

The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Advent Lessons and Carols December 1, 2024

The service begins at the West Door.

Matin Responsory

G. P. de Palestrina (1524-94)

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...

HYMN 62: O come, O come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*see Messenger*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-8

Anthea Donnan

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

HYMN 293: There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

SECOND READING: Genesis 3:1-15

David Tulett

The First Sin and Its Punishment

CAROL: The Lord at First did Adam Make

English Traditional; Arr. David Willcocks

1. The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay,
And in his nostrils breathed life, e'en as the Scriptures say.
And then in Eden's Paradise he placed him to dwell,
That he within it should remain to dress and keep it well.

*Refrain: Now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live,
And to rejoice and merry be, for this is Christmas Eve.*

2. And thus within the garden he was set therein to stay,
And in commandment unto him these words the Lord did say:
"The fruit which in the garden grows to thee shall be for meat,
Except the tree in the midst thereof, of which thou shalt not eat.

3. "For in the day that thou shalt it touch, or dost to it come nigh;
If so thou do but eat thereof then surely thou shalt die.
But Adam he did take no heed unto that only thing,
But did transgress God's holy law, and so was wrapt in sin.

4. Now mark the goodness of the Lord which he for mankind bore,
His mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore;
And then for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall,
He said his own dear son should be the Saviour of us all.

THIRD READING: Isaiah:52:1-7

Paul Hamilton

Let Zion Rejoice

CAROL: How Beautiful upon the Mountain

John Stainer (1840-1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that
bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth
salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

FOURTH READING: Isaiah11:1-10

Eric Steele

The peaceful kingdom

CAROL: There is no rose of such virtue

John Joubert (1927-2019)

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.
By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three,
Pari forma.
Then leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.

FIFTH READING: Luke 1:26-38**Michael Donnan***The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.***CAROL: Angelus ad virginem***Medieval Carol**Translation: arr: David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

1. Gabriel to Mary came, and entered at her dwelling,
 With his salutation glad, her maiden fears dispelling
 'All hail, thou queen of virgins bright!
 God, Lord of earth and heaven's height,
 Thy very Son shall soon be born in pureness,
 The Saviour of mankind.
 Thou art the gate of heaven bright, the sinners' healer kind.'

2. 'How could I a mother be that am to man a stranger?
 How should I my strong resolve, my solemn vows endanger?'
 'Pow'r from the Holy Ghost on high
 Shall bring to pass this mystery.
 Then have no fear: Be of good cheer, believing
 that still thy chastity in God's Almighty keeping
 shall all unsullied be.'

3. Then to him the maid replied, with noble mien supernatural
 'Lo! the humble handmaid I of God the Lord eternal
 With thee, bright messenger of heav'n,
 By whom this wondrous news is giv'n,
 I well agree and long to see fulfilled thy gracious prophecy.
 As God my Lord doth will it, so be it unto me!"

4. Hail! thou Mother of the Lord, who bring'st of gifts the rarest,
 Peace to angels and to men when Christ the Lord thou barest!
 Do thou, we pray, entreat thy Son for us our long'd redemption
 Himself to win and from our sin release us;
 His succor for to give that, when we hence are taken
 We too in heav'n may live.

SIXTH READING: Philippians 4:4-7**The Vicar****CAROL: Rejoice in the Lord Alway***Anonymous*

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.
 Let your softness be known unto all men.
 The Lord is e'en 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.

SEVENTH READING: Mark 1:1-15**The Dean***The Proclamation of John the Baptist***HYMN 67: On Jordan's bank***Winchester New***Sermon****The Right Reverend John Watton****Vesper Responsory***Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

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.

Collect for Advent Sunday**The Blessing****HYMN 60: Lo! he comes with clouds descending** *Helmsley*