

SAINTE PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ABOUT THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The ancient people of God, the Jews, looked forward to the coming of God's Kingdom, when there would be a new order of justice and righteousness. The early Church saw that the Kingdom had been anticipated and experienced through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, but still prayed 'Thy Kingdom come,' looking forward to a second coming and the final consummation of all things.

THE HISTORY OF THIS LITURGY

In 1934, sixteen years after he had introduced to King's College, Cambridge the Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve, Dean Eric Milner-White, composed a further service, a Procession with Carols upon Advent Sunday. This move was brought about by his concern for more imaginative forms of worship. The new service was so well suited to the Chapel that Lydia Lopokova (ballerina and wife of John Maynard Keynes, then of King's) commented 'Now we know why the Dean is such a lover of ballet: he is the best choreographer of us all.' Milner-White wrote of it: "In the old English liturgies, the Advent Offices made a preparation for the coming of our Lord to this earth far more vivid and eager than those of our present Prayer book. The purpose of the service is not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it."

TONIGHT'S SERVICE

The liturgy alternates lessons from the Old and the New Testaments with anthems and carols, climaxing with St. Luke's Gospel, in which the angel brings the news that Mary will bring forth a son, "and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." The service ends with the Vesper Responsory; the good news of the Advent of the Messiah has now been proclaimed, and all have heard the promise: "Ye shall see the salvation of the Lord."

ENTRANCE RITE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Versets on *Conditor alme siderum*

Jehan Titelouze (c. 1562/63-1633)

THE MATIN RESPONSORY

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

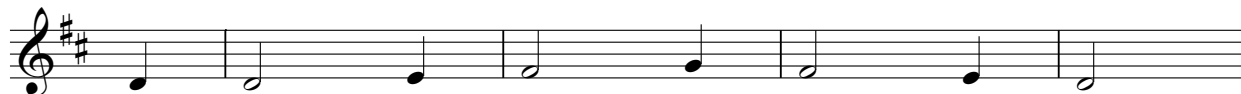
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Text: taken from the First Responsory of Advent Sunday Office of Matins (early medieval Roman rite)

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594); ed. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)

The people stand and sing the Carol.

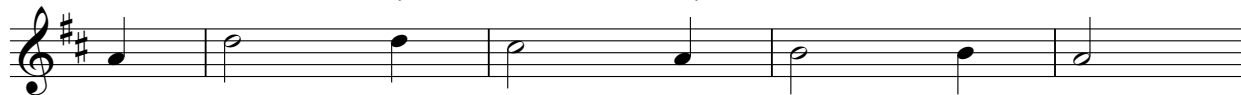
CAROL



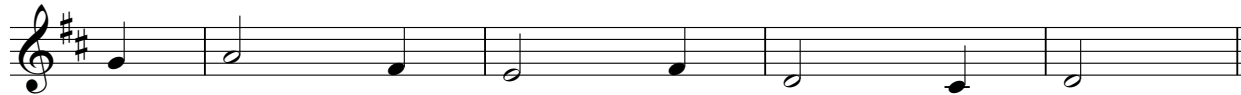
1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth,
 2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will,
 3. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained
 4. Forth from his cham - ber go - eth he,
 5. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds,
 6. O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou!



1. and man - i - fest thy vir - gin birth:
 2. but of the Spi - rit, thou art still
 3. with vir - gin hon - or all un - stained,
 4. that roy - al home of pur - i - ty,
 5. to God the Fa - ther back he speeds,
 6. Gird on thy flesh - ly man - tle now,



1. let ev - 'ry age a - dor - ing fall,
 2. the Word of God, in flesh ar - rayed,
 3. the ban - ners there of vir - tue glow,
 4. a giant in two - fold sub - stance one,
 5. his course he runs to death and hell,
 6. the weak - ness of our mor - tal state



1. such birth be - fits the God of all.
 2. the pro - mised fruit to man dis - played.
 3. God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.
 4. re - joi - cing now his course to run.
 5. re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.
 6. with death - less might in - vig - o - rate.

7. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
 and darkness breathe a newer light,
 where endless faith shall shine serene,
 and twilight never intervene.

8. All laud, eternal Son, to thee
 whose Advent sets thy people free,
 whom with the Father we adore,
 and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

Text: *Veni Redemptor gentium*, St. Ambrose (c. 340-397),
 tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others

Music: *Puer nobis nascitur*, melody adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1261);
 harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934); desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Officiant says

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 until the glorious redemption brought to us by the 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 the 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 city.

And because Jesus 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 yet 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:

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. Amen.

The Officiant continues

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.**

The People are seated as the choir sings.

ANTHEM

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love:
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice
To place them both in Paradise,
There to remain, from evil free,
Except they ate of such a tree.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose,
And so a promise soon did run,
That he would redeem us by his Son.

Text: English Folk Carol

Music: *Herefordshire Carol*, tune arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958);
arr. James Kirkby (b. 1949)

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create,
The next thing which to you I'll tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

But they did eat, which was a sin,
And thus their ruin did begin.
Ruined themselves, both you and me,
And all of their posterity.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

NOW THE SERPENT was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

ANTHEM

Adam lay ybounden,
 Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter,
 Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple,
 An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden,
 Written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been,
 The apple taken been,
Ne had never our ladie,
 Abeen heav'ne queen.
Blessed be the time
 That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen.
Deo gratias!

Text: 15th-century English

Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

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 for ever. 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 Here endeth the Lesson.

The people stand and sing.

CAROL

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-5

ARISE, SHINE; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

ANTHEM

The Creator, the Wisdom of God draws near,
The mist of the prophet's promise is dispersed.
Joy clears the skies, truth is resplendent,
The dark shadows are dispelled,
The gates of Eden are opened,
Adam dances in exultation:
Our Creator and God wills to fashion us anew.

Text: from the Orthodox liturgy
Music: Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

THE FOURTH LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

The people stand and sing.

CAROL

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.;
desc. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

BUT YOU, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

ANTHEM

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda. (A wonderful thing)

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three,
Pares forma. (Of the same form)

The angels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis deo: (Glory to God on high)
Gaudeamus. (Let us rejoice)

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus. (Let us go)

Text: 15th century English Carol

Music: Jessica Nelson (b. 1983)

THE SIXTH LESSON

SING ALOUD, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

The people stand and sing.

CAROL

1. All earth is wait - ing to see the Prom - ised One,
 2. Thus says the proph - et to those of Is - ra - el,
 3. Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be made plain;
 4. In low - ly sta - ble the Prom - ised One ap - peared,
 and the o - pen fur - rows, the sow - ing of the Lord.
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el,"
 o - pen new high - ways, new high - ways for the Lord.
 yet, feel his pres - ence through - out the earth to - day,
 All the world, bound and strug - gling, seeks
 for his name is "God with us," our
 He is now com - ing clos - er, so
 for he lives in all Chris - tians and
 true lib - er - ty; it cries out for jus - tice and
 broth - er shall be, with him hope will blos - som once
 come all and see, and o - pen the door - ways as
 is with us now; a - gain, with his com - ing he
 search - es for the truth.
 more with - in our hearts.
 wide as wide can be.
 brings us lib - er - ty.

Text: Alberto Taulé (1932–2007)

Music: Taulé, Alberto Taulé (1932–2007); harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944–1992)

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

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 for ever 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 Here endeth the Lesson.

ANTHEM

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

Text: Anonymous

Music: Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Baruch 4:36-5:9

LOOK TOWARDS 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 for ever 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 splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.'

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards 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 Here endeth the Lesson.

The people stand and sing.

CAROL



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the year.
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed there:
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
5. An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.



1. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
2. give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in coure the flower may flour-ish.
3. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
4. shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
5. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley humming with the word, the Lord is com-ing.



1. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Music: *Besañon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944)

THE NINTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

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, favoured 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 favour 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 for ever, 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 Here endeth the Lesson.

ANTHEM

I sing of a maiden that is makeless;
King of all kings to her son she ches.

He came all so still where his mother was,
As dew in April that falleth on the grass.
He came all so still to his mother's bower,
As dew in April that falleth on the flower.
He came all so still where his mother lay,
As dew in April that falleth on the spray.

Mother and maiden was never none but she:
Well may such a lady God's mother be.

Text: Traditional English Carol
Music: Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

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.

Text: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)
Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)



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THE VESPER RESPONSORY

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

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Text: taken from the Vigil of the Nativity Offices of Lauds (early medieval Roman rite)

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594); adapt. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

THE COLLECT

The people stand.

Officiant We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

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

Officiant Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

The Officiant says.

O PEN 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 Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. **Amen.**

CAROL



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: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778);

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.; desc. Stuart Forster (b. 1972)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

All are invited for a festive reception in the Gathering Space following the service.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES
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December 20 Longest Night Liturgy (*Blue Christmas*) at 6:00 p.m.

December 24 Holy Eucharist with Pageant at 4:00 p.m.
Festival Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.
Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:00 p.m.

December 25 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.



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