

St. Paul's Parish Church, Wokingham
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas
Sunday 21st December 2025

Organ Music

Processional Carol **Once in Royal David's city** *(CC1 p100/100CfC p260/desc CC2 p 148)*

Bidding Prayer

Lesson 1 Genesis 3 *God announces in the garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpents head.*

Choir Adam lay ybounden *(P Warlock)* *(sheet)*

Lesson 2 Genesis 22 *God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

Choir Nativity Carol *(J Rutter)* *(CfC p16/100CfC p62)*

Lesson 3 Isaiah 9 *Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

Choir Riu, Riu, Chiu *(Trad. Spanish arr.D Jones)* *(sheet)*

Lesson 4 Isaiah 11 *The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

Carol **O little Town of Bethlehem** *(CC1 p92/100CfC p234)*

Lesson 5 St. Luke 1 *The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Choir There is no rose *(P Stopford)* *(sheet)*

Lesson 6 St. Matthew 1 *St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Choir How great our joy *(arr. C Courtney)* *(sheet)*

Carol **While Shepherds watched their flocks by night** *(CC1 p 166/100CfC p378/desc CC2 p210)*

Choir O Holy Night *(A Adam)* *(sheet)*

Lesson 7 St. Luke 2 *The Shepherds go to the manger.*

Choir The Lamb *(J Taverner)* *(sheet)*

Lesson 8 St. Matthew 2 *The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Choir Hodie Christus natus est *(J Sweelinck)* *(sheet)*

Carol **O come all ye faithful (verses 1, 2 and 6)** *(CC1 p88/100CfC p226)*

Lesson 9 St. John 1 *St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.*

Carol **Hark the herald angels sing** *(CfC1 p39/100CfC p107)*

Blessing

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