



This service, composed by The Very Reverend Eric Milner-White for use at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, proclaims in word and song the promise of God to redeem the world through the Advent of His Son.

The metaphorical procession through the liturgy – from darkness into light – is intended to prepare the worshipper for the coming of the true Light, Jesus Christ.

On the cover:

"The Annunciation"

ca. 1430

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A Candlelight Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

December 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm

¶ The Congregation gathers in silence. Throughout the service the Congregation is seated for the reading of Scripture and the singing of Carols, and stands for the singing of Hymns and for Prayers

¶ At the sound of the chime, all stand for the Advent Responsory sung from the west nave


Advent Responsory

Aspiciens a longe


I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another. Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep. Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

*Words: Medieval Responsory at Matins of Advent Sunday
Music: G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)*


Verses 1 & 2 are sung by the Choir alone; all join in singing on verse 3



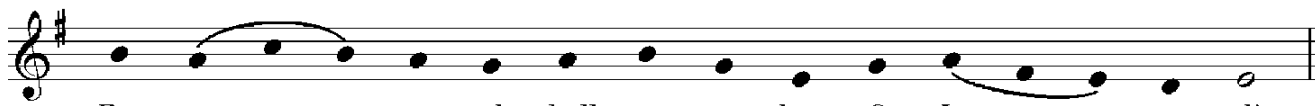
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, 9th-century

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel: 15th-century, Mode I

Descant: David Hill (1957)

¶ At the conclusion of the Hymn, all remain standing as the Officiant says

The Bidding

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, the promise that God will visit and redeem the whole creation. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. And as we rejoice in all that God has done, let us stand strong in hope, confident that in Christ Jesus, all things will be brought to their eternal and glorious purpose.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of Jesus, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

¶ Officiant and People

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.

¶ Officiant

May we have grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to live in the light of Christ, in whom is the light that enlightens all, and whose coming among us is our hope and confidence, now and unto the day of eternity. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ All are then seated

Invitatory Carol

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Thou Savior of us all,
We pray Thee, hear us when we call.

When the old world drew on toward night,
Thou camest, not in splendor bright
As monarch, but the humble child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

Come in thy holy might, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day,
From ev'ry power of darkness when
Thou judgest all the sons of men.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit three in one,
Laud, honor, might and glory be,
From age to age eternally.

Words: 9th-century

Music: arr. S. William Aitken (b.1944)



THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

GOD CREATES MAN AND WOMAN TO LIVE IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Reader: An Acolyte

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And the Lord God took

the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Carol

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond:
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been
Ne had never our lady
Abeen heaven's queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we may singen:
Deo gracias!

Words: 15th Century, English

Music: Howard Skempton (b.1947)



THE SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

A NEW COVENANT IS PROMISED WHICH WILL BE WRITTEN IN OUR HEARTS

Reader: An Usher

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Carol

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.
Our God of endless might, gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

Words: William Bartholomew

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

¶ All stand and join in singing the Hymn

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1772)

Music: Llangloffan

¶ All are seated



THE THIRD LESSON

Baruch 4: 36 - 5: 9

THE SCRIBE BARUCH URGES THE PEOPLE TO LOOK EAST BECAUSE SALVATION IS AT HAND

Reader: A Member of the Finance Committee

O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever. Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven. For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship. Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God. For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom. For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God, Moreover even the woods and every sweet smelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God. For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

Carol

People look East. The time is near Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table.
People look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish.
People look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together.
People look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.

Angels announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Besancon Carol arr. Barry Ferguson (b.1942)

All stand and join in singing the Hymn

1 God is work - ing his pur - pose out as
 2 From ut - most east to ut - most west, wher -
 3 March we forth in the strength of God, with the
 4 All we can do is noth - ing worth un -

May be sung in a canon

1 God is work - ing his
 2 From ut - most east to
 3 March we forth in the
 4 All we can do is

year suc - ceeds to year: God is work - ing his
 ev - er foot hath trod, by the mouth of man - y
 ban - ner of Christ un - furled, that the light of the glo - rious
 less God bless - es the deed; vain - ly we hope for the

pur - pose out as year suc - ceeds to year:
 ut - most west, wher - ev - er foot hath trod, by the
 strength of God, with the ban - ner of Christ un - furled, that the
 noth - ing worth un - less God bless - es the deed;

pur - pose out, and the time is draw - ing near;
 mes - sen - gers goes forth the voice of God;
 gos - pel of truth may shine through - out the world;
 har - vest - tide till God gives life to the seed; yet

God is work - ing his pur - pose out, and the time is draw - ing
 mouth of man - y mes - sen - gers goes forth the voice of
 light of the glo - rious gos - pel of truth may shine through - out the
 vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide till God gives life to the

near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall sure - ly
 give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, ye isles, give ear to
 fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their cap - tives
 near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall sure - ly

near; — near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall
 God; — give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, ye isles, give —
 world: — fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their —
 seed; yet near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall

be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 me, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 free, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of God as the

sure - ly be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of
 ear to me, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of
 cap - tives free, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of
 sure - ly be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of

wa - ters cov - er the sea.
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God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
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 God as the wa - ters (cov - er the sea.) cov - er the sea. —

*Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919), alt.
 Music: Purpose: Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958)*

¶ All are seated



THE FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5: 2-4

THE ONE WHO IS TO RULE ISRAEL WILL BE BORN IN THE VILLAGE OF BETHLEHEM

Reader: A Verger

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

Carol

When came in flesh the Incarnate Word,
The heedless world slept on,
And only simple shepherds heard
That God had sent His Son.

When comes the Savior at the last,
From East to West shall shine.
The awful pomp, and earth aghast
Shall tremble at the sign.

Then shall the pure of heart be blest:
As mild He comes to them,
As when upon the virgin's breast,
He lay at Bethlehem.

Lord, who could dare see Thee descend
In state, unless he knew
Thou art the sorr'wing sinner's friend,
The gracious and the true.

Dwell in our hearts, O Savior blest,
So shall Thine Advent's dawn
'Twixt us and Thee, our bosom guest,
Be but the veil withdrawn.

Words: J. Anstice 1805-1836
Music: George Guest (1924-2002)

¶ All stand and join in singing the Hymn

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

Music: Winchester New: melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690.

Descant: David Mc.K. Williams (1887-1978)

¶ All are seated



THE FIFTH LESSON

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

THE LORD WILL BE AMONG US;
WE ARE SUMMONED TO REJOICE AND SING

Reader: A Member of the Altar Guild

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

Carol

A hunter went out hunting,
Went hunting from God's high place;
And who came and stood before him?
Fair Mary, fair Mary so full of grace.
The hunter that I tell of
To men is long foretold;
He hunts with God's own angel,
And Gabriel he is called.
The angel blew his trumpet;
The sound was loud and clear.
O hail to Thee, fair Mary,
Thou maiden beyond compare!
O hail to Thee, fair Mary,
So lovely and so mild!
Thou shalt bring forth into being
A pure and holy Child.
Thou shalt bring forth into being
A pure and holy Child
Who earth and heaven together
Shall govern as His world.
Then Mary, that pure maiden,
Fell down upon her knee;
She prayed to God in heaven,
His promise thus might be:

Thy will shall be accomplished
Without any pain or hurt.
Then she received Christ Jesus
Within her righteous heart.

Words: Translation – Jean Lunn

Music: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)



THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 1: 5-25

AN ANGEL ANNOUNCES TO ZECHARIAH THAT HIS WIFE ELIZABETH WILL BEAR A SON

Reader: The Interim Organist and Choirmaster

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46–55 with Gloria Patri
Music: Plainsong, arr. S. William Aitken (b.1944)

¶ All stand and join in singing the Hymn

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: Richmond: Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt.

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

¶ All are seated



THE ANGEL GABRIEL ANNOUNCES TO THE VIRGIN MARY
THAT SHE WILL BEAR THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH

Reader: An Assistant Rector

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Carol

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluia.*
For in this rose contained was
Heav'n and earth in little space: *Res miranda.*
By that rose we may well see
There be one God in Persons Three: *Pares forma.*
Then leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyous birth: *Transeamus.*

Words: Medieval

Music: John Joubert (1927-2019)



Greeting and Announcements

Carol

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come:
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come,
and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

Words: Revelation 22

Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)



¶ All stand

Vesper Responsory

Judae et Hierusalem

¶ Officiant Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

¶ People Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

¶ Officiant Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

¶ People Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

¶ Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

¶ People Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Closing Prayers

¶ Officiant We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord;

¶ People In the midst of thy temple.

¶ Officiant

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming; grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *¶ People* Amen.

The Blessing

¶ Officiant

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace; send forth thy Spirit from on high that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee; O Lord, who for our sake was of a virgin born, make holy thy people and bless thine heritage;

And the blessing ✠ of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,

be amongst you and abide with you for ever. *¶ People* Amen.

¶ All join in singing the following Hymn

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine
train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Helmsley: Augustine Arne (1719-1778)

Descant: Antony Baldwin (2006)

¶ At the conclusion of the Hymn, all remain standing as the Choir and Ministers depart

Please join us in the Great Hall for a festive reception at the conclusion of the service

Participants in the Service

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

READERS

Agnes Smith	First Lesson
Wayne Norwood	Second Lesson
Robert Sherwood	Third Lesson
Carl Eichenberger	Fourth Lesson
Betsy Panke	Fifth Lesson
William Aitken	Sixth Lesson
The Rev. Peter James Speropulos	Seventh Lesson



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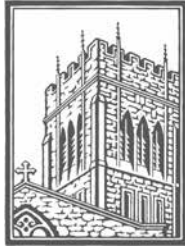
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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Sunday, December 10 — Advent II

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist *Church*
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist * *Church*
- 5:00 pm The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) *St. Mary's Chapel*

Sunday, December 17 — Advent III

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist *Church*
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist * *Church*
- 4:30 pm Pre-Service Organ Recital of Christmas Music *Church*
- 5:00 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* *Church*

Sunday, December 24 — Advent IV, Christmas Eve

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist *Church*
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist * *Church*
- 4:00 pm Nativity Pageant and The Holy Eucharist * *Church*
- 6:30 pm Choral Eucharist * *Church*
- 10:30 pm Carol Service of Preparation and Praise* *Church*
- 11:00 pm Solemn Midnight Eucharist of the Incarnation * *Church — Incense will be used*

Monday, December 25 — Christmas Day

- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist * *Church*

Sunday, December 31 — Christmas I

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist *Church*
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist * *Church*
- 5:00 pm The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) *St. Mary's Chapel*

** The Choir will sing at these liturgies*

Full details of all liturgical offerings are available at www.csmg.org

Week of December 3 - 9, 2023

Sunday, December 3

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - Church
- 8:00 am Poinsettia Pick-up
- 8:30 am Coffee Hour - Great Hall
- 9:00 am Advent Family Activities - Gym
- 9:00 am Holiday Market - Great Hall
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Confirmation Preparation - Canterbury Hall
- 9:00 am Adult Confirmation - J202
- 9:00 am Conversations Beyond Confirmation - 7th & 8th Grade Classroom
- 9:00 am Word Made Fresh - Sverdrup Room
- 9:00 am Centering Prayer Practice - St. George's Chapel
- 9:00 am Racial Reconciliation - Library
- 9:00 am Rector's Forum - Taylor Room
- 9:00 am Little Sprouts Nursery Care
- 10:00 am Children's Chapel - St. George's Chapel
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist - Church
- 5:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols - Church
- 6:00 pm Reception - Great Hall

Tuesday, December 5

- 10:30 am CSL Bible Study - Sverdrup Room
- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 pm CSL - Great Hall

Wednesday, December 6

- 11:00 am Offices Close

Thursday, December 7

- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
- 5:00 pm Community of Hope - Taylor Room
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 8

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Great Hall
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel
- 8:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library

Saturday, December 9

- 11:00 am Knitting Ministry - Library
- 3:00 pm Piano Recital - Great Hall
- 4:00 pm AA Meeting - Taylor Room

Silent Auction & Holiday Market Bidding ends at 10:30 am, with the Market closing at 11:00 am.

Nursery Care Available from 9:30-11:30 am in the Little Sprouts Infant/Toddler space. Reservations are requested.

Church Service League December 5. Tom and Emily Guignon will discuss their experience leading CSMSG's work with the Episcopal City Mission. Lunch reservations are due to Nancy Ferriss by Sunday at 4 pm (naferriss@gmail.com or 314. 974. 3386).

Cookies for the Homebound Help us provide cookies for the homebound. Bake 4 dozen cookies, storing them in a freezer-safe container. These should be labeled "Cookies for Homebound" and delivered by December 10 to the CSL box in the church kitchen's freezer. Please no bars or soft frosting. Contact Sandra Vuitel (sabdravuitel@gmail.com or 314. 300. 8858) for additional information.

Holiday Floral Arranging Join Andy Martin for a hands-on demonstration of flower arranging for the holidays. Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm. \$75.00 per person. Register on Realm.

Grief Support Group Will be in recess until January 10, 2024. Meetings resume at 4:00 pm that day.

Gospel Pageant Children pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Shepherds, angels, and stable animals are still needed!

Parishioners Beware One again phishing e-mails are circulating asking members of the congregation for a favor or request supposedly from Fr. Archie. These are a scam! Please remember that no one from The Church of St. Michael & St. George will ever request personal information, usernames, passwords, or money from you via e-mail.

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