



A FESTIVAL *of* NINE
LESSONS
& CAROLS
2020

WELCOME TO
Church of the Incarnation!

We are very glad you are joining us for Lessons and Carols, which has been our tradition since 1959. We hope you find it an inspiring way to begin your Christmas celebration.

This service is an opportunity to hear in word and song the story of salvation, beginning with the Fall in the Garden of Eden, through the prophecies to Israel, and culminating in the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. The Scripture lessons will be read by leaders from across our community. The service is sung by the Incarnation Choir, which sings here each Sunday, and the Incarnation Choristers.

We are deeply grateful you have made the time to worship with us.

Every blessing,



The Right Reverend Anthony J. Burton, *Rector*
Church of the Incarnation

The Incarnation Choir

The Incarnation Choristers

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Gentile da Fabriano, *Adoration of the Magi* (1423)
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A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

HYMN

Once in royal David's city

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| 1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child. | 4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness. |
| 2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy. | 5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone. |
| 3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he. | 6. Not in that poor lowly stable
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around. |

THE BIDDING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BELOVED in Christ, be it this Christmas season our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in the manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this church, dedicated to the Incarnation of our Lord and God, glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in the Anglican Communion and in this Diocese of Dallas.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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 trespasses,
 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.

The Rector continues

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life:
 and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

CAROL

What sweeter music

John Rutter (b. 1945)

WHAT sweeter music can we bring
 Than a carol, for to sing
 The birth of this our heavenly King?
 Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
 And give the honour to this day,
 That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
 Smile, like a field beset with corn?
 Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,
 Thus on the sudden? Come and see
 The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
 'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth
 Gives life and lustre, public mirth,
 To heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
 Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
 Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
 The darling of the world is come,
 And fit it is, we find a room
 To welcome him.
 The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath
 This holly, and this ivy wreath,
 To do him honour, who's our King,
 And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring,
 Than a carol for to sing
 The birth of this our heavenly King?

John Rutter

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

AND THEY HEARD the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

CAROL

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.

'Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs', 1784

THE SECOND LESSON

GENESIS 22

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

AND THE ANGEL of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

CAROL

Past three a clock

English traditional, harm. Charles Wood (1866–1926)

PAST three a clock,
And a cold frosty morning,
Past three a clock;
Good morrow, masters all!

Born is a Baby,
Gentle as may be,
Son of the eternal
Father supernal.
Refrain

Seraph quire singeth,
Angel bell ringeth:
Hark how they rime it,
Time it and chime it.
Refrain

Mid earth rejoices
Hearing such voices
Ne'ertofores so well
Carolling Nowell.
Refrain

Hinds o'er the pearly
Dewy lawn early
Seek the high Stranger
Laid in the manger.
Refrain

Cheese from the dairy
Bring they for Mary,
And, not for money,
Butter and honey.
Refrain

Thus they: I pray you,
Up, sirs, nor stay you
Till ye confess him
Likewise. and bless him.
Refrain

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

THE THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH 9

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

THE PEOPLE that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

HYMN

Unto us is born a son

Puer nobis nascitur

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| 1. Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal. | 3. This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer. |
| 2. Christ, from heaven descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know
Be cradled in the manger. | 4. Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story:
O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory! |
| 5. O and A and A and O,
Cum cantemus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
<i>Benedicamus Domino.</i> | |

THE FOURTH LESSON

ISAIAH 11

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

AND THERE shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL

In the bleak midwinter

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

IN the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan.
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away,
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter,
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim,
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk,
And a manger full of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him,
Give him my heart—give my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE I

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

CAROL

A maiden most gentle

French trad. melody, arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

AMAIDEN most gentle and tender we sing:
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

How blest is the birth of her heavenly child,
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of creation and Saviour of all.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,
And marvelled in awe at the babe in her care.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless 'Ave'.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Andrew Carter

THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

AND IT CAME TO PASS in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

LUKE 2

The shepherds go to the manger.

AND THERE WERE in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

CAROL

What is this lovely fragrance?

French trad., arr. Joseph Flummerfelt (1937–2019)

SHEPHERDS what is this lovely fragrance
Filling the air this wondrous night?
Gentler than all the flowers of spring time
Wafting from heaven in sweet delight.
Shepherds what is this lovely fragrance
Filling the air this wondrous night?

What is this light so clear, so brilliant,
Filling the sky before our eyes?
Brighter than day a star is shining,
Ne'er have we seen such radiant skies!
What is this light so clear, so brilliant,
Filling the sky before our eyes?

In Bethlehem in lowly manger
Lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King.
Come let us hasten to adore him,
And there to him our praises sing!
In Bethlehem in lowly manger
Lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King.

17th cent. French, tr. Glen Parker

THE EIGHTH LESSON

MATTHEW 2

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

NOW WHEN Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

CAROL

What child is this?

Andrew Gant (b. 1963)

WHAT child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds praise and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him praise,
Jesus, the Son of Mary.

How comes he in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Yet have no fear, God's love is here,
His love all loves exceeding.

Raise, raise your songs on high,
As Mary sings a lullaby.
Praise, praise the Son of Man,
Jesus, the Son of Mary.

Earth, give him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come tribes and peoples own him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
So in your hearts enthrone him.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
Such pain he bore for me and you.
Praise, praise the Son of Man,
Jesus, the Son of Mary.

William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

THE NINTH LESSON

JOHN 1

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
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. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
'Glory to God
Glory in the highest:'
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n,
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing.
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

COLLECT AND BLESSING

Rector The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Rector Let us pray.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

MAY he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the Divine Nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*
3. Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth;
Ris'n with healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Keith Chapman (1945–1989)



MS. LAURIE BICKEL
Incarnation Chorister

Laurie Bickel is a newly confirmed member of Church of the Incarnation and a graduate of Incarnation Academy. As a seventh grader at Highland Park Middle School, Laurie’s favorite classes are Texas History and Honors Drama. She enjoys choir, reading, biking, and playing with her dog Bonnie. Singing with the Incarnation Choristers at Washington National Cathedral in February was a highlight of 2020. Laurie loves to make friends and serve through Incarnation Student Ministry, St. Teresa Junior Chapter of Daughters of the King, and Turtle Creek Chapter of National Charity League.



AMBASSADOR RON KIRK
Senior of Counsel at Gibson Dunn

Ron Kirk is Senior Of Counsel in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher’s Dallas and Washington, D.C. offices. He is Co-Chair of the International Trade Practice Group and a member of the Sports Law, Public Policy, Crisis Management and Private Equity Practice Groups. Ambassador Kirk focuses on providing strategic advice to companies with global interests.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn in April 2013, Ambassador Kirk served as United States Trade Representative (USTR)and was a member of President Obama’s Cabinet, serving as the President’s principal trade advisor, negotiator and spokesperson on trade issues. He also served as Mayor of Dallas from 1995 – 2001, and as Texas Secretary of State in 1994.

Ambassador Kirk serves as a Corporate Director for Texas Instruments, and Macquarie Infrastructure Corp. He serves as a Trustee for Austin College, and the LBJ Presidential Library Foundation, and of the Board of the Dallas Citizens Council.

Ambassador Kirk was born and raised in Austin, Texas. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1979. He is married to Matrice Ellis-Kirk, and they have two daughters.



THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE SUMNER
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George Sumner was elected as the Seventh bishop for the Diocese of Dallas during a Special Convention in May 2015.

Prior to his election, Sumner served as principal of Wycliffe College in Toronto, Canada.

Ordained as an Episcopal priest in western Massachusetts in 1981, Sumner served in a variety of capacities: youth minister, missionary teacher in east Africa, curate in an inner-city Anglo-Catholic parish, vicar on a native American reservation in New Mexico and Arizona, and rector in a small town. Sumner has a Ph.D. in theology from Yale, and has written a book about priestly calling and a commentary on Daniel. He also has a M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and a B.A. from Harvard College.



THE HONORABLE ERIC JOHNSON

Mayor of Dallas

Eric Johnson is the 60th Mayor of Dallas, Texas, elected in June 2019. Prior to becoming mayor, Johnson served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, where he represented the City of Dallas, from April 2010 to June 2019. During his tenure in the Texas Legislature, Johnson served on twenty prominent legislative committees, including Appropriations, Ways and Means, Higher Education and Natural Resources. He also served as chairman of the Dallas Area Legislative Delegation. In addition to his service as Mayor of Dallas, Johnson is an attorney and partner with the international law firm of Locke Lord LLP.

Johnson was born in Dallas and attended Dallas Independent School District schools through first grade before earning a scholarship to Greenhill School through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas. He attended Harvard College, where he graduated cum laude with a degree in History. Johnson holds a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a master's degree in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He also is an alumnus of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Mayor Johnson lives in Dallas with his wife, Nikki, their two sons, William and George, and their dog, Penny. He is a member of the Mountain View Church of Christ.



THE MOST REVEREND EDWARD BURNS

Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas

Most Rev. Edward J. Burns was appointed the eighth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Texas in 2016 by Pope Francis. Bishop Burns will be installed on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Dallas.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was ordained a priest in 1983 and ordained an auxiliary bishop in Washington, D.C. in 2002. Since 2009, Bishop Burns has served as the Bishop of Juneau, Alaska. Prior to that, the 59-year-old bishop served the Catholic Church on the national level as Executive Director of the Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. from 1999 -2008. In 2008 he was also named the Rector of St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh.

In addition to his duties as Bishop of Dallas, Bishop Burns currently serves as Chairman of the USCCB Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People, a member of the Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions, and serves on the Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors. Bishop Burns has also been a frequent Bishop Catechist at World Youth Day events and a presenter at convocations, conventions and retreats nationwide.



MS. KIM NOLTEMY

Ross Perot President & CEO of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Kim Noltemy joined the Dallas Symphony Association (DSA) as President & CEO in January 2018. The position was recently named in honor of Dallas icon Ross Perot to recognize his legacy and commitment to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Since Noltemy's arrival, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra has embarked on a bold, new strategic plan and has implemented numerous new initiatives that will have a long-term impact on the landscape of classical music in Dallas and the entire industry. Her visionary leadership guided the Dallas Symphony to become the first major American orchestra to perform for an in-person audience in their hall with their Music Director after the COVID-19 shutdown.

In May 2019, Noltemy successfully negotiated the transition of management of the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center from the City of Dallas to the Dallas Symphony Association. This historic move will allow the DSA to manage day-to-day operations of their home venue as part of a comprehensive business plan to ensure the long-term sustainable financial future of the organization.

Noltemy began her term as President of the Dallas Arts District board in January 2020. She also serves on the boards of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre and Aging Minds, and she is a member of Dallas Summit, Dallas International Women's Forum and Executive Women's Roundtable.



DR. GERALD TURNER

President of Southern Methodist University

R. Gerald Turner has served as the 10th president of Southern Methodist University since 1995. SMU is ranked in the top 20% of the best national universities by U.S. News & World Report.

President Turner serves on the boards of the Methodist Health System Foundation, The Salvation Army of North Texas, the AT&T Performing Arts Center and one publicly traded company.

Before joining SMU, President Turner was the chancellor of the University of Mississippi. A native of New Boston, Texas, he earned an A.A. from Lubbock Christian University, a B.S. in psychology from Abilene Christian University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Gail, have two married daughters and five grandchildren.



DR. FREDERICK CERISE

President & CEO of Parkland Health and Hospital System

Frederick P. Cerise, MD, MPH, was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Parkland Health & Hospital System in March 2014.

Prior to joining Parkland, Dr. Cerise served as Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education of the Louisiana State University System. From 2004 to 2007, Dr. Cerise was Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. He began his career at the Earl K. Long Medical Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana between 1991 and 2004 as an LSU Clinical Faculty member in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Cerise holds a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Notre Dame and earned his Medical Degree at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. In 2011, he earned a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University School of Public Health. From 2010 to 2016 he served on the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and currently serves on the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.



THE RIGHT REVEREND ANTHONY J. BURTON

Rector of Church of the Incarnation

Bishop Anthony Burton is the former Bishop of Saskatchewan, and since 2008 Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas. He was born and raised in Ottawa, Canada, and was educated at the University of Toronto, Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the University of Oxford. He was ordained in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, where he served in two parishes on Cape Breton Island. In 1991 he moved to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where he served as Dean of St. Alban's Cathedral. In 1993, he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Saskatchewan. At the time of his election in 1993, Bishop Burton was the youngest bishop in the world-wide Anglican Communion, and the youngest Canadian bishop in the twentieth century. He has been married to Anna Burton since 1989. They have two children.

Christmas Season

SERVICES & EVENTS

DECEMBER 24: THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

MAIN CAMPUS

- NOON** TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHURCH WITH THE INCARNATION CHOIR*
- 2 PM** TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHURCH WITH THE INCARNATION CHOIR FOLLOWED BY OUTDOOR CAROL SINGING AT THE CLOISTER CHRISTMAS TREE*
- CONTEMPORARY HOLY EUCHARIST IN ASCENSION CHAPEL WITH THE UPTOWN WORSHIP BAND FOLLOWED BY OUTDOOR CAROL SINGING AT THE CLOISTER CHRISTMAS TREE*
- CHURCH IN THE LOT FAMILY SERVICE: A 30-MINUTE HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT WITH CAROLS DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES
- 5 PM** TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHURCH WITH THE INCARNATION CHOIR FOLLOWED BY OUTDOOR CAROL SINGING AT THE CLOISTER CHRISTMAS TREE*
- OUTDOOR HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT WITH CAROLS
TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST ONLINE WITH CAROLS AND THE INCARNATION CHOIR VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AT 5 PM
- CONTEMPORARY HOLY EUCHARIST ONLINE WITH CAROLS AND THE UPTOWN WORSHIP BAND VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AT 5 PM.
- CONTEMPORARY HOLY EUCHARIST IN ASCENSION CHAPEL WITH THE UPTOWN WORSHIP BAND FOLLOWED BY OUTDOOR CAROL SINGING AT THE CLOISTER CHRISTMAS TREE*
- 10:30 PM** TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHURCH WITH INCENSE & THE INCARNATION CHOIR* AND ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

DECEMBER 25: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

- 11 AM** TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH ORGAN IN THE CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY*

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