



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're glad you're with us! If you are new to Trinity, please introduce yourself to the clergy and the greeters and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you join us this morning with a particular joy or concern in your heart, you are invited to share that – either anonymously or including your name – by writing it down on the paper provided at either entrance to the church. Your intentions will be included in our prayers during the service.

COMMUNION

If you require a gluten-free communion wafer, please advise the priest or minister of communion and we will provide one for you. At communion, if you prefer consecrated grape juice rather than wine, after receiving the bread, proceed to the designated minister holding a ceramic chalice at the end of the Communion rail near the Chapel. If you do not feel prepared to receive Communion today, you are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing, indicating your wish by crossing your hands over your chest.

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

If you'd like to borrow a hearing assistive device, please speak to an usher.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We invite you to be a full participant in our worship of God. This service uses parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Enriching Our Worship (EOW) and music from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing and Wonder, Love and Praise hymnals. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition and ability, for prayer.

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“Do Not Be Afraid”

With the beginning of a new church year, we now enter into a three-month spiritual journey through the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, gifts of our Anglican heritage. Advent invites us, first, to wait in hopeful expectation for the coming of the Promised One.

Waiting in expectation for things unseen, or unknown, can be difficult. This is especially true in times of conflict or turmoil, when the “unforeseen” can tug at our lesser human instincts, leading us to operate out of a mindset of scarcity and fear instead of the Christian orientation of abundance and hope. We are witnessing this phenomenon today in our communal responses to the recent terrorist attacks on the Russian airliner and in multiple venues in Paris. Many in our nation are reacting to these events by trying to isolate themselves from entire classes of people or asserting that American law and values do not protect *all* religious groups equally. The Angel’s announcement to the shepherds in the fields assures us of a better way: *Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.*

Do not be afraid. As we once again prepare our hearts to welcome the birth of Jesus the Christ, that is a good message for us. Advent is the season of hopeful expectation, leading us to the glory and the joy of Jesus’ birth. Advent can be a powerful time of witness for Christians to bring Christ into the predominant cultural narrative of excess, frantic activity and, especially this year, fear and exclusion of the unknown. We invite you to join us in hopeful expectation as we explore another way. May your Advent be blessed.

Fr. Don+

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

Vergers:

10:00 a.m. Roy McAlpine

Acolytes:

10:00 a.m. Kimberly Okeke
Kendall Okeke
Kenneth Okeke
Elizabeth Rousseau
Destini Troiano

Altar Guild:

8:00 a.m. Rich McMenamy
10:00 a.m. Mary Register
Marion Catanzaro

Flowers:

Percy Williamson

Ministers of Communion:

10:00 a.m. Franklin Ude
Percy Williamson
Emily Estes
Clement Mogor

Readers:

8:00 a.m. Cecelia Timothy
10:00 a.m. Martha Freimuth
Emeka Igboanugo

Intercessors:

8:00 a.m. Cecelia Timothy
10:00 a.m. Kate Rousseau

Lay Leader Hosts:

10:00 a.m. Jo-Ann Sadosky
Tim Watt

Healing Prayer Team:

10:00 a.m. Kathy Steinwedell

Ushers:

10:00 a.m. Mary Register
Jane Gentles
Jordan Moore-Thomas
Malik Moore-Thomas

Duncaster:

Jim Bradley

Chapel Prayers:

Hyacinth Miller

Hospitality:

Steven & Yasmeen Ross
Casey & Kate Rousseau

Eucharistic Visitor:

Jo-Ann Sadosky

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

OPENING VOLUNTARY: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J. S. Bach

INTROIT: *Sleepers wake!*

Bach

*Text may be found at Hymn #61**Please stand.*

ENTRANCE HYMN: #57 "Lo! he comes with clouds descending"

Helmsley

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

*Please stand.**Celebrant* O Emmanuel, our Ruler and our Sovereign,
the Expected of the nations and their Savior,*People* Come and save us, O Lord our God.*Celebrant* O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the most High,
pervading and permeating all creation,
ordering all things with might and sweetness;*People* Come and teach us the way of prudence.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.TRISAGION: #S 102 (*Sung three times*)

Alexander Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life; you are the true vine and the bread of life. Come, living Savior, come to your world which waits for you.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the singing of the psalm.

PSALM 25:1-9

Tone 2



- 1 (To you, O) LORD, I lift up my soul; ✓
my God, I put my / trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, ✓
nor let my enemies triumph / over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be / put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed / in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your / ways, O LORD, *
and / teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and / teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; ✓
in you have I trusted / all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love, *
for they are from / everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions; *
remember me according to your love ✓
and for the sake of your / goodness, O / LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the / LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners / in his / way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing / right *
and teaches his / way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant / and his testimonies.

Please be seated.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

ANTHEM: *O thou the central orb*

Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High,
Eternal Light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith; hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne,
set in the height of God's ordaining counsel,
as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.
Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin.
Our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee,
transforming day to souls ere while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Silence for reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE ADVENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition will be a period of silence which will conclude with a chime and the response by the Leader and the People

Leader O God, our hope and our desire, in joyful expectation of your coming, we pray for your Church and for the World.

Leader O Wisdom from on high: we long for your coming as a woman longs for the birth of her child, as the refugee longs for home, as the humble poor longs for justice. Be present in and among us in this season of expectation and waiting. *Silence for reflection*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People Come Soon.

Leader O Lord of might: we lift before you all who have answered the call to serve the world through your Church. For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura our Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God that through our actions people may see and know the Kingdom of God that is already and not yet.
Silence for reflection

Leader Lord Jesus,
People **Come Soon.**

Leader O Root of Jesse: Spring forth in this world your branches of truth, mercy, compassion, and joy. Ground all those who proclaim your name in your unending and never failing love, that amidst pain and fear all people may find rest and protection in your branches.
Silence for reflection

Leader Lord Jesus,
People **Come Soon.**

Leader O Key of David: you open and none can shut, you shut and none can open. Welcome into your wide embrace all those who have died, remembering especially Grace Haronian, in whose loving memory the sanctuary candle burns this week, and for Keith Hook, and all those who will die this week that they may enter that place of eternal rest where sorrow and pain are no more. *Silence for reflection*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People **Come Soon.**

Leader O Morning Star: shine your light upon those who live in darkness and the shadow of death. Illumine with your celestial brightness those who mourn, that through their tears they may see the promise of your eternal and everlasting hope and joy. *Silence for reflection*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People **Come Soon.**

Leader O King of the Nations: inspire all the leaders of this world, especially Barack our President, Dannel our Governor, Pedro our Mayor, Luke our Mayor-elect, and all those who live and work in our communities that we may seek justice, and promote the dignity of every human being. *Silence for reflection*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People **Come Soon.**

Leader O Emmanuel: Come among us and be present to us. Let our lives be transformed by your grace that when we are weak we may have strength, when we are broken we may be healed, and when we are distressed we may be comforted, that we may be set free from all that holds us in bondage. We pray especially for those things we hold in our hearts. I invite your petitions, either silently or aloud. *Silence for reflection*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People **Come Soon.**

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming break forth in us, as you break into the world, that we may prepare in our lives a place for your indwelling spirit, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

People **AMEN.**



CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of Christ.

Please be seated for the announcements.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The service is continued on the next page.

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.



Please stand.

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

In his coming among us the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him you will make all things new when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

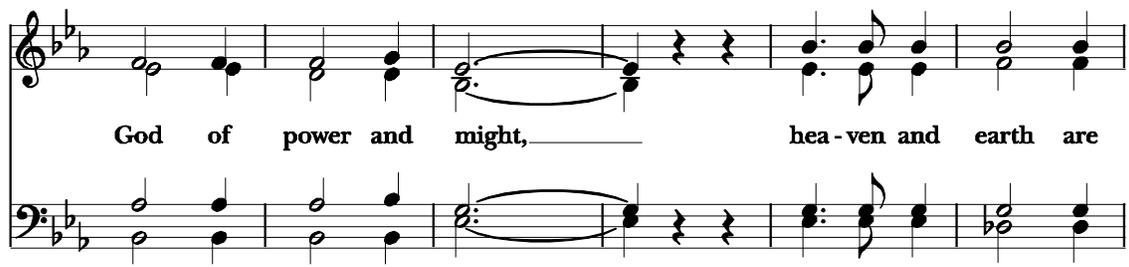
Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS: Hymnal #S 130

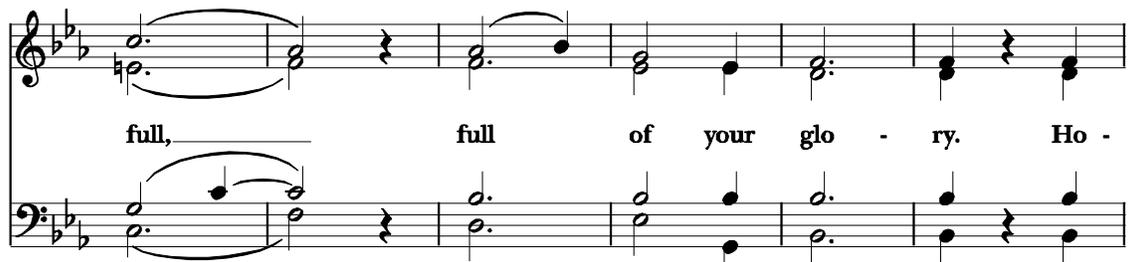
Franz Peter Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



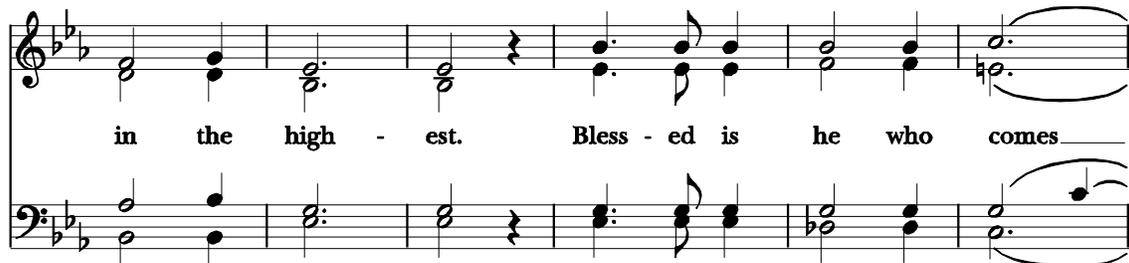
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are



full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP P. 364

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD: FRACTION ANTHEM: HYMNAL #S 152

Mason Martens

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant Behold what you are.
People May we become what we receive.



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

Please be seated.

If you do not feel prepared to receive communion today, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by the priest, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free bread is available – simply let the priest know that you desire gluten-free bread and it shall be provided for you.

AT COMMUNION: *Triste*

Julian Aguirre

Whitney Perrine, flute
Joe Ricker, guitar

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

A New Zealand Book of Prayer

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Give us courage, God our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the help to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed. Amen.



Celebrant May Christ, as he comes, deliver you from your guilt, anxiety and resentment, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

All Amen.

HYMN: # 454 “Jesus came, adored by angels”

Lowry

THE DISMISSAL

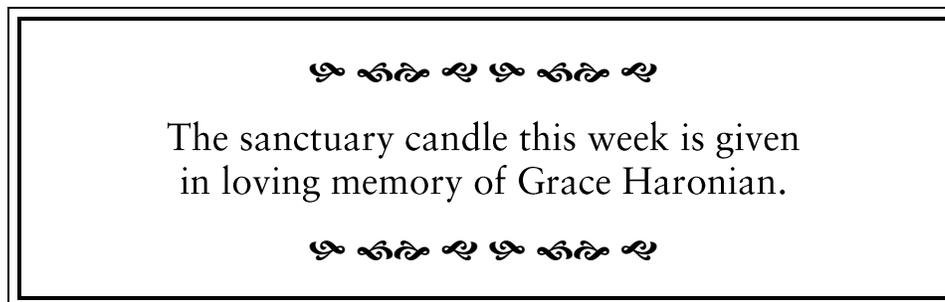
Deacon Let us go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: *Humoresque*

Roberto DiMarino

Whitney Perrine, flute
Joe Ricker, guitar



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Advent and Christmastide at Trinity

Sundays December 6 and 13, 11:30 A.M.

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam, with Dante Tavolaro

A Season of Presence, A Season of Giving, with Trinity Outreach Committee

Sunday December 6

Saint Nicholas Sunday – A surprise for children after both services

3:00 P.M. – *Advent Lessons and Carols* at Christ Church Cathedral,
in honor of Deacon Don Richey

Friday December 11, 7:30 P.M.

West Hartford Women's Chorale – Seasonal Favorites and More

Sunday December 13, 4 P.M.

Hartt School of Music and Trinity Combined Choirs –
With Audience Participation

Wednesday December 16, 7:30 P.M.

A Service of Hope and Remembrance with Sermon and Hymns

Thursday December 24

5:00 P.M. *Family Christmas Service and Christmas Pageant*

9:30 P.M. *Christmas Prelude with Choirs, Brass and Strings*

10:00 P.M. *Festival Christmas Eucharist*

Friday December 25

10:00 A.M. *Christmas Eucharist with Sermon and Hymns*

Sunday December 27

9:30 A.M. *Combined Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols*

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