

A SERVICE OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS
FOR ADVENT



The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 2, 2018
5:00 p.m.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME to Christ Church, Georgetown, and to this Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent. We are grateful for your presence this evening. If you would like to learn more about Christ Church or become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to complete a pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to an usher or member of the clergy, or mailed to the Parish Office. We hope you will return to Christ Church and worship with us again soon. For more information about the mission, ministry, work, and witness of the parish, including the complete schedule of Sunday and weekday services, visit our website: www.christchurchgeorgetown.org. Please remember to silence all electronic devices. Personal listening systems for the hearing impaired are available. Please speak with an usher. At the conclusion of the liturgy, all here present are invited to a reception in Keith Hall.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

All remain seated as the Choir sings

MATIN RESPONSORY *Aspiciens a longe*

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

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

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Words: Responsory I, Matins of Advent
Music: adapted from a Magnificat by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

All stand and sing

HYMN IN PROCESSION: O come, O come, Emmanuel

- 1 *A Chorister* O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear.
- All* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**
 shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2 *Men* 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. **Refrain**
- 3 *Women* 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. **Refrain**
- 4 *All* 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. **Refrain**
- 5 *Men* O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. **Refrain**
- 6 *Women* 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. **Refrain**
- 7 *The Choir* 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. **Refrain**
- 8 *All* O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**

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

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); desc. Thomas P. Smith (b. 1980)

The Officiant says

THE BIDDING PRAYER

BELOVED in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; 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 the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city. 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 hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who 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 his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore 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:

All say

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.

The Officiant says

THE GRACE

THE Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

All sit. The Choir sings

THE INVITATORY: Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

COME, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let every age adoring fall, such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed, the Savior, now to man displayed.

Forth from that chamber goeth he, that royal home of purity,
a giant in two-fold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run.

From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell, returns on God's high throne to dwell.

O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
the weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness glow with newborn light,
no more shall night extinguish day, where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee Eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Words: attr. St. Ambrose (340-397); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others

Music: *Puer nobis nascitur*; adapted Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); arr. Stephen Cleobury (b. 1948)

THE FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 2:10-13

The Lector introduces the reading, saying

The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.
A reading from the Book of the prophet Zechariah.

SING and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee,
saith the LORD. And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my
people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath
sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall
choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy
habitation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

CAROL: Jesus Christ the apple tree

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. His 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. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus 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.

Words: from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*, compiled by Joshua Smith (1760-1795)
Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

THE SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

The Lector introduces the reading, saying

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.
A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

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. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

HYMN: Creator of the stars of night

1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now,
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,
1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,
1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be
1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4

All sit for

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-8

The Lector introduces the reading, saying

The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.
A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

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 goodliness 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

CAROL: And the glory of the Lord from *Messiah*

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.

Words: Isaiah 40:5
Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

THE FOURTH LESSON: Baruch 4:36–5:9

The Lector introduces the reading, saying

The scribe Baruch urges the people to look east because salvation is at hand.
A reading from the Book of Baruch.

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 show 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 sweetsmelling 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

HYMN: Prepare the way, O Zion



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.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)
Music: *Bereden väg för Heran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

All sit for

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

The Lector introduces the reading, saying

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.
A reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

AND 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 favored, 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 favor 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

CAROL: A Hymn to the Virgin

Of one that is so fair and bright,
 Velut maris stella, [*like a star of the sea*]
Brighter than the day is light,
 Parens et puella: [*mother and maiden*]
I cry to thee, thou see to me,
 Lady, pray thy Son for me, Tam pia, [*thou Holy One*]
That I may come to thee, Maria. [*Mary*]

All this world was forlorn,
 Eva peccatrice, [*through Eve, the sinner*]
Till our Lord was y-born
 De te genetrice. [*of thee, the mother*]
With ave it went away,
 Darkest night, and comes the day Salutis; [*of salvation*]
The well springeth out of thee Virtutis. [*of virtue*]

Lady, flow'r of everything,
 Rosa sine spina, [*Rose without a thorn*]
Thou bare Jesu, heaven's King,
 Gratia divina. [*by divine grace*]
Of all that bear'st the prize,
 Lady, queen of paradise, Electa: [*chosen one*]
Maid mild, mother es Effecta. [*thou art proved*]

Words: Anonymous, 13th century
Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

THE SIXTH LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lector introduces the reading, saying

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.
A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

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 neighbor, and every man his brother, saying,

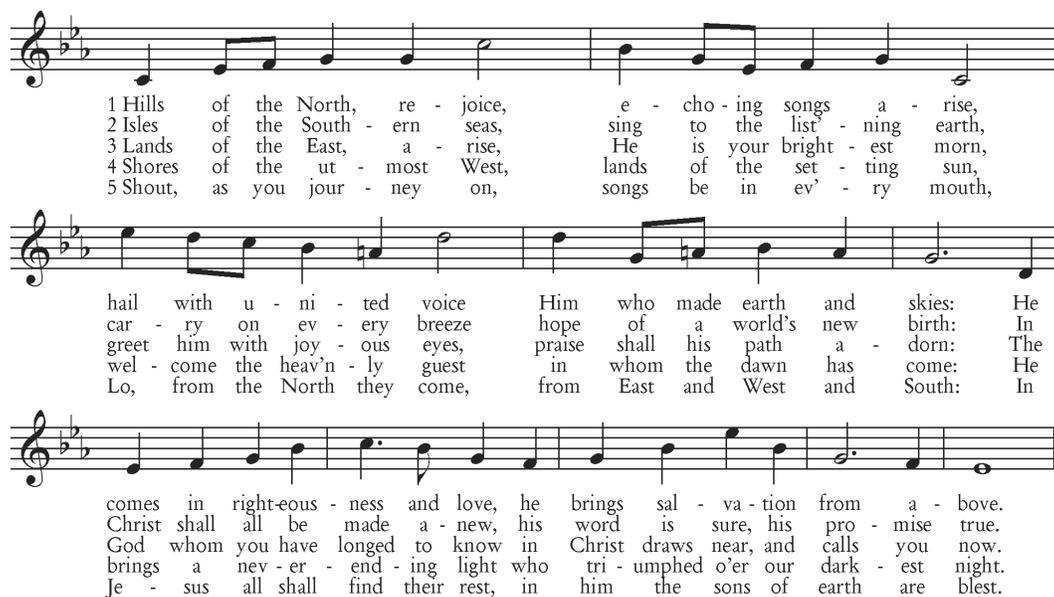
Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

HYMN: Hills of the North, rejoice



1 Hills of the North, re - joice, e - cho - ing songs a - rise,
2 Isles of the South - ern seas, sing to the list - ning earth,
3 Lands of the East, a - rise, He is your bright - est morn,
4 Shores of the ut - most West, lands of the set - ting sun,
5 Shout, as you jour - ney on, songs be in ev' - ry mouth,

hail with u - ni - ted voice Him who made earth and skies: He
car - ry on ev - ery breeze hope of a world's new birth: In
greet him with joy - ous eyes, praise shall his path a - dorn: The
wel - come the heav'n - ly guest in whom the dawn has come: He
Lo, from the North they come, from East and West and South: In

comes in right-eous - ness and love, he brings sal - va - tion from a - bove.
Christ shall all be made a - new, his word is sure, his pro - mise true.
God whom you have longed to know in Christ draws near, and calls you now.
brings a nev - er - end - ing light who tri - umphed o'er our dark - est night.
Je - sus all shall find their rest, in him the sons of earth are blest.

Words: based on Charles Edward Oakley (1832-1865)

Music: *Little Cornard*, Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

All sit for

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Revelation 21:5-7; 22:12-13, 20

The Lector introduces the reading, saying

Saint John unfolds the fulfillment of all creation.

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John the Divine.

AND he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

CAROL: E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

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: Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz (1919-2008)
Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

All stand and sing

HYMN: Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

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- pect- 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,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.

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.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.
Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

All sit for

THE GREETING AND NOTICES

*The Officiant concludes the greeting and notices with a sentence of scripture.
As the alms are collected, the Choir sings*

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING: A New Song

O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name, be telling of his salvation from day to day.
For he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the people with his truth.

Words: Psalm 96:1, 2, 13
Music: James MacMillan (b. 1959)

All stand for

THE COLLECT

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor 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, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Choir sings

VESPER RESPONSORY *Judæ et Hierusalem*

V. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.
R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
V. Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

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

The Officiant blesses the people using the following form.

AN ADVENT BLESSING

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 wast 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. Amen.

All sing

HYMN IN PROCESSION: Lo! he comes, with clouds descending



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, mel. Augustine Arne (1710-1778); desc. and reharmon. Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

LITURGICAL NOTES

ADVENT (the word means *coming* or *arrival*) is a season which has two meanings for Christians. It is a time to prepare for the anniversary of the Lord Jesus' first coming – his birth to the Blessed Virgin Mary at Bethlehem over two thousand years ago – which culminates in our celebration of Christmas, the twelve-day feast that lasts from December 25 to January 6. The other theme of Advent is the Second Coming of our Lord at the end of time, when he will come in great power to judge both the living and the dead. The emphasis on both the first and second advents of Christ gives to the season its unique mixture of devotional joy – joy in the redemption that has come to us in the Incarnation, and awe before the Judgment that yet awaits us.

The Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, which originated at King's College, Cambridge, England, in 1934, was composed by Dean Eric Milner-White, who, nine years earlier, had also been responsible for the more widely known Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve. Based on Milner-White's model, Advent Services of Lessons and Carols have been offered throughout Christendom for over eight decades, most frequently in the cathedrals and parish churches of the Anglican Communion.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

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The Reverend Timothy A. R. Cole

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I Eric P. Fraunfelter
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UPCOMING LITURGICAL CHORAL MUSIC

Sunday, December 9, 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Holy Eucharist, at 9:00 a.m.

- Offertory: Comfort ye/Every valley from *Messiah* – George Frideric Handel

Morning Prayer, at 11:15 a.m.

- Choral Introit: *Aspiciens a longe* – adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
- Anthem: Comfort ye/Every valley from *Messiah* – George Frideric Handel

Sunday, December 16, 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE (C)

Holy Eucharist, at 9:00 a.m.

- Offertory: Rejoice in the Lord alway – Anonymous, 16th century

Holy Eucharist, at 11:15 a.m.

- Choral Introit: *Aspiciens a longe* – adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
- Offertory: Rejoice in the Lord alway – Anonymous, 16th century
- Communion: Never weather-beaten sail – Richard Shephard

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas, at 5:00 p.m.

- Anthem I: Adam lay ybounden – Boris Ord
- Anthem II: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day – English carol, arr. David Willcocks
- Anthem III: Christ the apple tree – Stanford Scriven
- Anthem IV: Bogoroditse Devo from *All-Night Vigil*, Op. 37 – Sergei Rachmaninoff
- Anthem V: The Shepherd's Carol – Bob Chilcott
- Anthem VI: A babe is born – William Mathias
- Anthem at the Offering: O magnum mysterium – Morten Lauridsen

Sunday, December 23, 2018

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Holy Eucharist, at 9:00 a.m.

- Alma Redemptoris Mater – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Morning Prayer, at 11:15 a.m.

- Choral Introit: *Aspiciens a longe* – adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
- Anthem: Angelus ad Virginem – Anonymous, 13th century, arr. Andrew Carter

Monday, December 24, 2018

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS EVE (C)

Festal Eucharist, at 1:00 p.m.

- Offertory: Candlelight Carol – John Rutter

Festal Eucharist, at 4:00 p.m.

- Offertory: What sweeter musick – William Bradley Roberts
- Communion: Candlelight Carol – John Rutter

Choral Prelude, at 10:00 p.m.

- Anthem I: Ding dong! merrily on high – French carol, arr. Charles Wood
- Anthem II: In the bleak midwinter – Harold Darke
- Anthem III: Sussex Carol – English carol, arr. David Willcocks

Festal Choral Eucharist, at 10:30 p.m.

- Choral Introit: O magnum mysterium – Tomás Luis de Victoria
- Ordinary: *Missa ad praesepe* – George Malcolm
- Offertory: What sweeter musick – William Bradley Roberts
- Communion: Candlelight Carol – John Rutter

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Update: We are deeply grateful for the hearty response to this year's stewardship campaign. While pledges for 2019 now total more than \$1,000,000, our goal of \$1,550,000 remains. Please know that every pledge makes a difference. We invite you to pray about and consider how you might share a portion of God's many gifts with Christ Church.

To submit a pledge, visit the parish website and click on *Pledge* at the top of the screen, or complete a pledge card, available at the entrances to the Church and in the pews, and return it to the Parish Office. All gifts – no matter how large or small – will help to ensure that this parish is able to continue its work, witness, mission, and ministry in Georgetown and beyond.

Advent Angel Tree: Beginning today and throughout the season of Advent, parishioners of all ages are invited to participate in a special Christ Church tradition by taking an *Advent Angel* from the tree in Keith Hall and purchasing the item listed on it. This year's focus is on gifts children can give to other young people from across the city, as well as to pets and disabled animals. For more information, contact parishioner Martha Van Dale: mvdale@gmail.com.

Christmas Greenery: If you placed an order for Christmas greenery in support of next summer's Youth Mission Trip to rural Appalachia, please be sure to pick up your purchase today on the sidewalk in front of the Parish Hall. To arrange for an alternative pick up time, contact Youth Missioner Rita Yoe. A very limited supply of extra greenery is available.

Bicentennial Accessories and Memorabilia: We've enjoyed more than a year's worth of festivities marking the Bicentennial of Christ Church, but the celebration isn't over just yet. Join us on Sunday, January 6, at 5:00 p.m., for the final Bicentennial event, a special service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Epiphany.

The liturgy will be followed by a festive reception in Keith Hall. And, in the meantime, be sure to purchase your Bicentennial accessories and memorabilia while supplies last: women's scarves, men's neckties, recordings of the Choir of Christ Church, and a beautiful brass replica of the altar cross. Items will be sold in Keith Hall on:

Today, Sunday, December 2
After the Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 16
Between and after morning services

Sunday, December 16
After the Service of Lessons and Carols

Purchases may also be arranged by contacting Bicentennial Committee member Christy Thorley: christina.thorley@gmail.com.

Adult Forum: The 2018-2019 series, entitled *Scripture and Christian Ethics: How the Bible informs our decisions*, will continue on Sunday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m., in Keith Hall, with a presentation by the Reverend Dr. James Farwell.

Babywise Group: Join new and expecting parents on Sunday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall Auditorium, for fellowship and fun. Bring your bundle of joy or take advantage of Christ Church's professional nursery care, located on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served. For more information, contact the Reverend Elizabeth Gardner.

Upcoming Funeral Liturgies: *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Tuesday, December 11, at 11:00 a.m.
Mary E. Weinmann

Friday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m.
Malcolm Read "Mac" Lovell, Jr.

Tuesday, December 18, at 2:00 p.m.
Michael Gerard McBride

Bicentennial Adult Forum: On Sunday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m., in Keith Hall, the Reverend Dr. Robert Prichard, Arthur Lee Kinsolving Professor of Christianity in America at Virginia Theological Seminary, will make a presentation on the history of the Episcopal Church, 1918-2018.

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas: The annual Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas, sung by the Choir of Christ Church, will take place on Sunday, December 16, at 5:00 p.m. Modeled after the famed service held each year at King's College, Cambridge, this festive, candlelit liturgy will include works by Bob Chilcott, Morten Lauridsen, William Mathias, Boris Ord, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Stanford Scriven, and David Willcocks. Arrive early to ensure seating. A reception will follow. **Please note that the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist will begin at 6:00 p.m. so that parishioners who wish to do so are able to attend both services.**

Christmas Pageant: Christ Church's second annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Friday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the Church. It will be followed by a festive, family-friendly reception in Keith Hall. This year's pageant, designed to be a low-stress, faith-forming experience for people of all ages, is drawn almost entirely from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. Children will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in scripture while creatively depicting the Nativity story. In turn, they will provide attendees with the opportunity to find new truths in age-old, familiar texts. The pageant will include an assortment of beloved congregational carols and an anthem sung by the Youth Choir. Children age three and above may participate by coming to the Parish Hall Auditorium at 5:45 p.m. for a costume and a light snack. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Choral Evensong: The next service of Choral Evensong will take place on Sunday, December 30, at 5:00 p.m., in the Church. It will feature works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Herbert Howells, Martin Neary, and Charles Villiers Stanford. Evensong will continue on first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month through May. A reception follows each service. Christ Church is one of a few parishes in the U.S. to offer this beautiful, quintessentially Anglican liturgy with such frequency. Please plan to join us.

Bicentennial Choral Evensong: The year-long celebration of the Bicentennial of Christ Church will conclude with a special service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6, at 5:00 p.m. A festive reception in Keith Hall will follow. **Please note that there will be no 5:00 Eucharist this day.**



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