

BROADWAY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, WALSALL: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols – Sunday 23 December 2018, 3pm

ORGAN: Chorale Prelude on “*Of the Father’s love*” ... John Watkinson
Chorale Prelude on “*Once in Royal*” ... Arthur Hutchings

Processional Hymn CP 89

“Once in Royal David’s City” ... H J Gauntlett
v1 solo; v2 choir only; **ALL stand**
v3 - 6 all, (v6 unison with descant *arr* David Willcocks)

The Bidding Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

Carol “The holly and the ivy” ... John Gardner

First Lesson God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head
(*read by a Junior Church helper*)

Carol “The truth from above” ... English traditional *arr* Vaughan Williams

Second Lesson God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed
(*read by a member of the Pins & Needles group*)

Hymn CP 76 “Of the Father’s love begotten” ... Piaie Cantiones, 1582
v1 all; v2 women; v3 men; v4 women; v5 all

Third Lesson The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Saviour
(*read by a member of the Youth Fellowship*)

Carol “Gaudete!” ... Jistebnice Cantional, 1420
“*Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary*”

Fourth Lesson The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem
(*read by the Bookings Secretary*)

Hymn CP 718 O little town of Bethlehem” ... English traditional
v3 **Choir** only v4 Unison *arr* Thomas Armstrong

Fifth Lesson The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary
(*read by a representative of Blakenall United Reformed Church*)

Carol “Gabriel to Mary came” ... Irish traditional *arr* Willcocks

Hymn CP 90 “In the bleak mid-winter” ... Gustav Holst
all remain **seated**

Sixth Lesson St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus
(*read by the Mayor of Walsall*)

Carol “To God on high all glory be” ... Adam Geibel

Hymn CP 712 “Unto us is born a Son” ... Piaie Cantiones 1582 *arr* David Willcocks
verses as indicated in the hymn-book, **except v2 choir only**

Seventh Lesson The shepherds go to the manger
(*read by an Elder*)

Carol “Nativity carol” ... John Rutter

Hymn CP 80 “While shepherds watched” ... Este’s Psalter 1592
v3 unison *arr* David Willcocks; v6 unison *arr* Eric Thiman

Eighth Lesson The wise men are led by the star to Jesus
(*read by the Church Secretary*)

Carol “O holy night” ... Adolphe Adam

Ninth Lesson St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation
(*read by a former Minister of this church*)

Hymn CP 85 “O come, all ye faithful” ... J F Wade
v5 unison with descant, *arr* David Willcocks (**omit v6**)

Offering & Dedication

ORGAN: Chorale Prelude on *Quem pastores* ... Healey Willan

Prayer & Blessing (please remain standing)

Hymn CP 84 “Hark! the herald angels sing” ... Mendelssohn
v3 unison, *arr* David Willcocks

ORGAN: Chorale Prelude on *In dulci jubilo* (BWV 729) ... Bach

Please join us for tea & mince-pies after the service