

The Anthems

Lesson Two ***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*** arr. Benjamin Harlan

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came a flower bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-gone was the night.
This flower whose fragrance tender, with sweetness fills the air.
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us,
and lightens every load.

Lesson Three ***Advent Canticle*** Lloyd Larson

Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight a path
in the wilderness, a highway for our God!
Every valley will be lifted up. Every mountain and hill made low;
The uneven ground made level; the rugged places a plain.
Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight a path
in the wilderness, a highway for our God!
When the mystery of time is fulfilled, and the glory of God revealed;
All people shall see it together. O hear the word of the Lord!
Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight a path
in the wilderness, a highway for our God!
Prepare the way of the Lord!

Lesson Five ***This Child of Light*** Mary McDonald

Kay Carter and Arnold Reichert, soloists

See now this baby, a child so small; He is our Savior, Ruler of all.
What shall we name Him, this Holy One? He is Jesus, God's own Son!
This Child of Light, a Holy Light, has come to us on this silent night.
Here in the stillness, quiet, He lay, Love everlasting is born today.
This Child of Mary, this little One, a gift from heaven, God's own Son.
What can we give Him, this Child so small? We can give Him our all!
This Child of Light, a Holy Light, has come to us on this silent night.
Here in the stillness, quiet, He lay, Love everlasting is born. This Child of Light.

Lesson Eight

Grace in a Cradle

Chisum/Gordon

Julie Helmers, soloist

Baby on the hay, a mother's heart begins to pray,
"Lord, bless this Child, bless my Child tonight."

The stars up in the sky shine their silent lullaby
Upon this Child, heaven's holy light.

Grace in a cradle, Love's perfect Child,

Hope in a manger, a Son with God's smile,

Worshiped by wisemen, shepherds and angels.

Jesus, our Savior, God's grace in a cradle.

The shepherds made their way to see Him on that wondrous day

And bring their worship to the King of kings.

The waiting earth responds to the miracle that dawns
upon the earth, joy is born today.

Lesson Nine **Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven** Keith and Krystin Getty

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven, born as a little baby
under a wondrous star. Like us, crying He takes His first breath
held by His mother, helpless close to her beating heart.

Jesus, laid in a lowly manger, facing a world of danger,

Come to turn me a stranger into a child of God.

Jesus, King of the highest heaven, learning to take His first steps,
That He might bring us life. Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows,

He showed the way to follow, a way that is true and right.

Jesus, take away every darkness, steady my simple footsteps

That I might in your goodness, live as a child of God.

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Choral Benediction **Love Came Down at Christmas** Rosetti/Purifoy

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine.

Love was born at Christmas, star and angel gave the sign.

Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine,

Love to God and men, love shall be our gift and sign.

The Cahaba Springs Choir

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Mary Lynne Robbins
Cynthia Sartin
Margaret Linville
Rhianna Helmers

Alto

Nancy Trull
Rosemary Holcomb
Laura Reichert
Lynda McLean
Julie Helmers
Kay Carter

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Arnold Reichert
Jon Scholl

Bass

George Fritsma
George McLean
Evan Cargile
Andrew Carter

*The Cahaba Springs Choir presents this service of
Lessons and Carols
to the Glory of God and in memory of
John Holcomb*



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