

Advent Lessons and Carols with Procession

8 December, 7:00 pm

Hymns may be found in the Book of Common Praise (blue hymn book in pew).

Preludes *Chorale Prelude "Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland"* BWV 659
- J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Chorale Prelude "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen", Op. 122
- Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The Service begins in darkness.

Matin Responsory - Music by G.P. da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Hymn Come, thou Redeemer of the earth VENI, REDEMPTOR GENTIUM
Descant: D. Willcocks

Verse 1 is sung alone by the choir, as the congregation's candles are lit.

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| 2. Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised fruit to man displayed. | 5. O equal to the Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now:
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate. |
| 3. Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run. | 6. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene. |
| 4. From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds;
His course he runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell. | 7. All laud, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore. |

The Procession moves to the entrance to the Chancel.

Versicle Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause:

Response For all the earth is full of darkness.

Collect for Advent

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 Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

Antiphon *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom)

Carol Carol of the Advent - Besançon Noël, arr. M. Shaw

The congregation extinguishes their candles.

Hymn 369 Bright the vision that delighted

REDHEAD NO. 46

Lesson *God commissions Isaiah to be the Prophet of the Advent*
Isaiah 6:1-12

Roger Lucy

Antiphon *O Adonai* (O Lord)

Carol A tender shoot - Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

Hymn 63 Hark! a herald voice is sounding MERTON
Descant: W. Warren

Lesson *The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile*
Isaiah 40:1-8 The Rev. Alana McCord, Curate at Church of the Epiphany

Antiphon *O Radix* (O Root of Jesse)

Carol Adam lay ybounden - Boris Ord (1897-1961)

Lesson *The Prophet tells of the coming of the Lord and increase of His kingdom*
Zechariah 2:10-13 Diane Roussel, Deputy Warden

Antiphon *O Clavis David* (O Key of David)

Carol Jesus Christ the Apple Tree - Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

Hymn 293 There's a voice in the wilderness crying ASCENSION

*The candles are re-lit as a procession is made to the Shrine of Our Lady.
The congregation turns toward the Shrine as the procession passes by.*

Gospel of the Salutation *The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*
St Luke 1:26-35, 38 The Rev. Dcn. Jarrett Carty, Chaplain St. Luke's Table

The congregation is seated.

Antiphon *O Rex gentium* (O King of the nations)

Motet Ecce concipies - Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

*Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus.
He shall be great and shall be called the son of the Most High.
He shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, and he shall reign
in the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there be no end.*

Hymn 396 Hail to the Lord's Anointed CRÜGER

The Procession returns to the entrance to the chancel.

Gospel of the Advent *St Matthew tells of the coming of the birth of Jesus*
St Matthew 1:18-23 The Rev. Canon David Rath

The congregation sits and extinguishes the candles.

Antiphon *O Emmanuel* (O God with us)

Motet O Magnum Mysterium - Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,
that animals shall see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.*

Carol Ding dong! Merrily on high - French trad., arr. Charles Wood

Offertory Hymn 60 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

Vesper Responsory

Versicle Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

Response **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

Versicle Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord;

Response **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

Versicle Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Response **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

Versicle The Lord be with you;

Response **And with thy spirit.**

Versicle Let us pray.

All kneel.

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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Versicle We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord;

Response **In the midst of thy temple.**

Collect for Christmas

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

Hymn 62 O come, O come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL
Descant: P. Ledger

Postlude *Fuga sopra il Magnificat* (BWV 733) - J.S. Bach

A sincere **Welcome** is extended to all visitors and newcomers worshipping with us this evening. Please join us in the Parish Hall for a reception after the service.

The choir's CD "**Exultate Deo**" may be purchased for \$20 at the reception.

We sincerely thank Mervyn Games for playing the organ this evening.

PLEASE NOTE: The next **Evensong** will be held on **Septuagesima, February 9th at 7:00 pm.** A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

 **ST BARNABAS**
Apostle & Martyr



The Annunciation, 1910. Adapted by J. H. Dearle from a design by Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

From Darkness to Light