



FESTIVAL OF 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS NATIONAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2011

Opening Carol: Once in Royal David's City

Reading 1: The Prophet Isaiah foretells the Coming of the Saviour
(Isaiah Chapter 9 verse 2, 6 and 7 Page 642 New International Version, IVF)

Carol: The Child's Carol

Reading 2: (Isaiah Chapter 11 verses 1 – 9 Page 646 NIV)

Carol: The Holly and the Ivy

Reading 3: The Angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary
(St Luke Chapter 1 verses 26 - 35. 37 and 38 Page 952 NIV)

Carol: The Angel Gabriel

Reading 4: St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus
(St Luke Chapter 2 verses 1 - 7 Page 954 NIV)

Carol: Away in a Manger

Carol: Little Drummer Boy

Reading 5: The shepherds pay homage to the infant Jesus
(St Luke Chapter 2 verses 8 - 20 Page 954 NIV)

Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter

Reading 6: The Three Wise Men are led to Jesus by the Star
(St Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1 -12 Page 898 NIV)

Carol: We Three Kings of Orient are

Reading 7: Simeon's revelation when the Baby Jesus presented in
the temple in Jerusalem
(St Luke Chapter 2 verses 21, 25 -35 Page 955 NIV)

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reading 8: The escape to Egypt and the Return to Nazareth
(St Matthew Chapter 2 verses 13 -17, 19 - 23 replace the first
four words of verse 13 with 'Later', Page 898 NIV)

Carol: Joy to the World

Reading 9: St John unfolds the great Mystery of the Incarnation
(St John Chapter 1 verses 1 - 14 Page 987 NIV)

Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful

NB. It's traditional after each reading for the reader to finish with the words '
This is the Word of the Lord' and the congregation respond '**Thanks be to God.**'

