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Welcome

Introit: Comfort Ye – G.F. Handel (Isaiah 40. 1—3) Benedict Collins Rice

Bidding Prayers

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.

Opening Hymn: Once in royal David's city

First Lesson: God declares his judgement
Genesis 3. 8—15

Hymn: O Come O Come Emmanuel

Second Lesson: Isaiah announces the coming King
Isaiah 9. 2, 6—7

Hymn: Joy to the World

Third Lesson: God promises a ruler from Bethlehem
Micah 5. 2—5

Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem

Fourth Lesson: The angel comes to Mary
Luke 1. 26, 35—38

Hymn: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Fifth Lesson: God's purpose is explained to Joseph
Matthew 1. 18—25

Hymn: It came upon the midnight clear

Sixth Lesson: Jesus is born
Luke 2. 1—7

Hymn: Infant Holy

Seventh Lesson: The Shepherds go to the stable
Luke 2. 8—16

Hymn: While Shepherds watched

Eighth Lesson: Travellers come from the East
Matthew 2. 1—11

Hymn: We Three Kings

Ninth Lesson: The Word becomes Flesh
John 1. 1—14

Hymn: O come, all ye faithful

Prayers

Blessing

Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Our thanks to soloist Mark Saberton