



HOLY TRINITY
CATHEDRAL

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND

Carols by Candlelight

*Saturday 27th December, 2025
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port of Spain
5:00pm*

(BRING A CANDLE IN A GLASS HOLDER FOR SERVICE)

The Anglican tradition has inherited many ancient pieces of liturgy, so it may be a bit surprising to learn that the *Festival/Service of Nine Lessons and Carols* (traditionally held on or near Christmas Eve) is a fairly recent invention, celebrating its one-hundredth birthday only last year in 2018. It was constructed out of the grief and horror of the First World War, which had ended only 6 weeks before Christmas Eve in 1918.

Who created the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols?

The author of Nine Lessons and Carols was The Rev. Eric Milner-White, a graduate of King's College who was appointed chaplain at the college in 1912, four years after his ordination as a priest. When the war broke out in 1914, he volunteered as a military chaplain and witnessed the horrors of trench warfare on the Western front. Decorated for courage under fire in combat, he was released after what he called "a battle of special horror" in early 1918 and returned to King's College, where he was appointed Dean.

Why was the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols created?

After the end of the war on November 11, Milner-White set out to create a special Christmastide service "as a gift to the city of Cambridge" that would serve two purposes. First, he wanted to grieve the loss of young men from the city, and especially from his own college. Twenty-three percent of the members of King's College had died during the war, including Milner-White's roommate.

Second, Milner-White wanted to reform liturgical practices so that the simple beauty of Christian worship would shine through and attract those who had lost their faith in the horrors of the war, whether serving in it or watching it take place.

There is intellectual depth to the service. In Milner-White's own words, "the main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God" as viewed "through the windows and the words of the Bible." Yet he aimed at simplicity rather than complex explication of God's purposes in human history. Rather than a lecture, he designed the service to focus on "colour, warmth, and delight." Drawing upon a lessons and carols tradition that stretched at least back to Edward White Benson at Truro Cathedral in Cornwall in 1880, Milner-White established the tradition of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College on Christmas Eve in 1918.

What are the "lessons" in Nine Lessons and Carols?

The specific carols sung during the service always change from year to year. Although the service at King's College always begins with "Once in Royal David's City" and ends with "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

As you listen and worship during Lessons and Carols, occasionally contemplate that this simple service offers an *expression of hope* that despite the mess that humans have made of our world, God has a plan of redemption for it!

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

OPENING CAROL (Congregation)

Do you hear what I hear

WELCOME & BIDDING PRAYER

The Very Rev. Dr. Shelley-Ann Tenia+, *Dean and Rector*

Instrumental Solo

FIRST LESSON – (Mr. Adrian Gill, ACMS)

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

Genesis 3: 1–15

CAROL

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

SECOND LESSON – (Miss Tishonne Francis, *Seminarian*)

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Isaiah 35:1-10

CAROL

Joy to the World

THIRD LESSON – (Master Jayvonte Thomas, *Christus Rex Boys*)

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as God with us.

Isaiah 7 10-15

CAROL

O come O come Immanuel

FOURTH LESSON – (Lorna Pile, *Mothers Union*)

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Gospel of Luke 1:26- 38

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

FIFTH LESSON – (Master Malachi Bartlett, *Trinity Junior School*)

The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy.

Gospel of Luke 1:39-46

CAROL

D Virgin Mary had a baby boy

SIXTH LESSON – (Ms. Camille Gregoire)

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Gospel of Luke 2:1-20

CAROL

While shepherds watch their flock by night

SEVENTH LESSON – (Mr. Brendon Taylor, Youth and Young Adult Ministry)

Jesus receives his name and is presented to Simeon in the Temple

Luke 2:21-35

CAROL

What child is this who laid to rest

Choir

EIGHT LESSON – (Miss Reiss Baird, St. Catherine's Girls)

In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is for ever and ever.

Hebrews 1:1-12

CAROL

Angels we have heard on high

NINTH LESSON – Rev. Ferdinand Pollard

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Gospel of John 1:1-14

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CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Go tell it on the mountain

Vocal Trio

Feliz Navidad

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SONG SHEET



Do you hear what I hear

Do you hear what I hear?
Said the night wind to the little
lamb

Do you see what I see?
(Do you see what I see?)
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?
(Do you see what I see?)
A star, a star, dancing in the
night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the
shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
(Do you hear what I hear?)
Ringing through the sky,

shepherd boy

Do you hear what I hear?
(Do you hear what I hear?)

A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

CPWI # 68 *Hark the Herald Angels sing*

Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Refrain:

*Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,



Said the shepherd boy to
the mighty king
Do you know what I
know? (Do you know
what I know?)
In your palace warm,
mighty king
Do you know what I
know? (Do you know
what I know?)

A Child, a Child shivers
in the cold
Let us bring him silver
and gold
Let us bring him silver
and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. **Refrain**

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth. **Refrain**

CPWI # 73 Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ:
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

CPWI # 48 O come, O come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. ***Refrain***

CPWI # 765 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady,' gloria!

'For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of his love.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. ***Refrain***

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. ***Refrain***

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. ***Refrain***

most highly favoured lady,' gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy
name.'

Most highly favoured lady, gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas mom,
and Christian folk throughout the world will
ever

CPWI # 63 *The Virgin Mary had a baby boy*

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they said that his name was Jesus.

Refrain:

*He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer; oh yes, believer.
He come from the glory,*

CPWI # 91 *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

O&N 729 *What child is this who laid to rest*

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 guard and angels sing

say-

'Most highly favoured lady,' gloria!

he come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the babe was born,
the angels sang when the babe was born,
the angels sang when the babe was born,
and proclaimed him the Saviour Jesus. ***Refrain***

The wise men saw where the babe was born,
the wise men saw where the babe was born,
the wise men saw where the babe was born,
and they saw that his name was Jesus. ***Refrain***

'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.'

Haste, haste to bring Him praise
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear; God's son is here

His love all loves exceeding
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The Cross He bore for me, for you
Hail, hail, the Saviour comes
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh

Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be

CPWI # 77 O come all ye faithful

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:

Refrain:

***O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.***

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;

CPWI # 65 Go tell it on the mountain

Refrain:

***Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!***

Come, peasant, king, to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise the song on high
While Mary sings a lullaby
Joy, joy, for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Which inspire your heavn'ly song? ***Refrain***

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. ***Refrain***

See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise. ***Refrain***

very God, begotten, not created: ***Refrain***

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
'Glory to God in the highest:' ***Refrain***

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy
morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:
Refrain

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. ***Refrain***

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth. *Refrain*

Feliz Navidad

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I wanna wish you a merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas
From the bottom of my heart

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

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FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3: 8–15; 17–19

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

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

THE SECOND LESSON: *Isaiah 35: 1-10*

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,

the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,

and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,

but it shall be for God's people;

no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 7: 10-15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

THE FOURTH LESSON: The Gospel of Luke 1: 26–38
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The LORD is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the LORD God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the LORD; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:39-46

The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

[and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.]

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-20

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

THE SEVENTH LESSON: **Luke 2:21-35**

Jesus receives his name and is presented to Simeon in the Temple

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

THE EIGHTH LESSON: **Hebrews 1:1-12**

In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is for ever and ever.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up,

and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will never end."

THE NINTH LESSON: John 1: 1-14

Saint 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. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.