

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - 4:00 P.M.

LESSONS & CAROLS
FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

A NOTE ON OUR ADVENT LITURGIES

This is a special time in the life of the Church. In addition to marking the beginning of a new liturgical year, in these short, dark days we ready our hearts and our homes to celebrate the coming of Christ: both his coming in great humility as a shivering babe in Bethlehem long ago, and his coming in glorious majesty at the end of all things to judge both the quick and the dead.

Advent is a season full of cherished traditions, both for our own families and for our Cathedral family. Just as we bring forth treasured heirlooms in our homes to deck our halls and set our tables—grandma’s well-loved china, brightly polished family silver, sweet and simple children’s ornaments made many years ago—in this season we also utilize the beautiful, ancient traditions of our Anglican heritage in all their richness and splendor.

On all the Sundays and weekdays in the four weeks of this season, we use the traditional language services of Rite I, and the time-worn words of the Authorized Version of the Bible, commonly called the King James Version. Both of these resources carry us back to our roots. They are the family heirlooms we Episcopalians share with Anglican Christians throughout the world. And it is meet and right that they should adorn our worship in this sacred season.

Of course, these traditional worship resources are not to everyone’s taste. Just as there are a few ornaments you might stick at the back of the tree or a few pieces of grandma’s china you might want to “accidentally” drop in the sink, you may not care for Rite I and the KJV. Rest assured that our customary, more contemporary forms of Prayer Book liturgies and scriptural translations will return for the 4:00 and 7:00 services on Christmas Eve, and at the 9:00 and 5:00 Sunday services thereafter.

But even if these family heirlooms seem a little strange and unfamiliar to our ears, I invite you into this holy time using texts and prayers that unite us with the generations that have gone before us. May we, this Advent, look eagerly for the coming of the One who will at last gather all things in heaven and on earth into his glorious Kingdom, and who even now binds us across every family, language, people, and nation, and the living to the dead.

When the Lord cometh, may he find us watching and waiting.

The Very Reverend Dane E. Boston
Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Columbia

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Choral Prelude on “Savior of the nations, come” BWV 659
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

Drop down ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people;
My salvation shall not tarry.
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions.
Fear not, for I will save thee;
For I am the Lord thy God,
The holy one of Israel, thy redeemer.
Drop down ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.

Words: Advent Prose
Music: Judith Weir (b. 1954)

The people stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Hymn 56 “O come, O come, Emmanuel” Verses 1-3 *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times did give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Officiant says

Beloved in Christ, be it this Advent our care and delight to cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armor of light; to be astounded again by the urgent voice calling us to awaken from the sleep of sin; to ready our hearts for the celebration of Christ's first coming in great humility at Bethlehem long ago; and to amend our lives in solemn preparation for His coming again in glorious majesty, when he shall judge both the quick and the dead.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first promise of the Prophets that a Savior would be born unto us, to the sure and certain hope of the Apostles that our Redeemer shall return; and let us make this Cathedral Church, dedicated to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, glad with our hymns and carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of Christ's whole world; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the Church for which he died; for brotherhood and goodwill among all people, and especially in our Nation, in our State, and in this City of Columbia.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind, and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath 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.

The Officiant continues

May the Lord when he cometh find us watching and waiting. *Amen.*

The people sit

INVITATORY CAROL

*Verbum supernum prodiens,
a patre olim exiens,
qui natus orbi subvenis
cursu declivi temporis;
illumina nunc pectora
tuoque amore concrema
audita ut praeconia
sint pulsa tandem lubrica.*

O heavenly Word, eternal Light,
begotten of the Father's might,
who in these latter days wast born
for blessing to a world forlorn;
pour light upon us from above,
and fire our hearts with ardent love,
that, as we hear thy truth today,
All wrong desires may burn away.

Words: ca. 7th century

Tr. John Mason Neale & Edward Caswall

Music: John Duhan (b. 1981)

I. HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

The people stand

Officiant Behold, I will send my Messenger and he shall prepare the way
before me.

Officiant Prepare ye the way of the LORD:

People Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

The Officiant continues

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The people sit

THE FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3.1-6, 4.4-6

‘Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come,’ saith the Lord of hosts.

But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

‘And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.’

‘Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

‘Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.’

CAROL

Oh, that you would rend the heavens!
That you would come down!
That the mountains might shake at your presence,
as when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil.
Oh, come down to make your name known to your enemies.
Oh, that the nations might tremble at your presence!

Words: Anonymous
Music: Daniel Kellogg (b. 1976)

THE SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your GOD.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
that her warfare is accomplished,
that her iniquity is pardoned:
for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our GOD.
Every valley shall be exalted,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough places plain:
and the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry.
And he said, What shall I cry?
All flesh is grass,
and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:
the grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it:
surely the people is grass.
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
but the word of our GOD shall stand for ever.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings,
lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid;
say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your GOD!
Behold, the LORD GOD will come with strong hand,
and his arm shall rule for him:
behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom,
and shall gently lead those that are with young.

CAROL

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
get thee up into the high mountain;
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid;
say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Words: Isaiah 40.9, 60.1
adapted by Charles Jennens (1700-1773)
Music: from *Messiah*, George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Hymn 59 “Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

Merton

II. VIRGIN’S SON, MAKE HERE YOUR HOME

Officiant Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name
Immanuel: God with us.

Officiant For unto us a child is born
People Unto us a Son is given.

The Officiant continues

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst stoop to raise our fallen race by the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen thy glory manifested in our flesh, and thy love perfected in our weakness, may daily be renewed in thine image, and conformed to the likeness of thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The people sit

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 7.10-17

Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.

CAROL

*O virtus Sapientiae,
quae circuiens circuisti
comprehendendo omnia
in una via, quae habet vitam,
tres alas h-bens,
quarium una in altum volat,
et altera de terra sudat,
et tertia undique volat.
Laus tibi sit, sicut te decet,
O Sapientia.*

O strength of Wisdom
who, circling, circled,
enclosing all
in one lifegiving path,
three wings you have:
one soars to the heights,
one distills its essence upon the earth,
and the third is everywhere.
Praise to you, as is fitting,
O Wisdom.

Words & Music: Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

THE FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11.1-9

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,
and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD:
And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:
and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,
neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
But with righteousness shall he judge the poor,
and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:
and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid:
and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
And the cow and the bear shall feed,
their young ones shall lie down together:
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea.

Hymn 54 "Savior of the nations, come!"

Nun komm, her Heiden Heiland

III. LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Officiant Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Officiant And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

People and all flesh shall see it together.

The Officiant continues

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit

THE FIFTH LESSON: Jeremiah 31.31-34

'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

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
pure beam of the most high, eternal light
of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright
awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine;
thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
as stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
our nature all shall feel eternal day,
in fellowship with thee, transforming clay
to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words: H.R. Bramley (1833-1917)

Words: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE SIXTH LESSON: Revelation 1.1-8

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John, who bore record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come, and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne: And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father: to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him: Even so, Amen.

'I am ALPHA and OMEGA, the beginning and the ending,' saith the Lord, 'which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.'

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 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: adapted from Revelation 22

Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Hymn 57 “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”

Helmsley

The Officiant says

We wait for thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

A period of silence is kept.

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.

THE BLESSING

May God the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, give you grace and faith to believe in him unto everlasting life. *Amen.*

May God the Son, who on the Last Day shall come unto us as our Redeemer and our Judge, keep you in the way that leadeth out of darkness into his glorious light. *Amen.*

May God the Holy Ghost, by whose marvelous working the Christ took on flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother, conceive and bring forth in you the fruits of holiness. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

- 4 O come, thou Branch of Jessie’s tree, free them from Satan’s tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 5 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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