

# St. Michael & All Angels

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols  
December 3, 2023

The "O" Antiphon Service

## An Advent Service Based on the “O” Antiphons

The service of Nine Lessons & Carols is one associated with King’s College, Cambridge, dating back to the late 1800s, and has traditionally been sung here at St. Michael’s every year in December. The service tells the story of the birth of Jesus through biblical readings, hymns, and choral anthems.

This year, instead of “Nine” Lessons & Carols, we are focusing on Advent (rather than Christmas) stories by incorporating the framing device of the seven “O” Antiphons, which date back to the 6th century monastic tradition. Each antiphon uses imagery from the Hebrew scriptures that are historically associated by Christians with the Messiah or Christ. Each explores an aspect of the coming Reign of Christ in righteousness, justice and equity.

Using a musical setting by Peter Hallock (1924-2014), the choir will introduce each reading with one of these “O” antiphons, so named because each one begins with “O” (e.g. “O Wisdom,” “O Root of Jesse,” “O Emmanuel,” etc.). You will hear each antiphon first chanted in Latin with handbells, and then sung in English by the full choir with organ as an introduction to the chosen reading, followed by a relevant choral anthem and/or a hymn. We finish the evening with the singing of “O come, O come, Emmanuel,” the most well-known paraphrase of the seven O Antiphons.

The structure of this Advent Lessons & Carols service based on the O Antiphons was devised by Peter Hallock and his colleagues in the 1980s at St. Mark’s Cathedral in Seattle. We hope you will enjoy this new take on our beloved yearly service of Lessons & Carols.

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*St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.*

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*St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by African Americans, indigenous peoples and all people of color. This music enriches our liturgies, and we are grateful for these musicians. Music of oppressed cultures has been appropriated by the dominant culture without an appreciation of the pain and suffering experienced by its creators. We repent and commit to the work of racial justice and ending racism.*

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## INTROIT

*Creator of the stars of night*

Conditior alme siderum

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.

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.

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.

## HYMN 65

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

Bereden väg för Herren



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Music: *Bereden väg för Herren*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; harm. *Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan*, 1939, alt.

## Bidding Prayer

Dear friends in Christ, in stillness and quiet we have gathered again at this Advent season, a season of waiting upon the Lord, who once came in the flesh as Savior and Redeemer of the world, and who will come again in glorious majesty to establish a rule of justice, peace and righteousness for all the earth.

Let us listen carefully to the readings which testified to the coming of "Emmanuel - God with us." And in remembering the promises fulfilled in the past, find within ourselves a renewed sense of the presence of the one whose life and kingdom dwell in us.

Let us also pray for a renewed vision of God's reign, that through our ministries and works the ancient prophecies may again be fulfilled in our time. And through our passionate commitment to the poor and the oppressed, the sick and the destitute, prisoners and hostages, the forgotten and the outcast, we may hear, see, and know God's gracious rule both within our hearts and in the common life of our society.

May God give us ears to hear, minds to perceive and understand, and hearts ready to receive the Redeemer.

And now, let us pray in the words which Christ our Savior has taught us, saying:

**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 tres-  
passes, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

May God bless us with grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**



Sapiencia  
Wisdom

#### ANTIPHON 1

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

*O Sapiencia, que ex ore Altissimi prodisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviter  
disponensque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.*

O Wisdom, You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

READING Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12

## ANTHEM

*O virtus sapientiae*

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

*O virtus sapientiae  
 quae circuiens circuisti  
 comprehendendo omnia  
 in una via, quae habet vitam  
 tres alas habens,  
 quarum una in altum volat,  
 et altera de terra sudat,  
 et tertia undique volat.  
 Laus tibi sit, sicut te decet,  
 O Sapientia.*

O strength of Wisdom  
 who, circling, circled,  
 enclosing all  
 in one lifegiving path,  
 three wings you have:  
 one soars to the heights,  
 one distills its essence upon the earth,  
 and the third one is everywhere.  
 Praise to you, as is fitting,  
 O Wisdom.

(tr. Kate Quartano Brown)

## COLLECT

O Wisdom, your words uttered in the beginning generated a world of beauty and goodness, giving purpose and value to each creature: instruct us in the way of prudence that we may nurture the world with justice and joy, that its beauty and goodness may flourish; through the one whom we know as the Wisdom of the Ages, even Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Adonai  
 Lord of Might

## ANTIPHON 2

Hallock

*O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.*

O Adonai, ruler of the house of Israel. You appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; on Mount Sinai you gave him your law: with outstretched arm, come and redeem us.

## READING Moses and the Burning Bush

Andrea Skevington

## ANTHEM

*Cantate Domino*

Hans Leo Hassler (1548-1612)

Cantate Domino canticum novum; cantate Domino omnis terra.  
 Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus: annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.  
 annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus; in omnibus populi mirabilia ejus.  
*Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.  
 Declare his honor unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.*

- Psalm 95:1-3

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

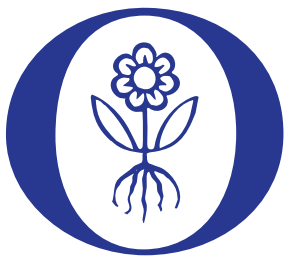
from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## COLLECT

O Adonai, Master of the universe and ruler of the house of Israel, your mighty acts have rescued remnants of your people from the midst of slavery, exile, war and holocaust: raise your scepter over us that the condition of human dignity may be extended to all people, in all places; for the sake of him whom we know as Lord of all, even Jesus the Christ. Amen.



## Radix Jesse Root of Jesse

## ANTIPHON 3

Hallock

*O radix Jesse, que stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.*

O root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to the peoples; before you kings shall keep silence, all nations bow in worship: Come and save us and do not delay.

READING Isaiah 11:1-10

## ANTHEM

*Jesus Christ the apple tree*

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

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.

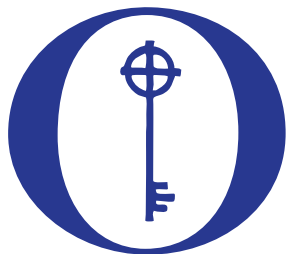
I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

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.

*Text: Anon.*

## COLLECT

O Root of Jesse, you reach deep down into the darkness of the earth and stir the world's longings for deliverance and hope: raise up within our own lives a spirit of courage and strength, of wisdom and insight, that we may add to the coming of the kingdom; through the merits of the one we know as the beginning of the ages, even Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Clavis David  
Key of David

## ANTIPHON 4

Hallock

*O clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel: qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

O Key of David, Scepter of the house of Israel. You open and no one closes; you close and no one opens: Come and deliver us from the chains of prison – we who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

READING Revelation 3:7b-8, 11-13

## ANTHEM

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the King of Israel.  
Blessed be the Kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heav'n, and glory in the highest places.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

*Matthew 21:9*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



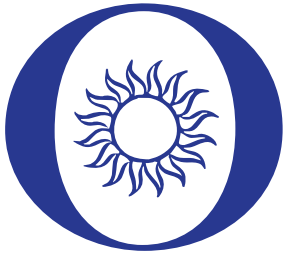
and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

## COLLECT

O Key of David and throne of glory, you open the way to a promising future and no one closes; you close the way to a formative past and no one opens. Release us and all your people from the oppressions of the past that we may face the future with boldness and purpose; through the merits of the Son of David, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





## Oriens

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### Rising Dawn

#### ANTIPHON 5

Hallock

*O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

O Rising Dawn, brightness of the light eternal, sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

#### READING

Do you still remember falling stars?

Rainer Maria Rilke

#### ANTHEM

*My Lord, What a Mornin'*

Trad. Spiritual

arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949), adapt. Albert Blackwell

My Lord what a mornin', my Lord what a mornin',  
Oh, my Lord what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.  
Done quit all my worldly ways, joined that heavenly band.  
Oh! My Lord what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.

#### COLLECT

O Rising Dawn, you shine with warm brightness and clean freshness, chasing the fearsome shadows of the night away: enliven the lives of your people with ideal visions of harmony and mutuality, so that all that is alien may finally join in the fullness of life together; for the sake of him we call the Light of the world, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Rex Gentium

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### King of Nations

#### ANTIPHON 6

Hallock

*O Rex gentium, et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.*

O King of Nations and their desire, you are the cornerstone that bind two into one: Come and save the creature whom you have fashioned from clay.

ANTHEM

*All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Amy Beach (1867-1944)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,  
 Let angels prostrate fall,  
 Bring forth the royal diadem,  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,  
 Who from His altar call,  
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him, the Heir of David's line,  
 Whom David Lord did call,  
 The Lord incarnate, Man divine,  
 And crown Him Lord of all!  
 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
 Ye ransomed of the fall,  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
 Before Him prostrate fall!  
 To Him all majesty ascribe,  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

- Text: Edward Perronet (1721-1792)

HYMN 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



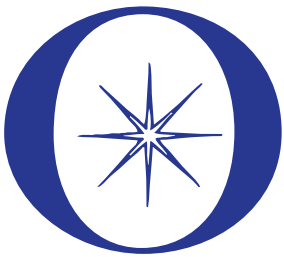
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

## COLLECT

O King of nations, your reign spreads through all the lands, you defend the cause of the poor and plead for the wretched of the earth: come and fashion us into a commonwealth of free and responsible creatures, that all may discover the depth of meaning and the grace of belonging; in the name of him we know as King of Kings, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**



## Emmanuel God with us

### ANTIPHON 7

Hallock

*O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, exspectatio gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos Domine Deus noster.*

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of the Nations and their salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

READING Revelation 22:12-13, 16-17, 20

### ANTHEM

*In night's dim shadows lying*

arr. George Guest (1924-2002)

In night's dim shadows lying, our limbs fast locked in sleep,  
 To Thee with faithful sighing, our souls their vigil keep.

Desire of ev'ry nation, hear, Lord, our piteous cry,  
 Thou Word the world's salvation, uplift us where we lie.

Lord, be Thine Advent hastn'd lest sin Thy people mar,  
 The gates which Adam fastn'd, the gates of heav'n unbar.

Son, to Thine endless merit, Redeemer, Savior, Friend.  
 With Sire and Holy Spirit be praises without end.

- *Text: C. Coffin (1676-1749)*

*An offering will be taken during this final anthem.*

*Your generous support of the music ministry of St. Michael & All Angels is very much appreciated.*

## COLLECT

O Emmanuel, Child of Promise and sign of hope, you come from a distance far beyond our reach, yet to be closer to us than we are to ourselves: remain with us in our own days of expectation that we may give birth to what is just, true, beautiful and good; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, abides with us, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE VESPER RESPONSORY

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|--|----------------|
| <i>Officiant:</i>  | <i>People:</i> |
|  |                |
| Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dis - mayed; Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you.                 |                |
| <i>Officiant:</i>  | <i>People:</i> |
|  |                |
| Stand still, and you will see the sal - va - tion of the Lord. Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you.     |                |
| <i>Officiant:</i>  | <i>People:</i> |
|  |                |
| Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit: Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord will be with you. |                |

*Officiant:* O God, who makes us glad with the yearly expectation of your coming; Grant that we, who with joy receive your only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he comes to be our Judge, even your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit your people in peace; send forth your Spirit from on high that our hearts may be lifted to you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and abide with you for ever. **Amen.**



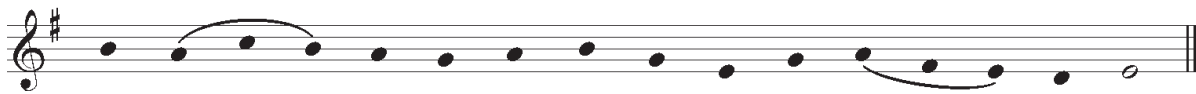
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

POSTLUDE

*Meditation on "Veni Emmanuel"*

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

# Participants

## Music Staff

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\*denotes section leaders/soloists

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## Crucifer

Gayle Morris

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## Ushers

John Davis  
Margaret Lillie

## Candle Lighters

Sheri O'Brien  
Gayle Morris



# Christmas Services

|               |                 |                               |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| December 21   | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | Longest Night Service         |
| December 24   | <b>10:00 am</b> | Advent IV                     |
| Christmas Eve | <b>4:00 pm</b>  | Children's Nativity Play      |
|               | <b>6:00 pm</b>  | Festive Eucharist with Carols |
|               | <b>10:30 pm</b> | Christmas Carols with Choir   |
|               | <b>11:00 pm</b> | Festival Christmas Liturgy    |
| Christmas Day | <b>10:00 am</b> | Eucharist with Carols         |
| December 31   | <b>10:00 am</b> | Carols with Lessons           |

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