

Christmas sets the centre on the edge;
 The edge of town, out-buildings of an inn
 The fringes of empire, far from privilege
 And power, on the edge and outer spin
 Of turning worlds, a margin of small stars
 That edge a galaxy itself light years
 From some unguessed-at cosmic origin.
 Christmas sets the centre at the edge.
 And from this day our world is re-aligned;
 A tiny seed unfolding in the womb
 Becomes the source from which we all unfold
 And flower into being. We are healed,
 The End begins, the tomb becomes the womb,
 For now in him all things are re-aligned.

Hospitality:
 please stay to enjoy the warmth of hospitality and new
 friendships over Glühwein and snacks

St Catherine's:
 if you would like to learn more about St Catherine's and
 either its history in Stuttgart or it's current life – find us on
www.stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Thank You:
 to Pfarrer Christoph Doll and the people of St Leonhard's
 Church for their welcome and the use of this worship space
 to all who have given their time and their talents to make
 this service happen
 and to all of you for your friendship in attending today

Collection / Giving:
 All monies collected today will (after covering expenses
 incurred for this service) be split between:

- St George's Anglican Chaplaincy Baghdad
- Indian Widows
- Café Strichpunkt

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A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Advent 3 in Year C (Luke)

**St. Catherine's Anglican Church
 Stuttgart
 16. December, 2018
 LEONHARDSKIRCHE**



President: Revd Kara K Werner
Organist: Stephen Brown
Trumpet: Valdis Bizuns
Choir: St Catherine's plus guests

*Please note that in order for the service to flow -
 Readings and Carols will NOT be announced*

(during which)

The Procession

Carol14: It came upon the Midnight Clear

The Bidding Prayer

All remain standing to hear the Bidding which introduces the service

..... in the words he himself has taught us, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven....
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Genesis 18.1-15 A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

Carol3: Of the Father's Love Begotten

Luke 1.5-25 the annunciation to Zechariah

Carol18: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Luke 1.26-38 the annunciation to Mary

Choir: The Angel Gabriel

Carol1: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Luke 2.1-7 the birth of Jesus

Carol13: Silent Night in german or english

Luke 2.8-20 the angels and the shepherds

Poem: Song of the Shepherds

Carol7: While Shepherds Watched

during which the Collection will be taken

1 John 4.7-14 let us love one another

The Advent Collects

Carol17: Ding Dong ! Merrily on High

Sonnet: On the Edge

Carol12: O Come All ye Faithful v1,2,3 only

A Responsory

See what love the Father has given us

That we should be called the children of God.

You are my sons and daughters:

This day have I begotten you.

See what love the Father has given us.

As many as received him

To them he gave power to become the children of God.

See what love the Father has given us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit.

See what love the Father has given s.

That we should be called the children of God.

John 1.1-14 the Prologue

The Blessing

Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary

revealed in his glory

worshipped by angels

proclaimed among the nations

believed in throughout the world

exalted in the highest heavens

blessed be God our strength and our salvation
now and for ever.

May the peace of the Christ-child be yours this coming Christmastide and the blessing of God almighty..... **Amen.**

Recessional10: Hark ! the Herald-Angels

for your Reflection:

Song of the Shepherds

R Bauckham

We were familiar with the night.
We knew its favourite colours
its sullen silence
and its small, disturbing sounds
its unprovoked rages
its savage dreams.

We slept by turns
attentive to the flock.
We said little
Night after night, there was little to say.
But sometimes one of us
skilled in that way
would pipe a tune of how things were for us.

They say that once, almost before time
the stars with shining voices
serenaded
the new born world.
The night could not contain their boundless praise.

We thought that just a poem -
until the night
a song of solar glory
unutterable, unearthly
eclipsed the luminaries of the night
as though the world were exorcised of dark
and, coming to itself, began again.

Later we returned to the flock.
The night was ominously black.
The stars were silent as the sheep.
Nights pass, year on year.
We clutch our meagre cloaks against the cold.
Our ageing piper's fumbling fingers play
night after night
an earthly echo of the song that banished dark.
It has stayed with us.

