



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

December 9, 2018
5:00pm

WE WELCOME YOU TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, BETHESDA, MARYLAND. We are glad you are here to worship with us this evening. If you are visiting today, do sign the guest register in the narthex, or to fill out a visitor card and either hand it to one of the clergy or ushers, or place it in the offering plate. Please join us downstairs after the service for a reception, and you are more than welcome to join us again soon.

Our regular schedule of worship is:

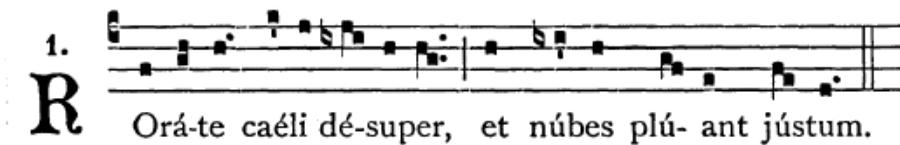
Sunday

8:00am	Holy Eucharist
9:15am	Adult Forum & Bible Study
10:15am	Nursery Care
10:30am	Choral Eucharist
10:30am	Church School

Wednesday

9:00am	Morning Prayer
12:00noon	Holy Eucharist

On **Christmas Eve**, our family service is at 5pm. At the 10:30pm service, the choir prelude, Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*, with soloist Chris Austin, begins at 10:15pm.



ADVENT HAS BEEN CALLED a time of expectation; it has been called a time of penitence, and at worst, it's been called a countdown to Christmas. But Advent doesn't count us down to a one-day event, it prepares us for the arrival of one who will grow into a healer, a prophet, and God's fullest image incarnated for us. Advent marks the coming of Christ for eternity. The Colors we use today are reminiscent of ancient Sarum traditions, British rites that use blue to distinguish Advent from the purple of Lent. Rose (or pink) marks the week when the season is at its half-way point, so that those who are fasting might relax their severe discipline.

Our liturgy today leads us through the story of Advent as told by the ancient prophets, and includes the many names of expectation associated with the Messiah. They are 'Wisdom', 'Adonai', 'Branch of Jesse', 'Morning Star', 'Cornerstone', 'Love', 'guest', 'rose', 'Key of David'—'Emmanuel'. The hope for salvation is expressed by these ancient texts. The acknowledgment that we need help to be brought out of darkness and led to light has been reflected by musicians and artists throughout the ages. The 'Great' Advent Antiphons sung in plainchant encapsulate many of these images: they punctuate this amazing story of the 'Desire of Nations', of a child born into oppression and poverty, one that resonates still, revives our hope, and renews our preparation, our expectation, and our sense of joy.

For more on Advent, see this month's 'Redeemer Spirit'

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland', BWV 599
from the Orgelbüchlein Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE ADVENT PROSE *Rorate Coeli* *sung by the choir*

Drop down, ye heavens, from above and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee. *Antiphon*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Antiphon*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Savior:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

Text: based on Isaiah, Latin version 4th cent., attrib. to Aurelius Clemens Prudentius

At the sound of the church bell, all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN O come, O come Emmanuel *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

*The Choristers
sing the verse
and chorus*

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!*

*Low Voices
sing the verse
and chorus*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who ord'rest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

*High Voices
sing the verse
and chorus*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Low Voices
sing the verse
and chorus*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

All Voices

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.

Low Voices 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.

High Voices O come, Desire of nations, bind
 in one the hearts of all man-kind;
 bid thou our sad divisions cease,
 and be thyself our King of Peace.

All Voices O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear.

Text: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.. adapt. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this diocese.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHOIR CAROL

Adam lay ybounden

Philip Ledger
(1937-2012)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,
Four thousand winter thoughte he not too long;
And al was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkes finden writen, in ther book.

Ne hadde the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne hadde nevere Oure Lady ybeen hevene Queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was:
Therefore we mown singen *Deo Gratias*.

Text: England, c. 1430.

Manasseh implores God for redemption.

O Lord Almighty, God of our ancestors, of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and of their righteous offspring; you who made heaven and earth with all their order; who shackled the sea by your word of command, who confined the deep and sealed it with your terrible and glorious name; at whom all things shudder, and tremble before your power, for your glorious splendor cannot be borne, and the wrath of your threat to sinners is unendurable; yet immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, for you are the Lord Most High, of great compassion, long-suffering, and very merciful, and you relent at human suffering.

And now I bend the knee of my heart, imploring you for your kindness. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge my transgressions. I earnestly implore you, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me! Do not destroy me with my transgressions! Do not be angry with me for ever or store up evil for me; do not condemn me to the depths of the earth. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, and in me you will manifest your goodness; for, unworthy as I am, you will save me according to your great mercy, and I will praise you continually all the days of my life. For all the host of heaven sings your praise, and yours is the glory for ever. Amen.

Lector The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR CAROL

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston
(1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be,
compared with Christ the apple tree.

This beauty doth all things excel,
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all; but now I see
'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
here I will sit and rest a while;
under the shadow I will be,
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*, compiled by Joshua Smith (1760-1795)

ADVENT ANTIPHON *O Sapientia* *sung by the Choir*

O Wisdom, coming forth from the Most High,
Filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth;
Come and teach us the way of truth.

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the LORD God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR CAROL

'Zion hört die Wächter singen'

J. S. Bach

*Movement No. 4 from Cantata 140,
'Wächet auf, ruft uns die Stimme,' BWV 140*

Zion hears the watchmen's voices,
With gladness all her heart rejoices
She eager wakes to greet the day.

See, her Lord from heav'n descending
With grace and truth and power unending,
Her daystar dawns with brightest ray.
O come, thou blessed One,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son,
Hosianna!

We follow there
Thy feast to share,
And taste the joys beyond compare.

Text: P. Nicolai (1556-1608), trans. John Rutter

O Lord of Lords, and ruler of the House of Israel,
you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come with your outstretched arm and ransom us.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

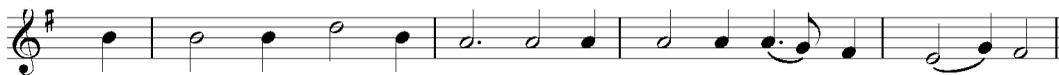
Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. Composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Music: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

Remain standing for the Antiphon.

ADVENT ANTIPHON

O *Radix Jesse*

sung by the Choir

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations;
 kings will keep silence before you
 for whom the nations long;
 Come and save us, and delay no longer.

All sit.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Lector The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR CAROL ‘Es ist ein Ros entsprungen’ Jan Sandström (b.1954)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as men of old hath sung.

It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Text: German 15th century; translated Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, harm. Michael Praetorius (c.1571-1621)

O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel;
you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open:
Come and free the captives from prison
and break down the walls of death.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-11

God reveals his glory to the prophet and calls him to be his messenger.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Lector The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860

arr. Stephen Cleobury (b.1948)

ADVENT ANTIPHON

O Oriens

sung by the Choir

O Morning Star, splendor of the light eternal
 and bright sun of righteousness:
 Come and bring light to those who dwell in darkness
 and walk in the shadow of death.

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Lector The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR CAROL

Riu, riu, chiu

attrib. Mateo Flecha *the elder*
(1481-1553)

*Riu, riu, chiu, la guarda ribera,
Dios guardó el lobo de nuestra cordera.*

*‘Riu, riu, chiu’ cried the nightingale by the riverside.
God kept the wolf away from our lamb.*

El lobo rabioso la quiso morder
Mas Dios Poderoso la supo defender
Quísola hacer que no pudiese pecar
Ni aun original esta virgen no tuviera.

The rabid wolf tried to bite her
But God Almighty knew how to defend her
He wished to create her impervious to sin
Nor was this maid to embody original sin.

Este qu'es nacido es el gran monarca,
Christo patriarca, de carne vestido;
hanos redimido con se hacer chiquito,
a un qu'era infinito, finito se hiziera.

The newborn child is the mightiest monarch,
Christ, our Holy Father, in human flesh embodied
He made himself small and so redeemed us:
He who was infinite became finite.

Muchas profecias lo han profetizado,
Ya un nuestros dias lo hemos al consado
Adios humanado vemos en el suelo,
Yal hombre nelcielo porquel le quistera.

Many prophecies told of his coming,
And now in our days have we seen them fulfilled.
God became man, on earth we behold him,
And see man in heaven because he so willed.

Pues que ya tenemos lo que deseamos,
todos juntos vamos, presentes llevemos;
todos le daremos muestra voluntad,
pues a se igualar con el hombre viniera.

Now we have gotten what we were all desiring,
Go we together to bear him gifts:
Let each give his will to the God who was willing
To come down to Earth man's equal to be.

ADVENT ANTIPHON

O Rex gentium

sung by the Choir

O King of the Nations, you alone can fulfil their desires:
Cornerstone, binding all together:
Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust of the earth.

THE SEVENTH LESSON Baruch 4:36 - 5:9

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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
 With shouts of mirth
 Christ who brings new life to earth.
 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.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,
 hope of the nations and their Savior:
 Come and save us, O Lord our God.

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Lector The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

During the next carol, a collection will be taken for St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine, a hospital directly supported by our Church through the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and one that a group of parishes are collecting for this Advent season in order to replace their ambulance.

More information on St. Luke's may be found at the back of this bulletin.

OFFERTORY CAROL

Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter (b.1939)

Softly the light is stealing,
sweetly a maiden sings
ever wakeful, ever wistful
watching faithfully, thankfully,
tenderly her king of kings.

My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior
 Mary sang to Jesus, softly the Lady sings,
 I will love you, I will serve you, make my lullaby
 glorify, magnify the King of Kings
 Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby

Text: The composer

PRESENTATION HYMN Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding Merton

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Text: Latin, c. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.
 Music: French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Let us there cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light.

People Come, O Lord, comfort the souls of your servants.
Even so, Lord, come.

Officiant The light of life send upon us;
The joy of peace send upon us;
The gladness of goodwill send upon us.

People **In judgment and justice draw near,
In your merciful loving kindness draw near,
With the blessing of peace draw near.**

Officiant O Wisdom of God, sweetly ordering all things,
flowing from the glory of the Almighty,
making all things new, kind to all,
making them friends of God

People Come, O Lord, comfort the souls of your servants.
Even so, Lord, come.

Officiant O Lord, Jesus Christ, come
People **At evening time, with light.**

Officiant And in the morning, with your glory
People **To guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Officiant O root and offspring of David,
O bright and morning star,
O Emmanuel,
come, O Lord, quickly, and comfort the souls of your servants.
People **Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.**

VESPER RESPONSORY *sung by all*

To-mor-row go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with_ you.

Cantor Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.
People **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Text: Responsory, Vespers for Christmas Eve, Sarum Rite
Music: Tone III; alternate verses in fauxbourdon attr. to G.P. da Palestrina

THE ADVENT BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain in you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

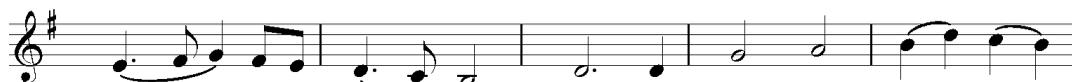
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1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



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.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Augustine Arne (1710-1778), harm. v.4 Noel Rawsthorne (b.1929), desc. Geoffrey Silver (b.1978)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Tocatta on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please join us for a festive reception
 hosted by Friends of Music at Redeemer, downstairs in the Parish Hall.*

● Music at Redeemer

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—all in *February and March 2019!*

Video of *For the Fallen* will be available this week to share with your friends.

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With deep gratitude to our underwriters:

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