

Advent Lessons & Carols



The
Anglican
Cathedral
of
St. John
the
Baptist

28
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2021

*The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (C.E. Kempe 1898)
Photo courtesy of Karen Chappell*

The Venerable Roger Whalen
Archdeacon and Rector

The Reverend Khaliah Kinkead-Dawkins
Vicar Missional

Mrs. Sharon Whalen
Music Director

The Cathedral Choir

*The service begins at the West Door.
The congregation will please stand as able.*

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 to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar...

Text, RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT 1
Music, PALESTRINA (1524-94)

HYMN: O come, O come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

1st verse – Choir only

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain...*

3. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain...*

4. 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. *Refrain...*

5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, from Sinai's height,
In ancient time didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain...*

The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

The First Candle is lit

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today. Amen.**

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40:1-8

READER:

Julia Mathieson

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

HYMN: There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places,
Where the Lord our God may go!

2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
Get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
The coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
The works of men decay,
The power and pomp of nations
Shall pass like a dream away.

3. But the word of our God endureth,
The arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations,
And he will right the wrong:
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
And fold the lambs to his breast,
In pastures of peace he'll lead them,
And give to the weary rest.

4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places,
Where the Lord our God may go!

SECOND READING

ISAIAH 7:10-15

READER:

Paul Hamilton

Isaiah gives Ahaz the sign of Emmanuel

CAROL: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature
To call my true love to my dance.

*Sing, oh! my love, oh!
My love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance.

Text, ENGLISH TRADITIONAL 16TH CENTURY
Music, DAVID WILLCOCKS (1919 – 2015)

THIRD READING

GENESIS 3:1-15

READER:

Janice Evans

The First Sin and Its Punishment

CAROL: Adam lay ybounden

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond
Four thousand winters Thought he not too long
And all was for an apple, An apple that he took
As clerkes finden written in their book
Nay had the apple taken been, The apple taken been
Nay had never our lady Abeen heavenly queen
Blessed be the time That apple taken was
Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!

Text, 15th Century
Music, PETER WARLOCK (1894-1930)

FOURTH READING

HAGGAI 2:6-9

READER:

Jessica Ozon

The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations

HYMN: Come thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

3. Born thy people to deliver;
Born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever;
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone:
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

FIFTH READING

ISAIAH 11:1-10

READER:

Eric Steele

The Spirit of the Lord rests upon the holy one of Israel.

CAROL: The Rose

The lily has a smooth stalk,
Will never hurt your hand;
But the rose upon her brier
Is lady of the land.

When with moss and honey
She tips her bending brier,
And half unfolds her glowing heart,
She sets the world on fire.

There's sweetness in an apple tree,
And profit in the corn;
But lady of all beauty
Is a rose upon a thorn.

When with moss and honey
She tips her bending brier,
And half unfolds her glowing heart,
She sets the world on fire.

Text, CHRISTINA ROSETTI (1830—1894)
Music, OLA GJEILO (B. 1978)

SIXTH READING

READER:

LUKE 1:26-38

Sharon Stuckey

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden:
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath
exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the
rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel: As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Text, Luke 1:46-55
Music, ORLANDO GIBBONS (1583-1625)

SEVENTH READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

READER:

The Reverend Khaliah Kinkead-Dawkins
St. Paul exhorts the people of Philippi.

CAROL: Rejoice in the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men.
The Lord is even at hand.

Be careful for nothing;
but in all prayer and supplication
Let your petition be manifest unto God
with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesu. Amen

Text, PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7
Music, ANONYMOUS (16TH CENTURY ENGLISH)

EIGHTH READING

MARK 1:1-15

READER:

The Venerable Roger Whalen
The Proclamation of John the Baptist

HYMN: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For thou art our Salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
Without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner, stand.
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free.
Whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore. AMEN

Vesper Responsory

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not nor be dismayed;
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.
We wait for thy loving kindness O Lord: in the midst of thy temple.

Text, RESPONSORY FOR VESPERS
Music, MICHAEL PRAETORIUS (1571-1621)

The Collect for Advent Sunday

CAROL: Bring us hope

Bring us hope, bring us love, bring us peace and joy from above.
Bring us light, take our darkness away. Bring us light, turn our night into day.
Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above.
Hope to replace our hopelessness, Love to refill our emptiness,
Peace in the midst of our distress; Oh, how we need your joy!
Bring us hope, bring us love, bring us peace and joy from above.

Text and music: RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM (B. 1956)

The Blessing

HYMN: Lo! he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth again.

2. Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the day of God appear.

5. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

**The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Advent and Christmas**

Sunday, December 5th – The Second Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. **Choral Eucharist (BCP) with the Great Litany**

7 p.m. **Sundays@Seven: A Service of Light for Advent**

Sunday, December 12th – The Third Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. **Choral Eucharist (BAS)**

Sunday, December 19th – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11 am **Christmas Lessons and Carols**

Friday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

4 p.m. **The Blessing of the Creche and Children's Pageant**

7:30 p.m. **Holy Eucharist (BAS)**

with The Right Reverend Samuel Rose, Bishop

11 p.m. **Choral Eucharist (BCP)**

Saturday, December 25th – Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist (BCP)**

Sunday, December 26th – The First Sunday after Christmas

11 a.m. **Sung Eucharist (BCP)**