew on toward night,  
You came, but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child  
Of Mary, blameless Mother mild.

3. At Your great name, O Jesus, now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heaven shall call you Lord.

4. To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen

## HYMN 28

### Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*In Dulci Jubilo*

## THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah ix

Read by Aaron Roos

*Westminster Choral Scholar, Bradley Class of 2018*

## CAROL

### Sans Day Carol

*John Rutter*

1 Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk  
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk;  
*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly, holly,  
Holly! And the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly.*

2. Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:  
*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly, holly,  
Holly! And the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly.*

3. Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:  
*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly, holly,  
Holly! And the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly.*

4. Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,  
Then trust we our Saviour who rose from the dead:  
*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly, holly,  
Holly! And the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly*

## HYMN 44

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

*St. Louis*

## THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah xi

Sharon Samuels Reed

*Director of the Heritage Ensemble, and Westminster Choir Camp*

## CAROL

### Prayer for a New Mother

*Richard Shephard*

1. The things she knew, let her forget again-  
The voices in the sky, the fear, the cold,  
The gaping shepherds, and the queer old men  
Piling their clumsy gifts of foreign gold.

2. Let her have laughter with her little one;  
Teach her the endless, tuneless songs to sing,  
Grant her her right to whisper to her son  
The foolish names one dare not call a king.

3. Keep from her dreams the rumble of a crowd,  
The smell of rough-cut wood, the trail of red,  
The thick and chilly whiteness of the shroud  
That wraps the strange new body of the dead.

4. Ah, let her go, kind Lord, where mothers go  
And boast his pretty words and ways, and plan  
The proud and happy years that they shall know  
Together, when her son is grown a man

\*HYMN 48

Lo, How A Rose

*Es ist ein' Ros'*

THE FIFTH LESSON

St. Luke i

Read by Gary Leonard  
*Elder of Westminster Church*

CAROL

Michael Head

The Oxen

1. Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock.  
"Now they are all on their knees,"  
An elder said as we sat in a flock  
By the embers in hearthside ease.

2. So fair a fancy few would weave  
In these years! Yet, I feel,  
If someone said on Christmas Eve,  
"Come; see the oxen kneel,

3. In the lonely barton by youder coomb  
Our childhood used to know,"  
I should go with him in the gloom  
Hoping it might be so.

4. We pictured the meek mild creatures where  
They dwelt in their strawy pen,  
Nor did it occur to one of us there  
To doubt they were kneeling there

*poem by Thomas Hardy based on a west country legend that on  
Christmas eve at midnight, the barn animals kneel in honor of  
the Christ Child.*

\*HYMN 56

The First Nowell

*English Carol*

THE SIXTH LESSON

St. Matthew i

Read by Jeanie Olson  
*Chair of the Westminster Board of Deacons*

ANTHEM

Watts' Cradle Song

*Herbert Sumsion*

1. Hush my dear, lie still and slumber,  
Holy angels guard thy bed.  
Heavenly blessings without number  
Gently falling on thy head,  
Sleep my babe, thy food and raiment,  
House and home thy friends provide:  
All without thy care ad payment,  
All thy wants are well supplied.

2. Soft and easy is thy cradle:  
Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay,  
When his birthplace was a stable  
And his softest bed was hay,  
See the lovely babe addressing;  
Lovely infant how he smiled!  
When he wept, the Mother's blessing  
Soothed and hushed the holy Child.

3. Lo, he slumbers in his manger,  
Where the horned oxen fed;  
Peace, my darling! Here's no danger  
Here's no ox a near they bed  
May'st thou live to know and fear him,  
Turst and love him all thy days  
Then go dwell forever near him,  
See his face and sing his praise!

**HYMN 24****Away in a Manger***Cradle Song***THE SEVENTH LESSON****St. Luke ii****Read by Bonnie Jackson***Westminster Church Elder***ANTHEM****Star Carol***John Rutter*

1 Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem,  
 Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;  
 Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle,  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!  
*See his star shining bright  
 In the sky this Christmas Night!  
 Follow me joyfully;  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

2 Angels bright come from heaven's highest glory,  
 Bear the news with its message of good cheer:  
 'Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us,  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!  
*See his star shining bright  
 In the sky this Christmas Nigh  
 Follow me joyfully;  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

3 See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping  
 Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep,  
 Shepherds poor come to worship and adore him  
 Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary!  
*See his star shining bright  
 In the sky this Christmas Night!  
 Follow me joyfully;  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

4 Let us all pay our homage at the manger,  
 Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night;  
 Christ is come bringing promise of salvation;  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!  
*See his star shining bright  
 In the sky this Christmas Night!  
 Follow me joyfully;  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

**\*HYMN 58****While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks***Winchester Old***THE EIGHTH LESSON****St. Matthew i****Read by Rev. Brooks McDaniel***Shepherd Emeritus of Westminster Church***ANTHEM***English Traditional arr. Stephen Cleobury***Joys Seven**

1 The first good joy that Mary had,  
 It was the joy of one  
 To see the blessed Jesus Christ  
 When he was first her son  
*When he was first her son, good man,  
 And blessed may he be,  
 Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
 To all Eternity.*

2 The next good joy that Mary had,  
 It was the joy of two;  
 To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
 To make the lame to go:  
*To make the lame to go, good man,  
 And blessed may he be,  
 Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
 To all Eternity.*

3. The next good joy that Mary had,  
 It was the joy of three;  
 To see her own son, Jesus Christ  
 To make the blind to see:  
*To make the blind to see, good man,  
 And blessed may he be,  
 Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
 To all Eternity.*

4. The next good joy that Mary had,  
 It was the joy of four;  
 To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
 To read the Bible o'er:  
*To read the Bible o'er, good man,  
 And blessed may he be,  
 Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
 To all Eternity.*

5. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of five;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To bring the dead alive:  
*To bring the dead alive, good man,  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
To all Eternity.*

6. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of six;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
Upon the crucifix.  
*Upon the crucifix, good man,  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
To all Eternity.*

7. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To wear the crown of heaven.  
*To wear the crown of heaven, And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost through all Eternity!*

## THE NINTH LESSON

St. John i

Read by Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

### \*HYMN

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste Fideles*

1. 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.

2. God of God,  
Light of Light  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

3. Child for us sinners,  
Poor and in the manger,  
Fain we embrace thee with awe and love;  
Who would not love thee,  
Loving us so dearly?

4. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest.

5. Yea, Lord we greet thee  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing.

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

### \*THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

Rev. Clark-Jones

### \*THE BLESSING

\*HYMN 31

*Mendelssohn*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

\*THE POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

*J.S. Bach*

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The Handbell Choir of Westminster Church  
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An offering plate will be at the rear of the sanctuary for any who would like to make a donation to the on going work of the Iben Series. Thanks for your generosity.

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December 17 ... The Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Morning Celebration, Rev. Clark-Jones, preaching

4:00 p.m. – A Jazz Christmas with David Hoffman and friends.

December 24 ... The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - Morning Celebration, Rev. Clark-Jones, preaching

December 24 ... Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. – Candlelight – Communion for Christmas Eve

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*This list is correct to the best of our knowledge as of noon on December 4, 2017*

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**CHRISTMAS DINNER** is served in the Parish Hall, across Malvern Lane, immediately following this service. All are welcome whether you signed up to attend or not ... this includes visitors to the service. It will be a festive meal where we can visit and exchange holiday greetings. There will be a free will offering for the meal. Come and enjoy! Our special thanks to Elder Dorothy Crozier for making this wonderful meal happen!

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE WESTMINSTER MUSIC PROGRAM!