



Sunday, November 28, 2021
10:30 am

Advent Lessons & Carols

All Saints' is ...

*A Worshipping Community, Celebrating God
A Compassionate Community, Mirroring Christ
A Community of Light, Revealing the Spirit*

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THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader 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 prophets, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

All We light this candle to help us on our journey.

MATINS RESPONSORY

PALESTRINA ARR CLEOBURY

Cantor I look from afar:

Solo and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Cantor Go ye out to meet him and say:

Choir Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Solo High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

Choir Go ye out to meet him and say:

Solo Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Choir Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Choir Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come

Choir To reign over thy people Israel.

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

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

Choir Go ye out to meet him and say:

Choir Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

HYMN 89 O COME O COME EMMANUEL

VENI EMMANUEL

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 you, O Israel!

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save and give them victory o'er the grave.

[Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.

[Refrain]

WELCOME

Officiant Welcome to All Saints' this morning for this service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch, wait, and participate in the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself

embodies the sense of Advent movement — through holy and sacred music and the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. May these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

OPENING PRAYERS

Officiant Beloved in Christ: in this season of Advent, it is our responsibility and our delight to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the angels, to go even unto Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in our sacred texts the story of God's loving purpose from the time of creation until the new covenant begun in the birth of the Word made flesh. As we begin our Advent journey let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church. And because Jesus particularly loves them, let us pray for and remember the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children. Finally, let us remember before God, Jesus' mother Mary, and the whole communion of saints which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with who, in Jesus, we are one forever. And now, we gather these prayers spoken and unspoken together in the words Jesus taught us, Our Father,

All **in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 60:1-5, Inclusive Bible

Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of God has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but God will arise upon you and God's 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 children shall come from far away and 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.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All **Thanks be to God**

CHOIR THIS IS THE TRUTH SENT FROM ABOVE

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

HYMN 108 HARK A HERALD VOICE IS SOUNDING

MERTON

Hark, a herald voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34, NRSV

“Behold, the days are coming, says God, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says God. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says God: I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to God. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me, says God, for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.

Reader
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Thanks be to God

CHOIR

LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING

READING

Isaiah 11:1-9, Inclusive Bible

Then a shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse; from Jesse’s roots, a branch will blossom: The Spirit of God will rest on you - a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and strength, a spirit of knowledge and reverence for God. You will delight in obeying God, and you will not judge by appearances, or make decisions by hearsay. You will treat poor people with fairness and will uphold the rights of the land’s downtrodden. With a single word you will strike down tyrants; with your decrees you will execute evil people. Justice will be the belt around this your waist - faithfulness will gird you up. Then the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the lion cub will graze together, and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear; their young will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like the ox. The baby will play next to the den of the cobra, and the toddler will dance over the viper’s nest. There will be no harm, no destruction anywhere in my holy mountain; for as water fills the sea, so the land will be filled with knowledge of God.

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CHOIR

ADAM LAY A YBOUDEN

BORIS ORD

HYMN 88

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART

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.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

READING

Isaiah 40:1-11, Inclusive Bible

“Console my people, give them comfort,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem’s heart and tell it that its time of service is ended, that its iniquity is atoned for, that it has received from God’s hand double punishment for all its sins.” A voice cries out, “Clear a path through the wilderness for God! Make a straight road through the desert for our God! Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low; let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges become a valley! Then the glory of God will be revealed, and all humankind will see it.” The mouth of God has spoken! A voice commands, “Cry out!” and I answer, “What will I say?” — “All flesh is grass, and its beauty is like the wildflowers: the grass withers and the flower wilts when the breath of God blows on them. How the people are like grass! Grass withers, and flowers wilt, but the promise of our God will stand forever.” Go up on a high mountain, you who bring good news to Zion! Shout with a loud voice, you who bring good news to Jerusalem! Shout without fear and say to the towns of Judah “Here is your God!” God, O Sovereign One, you come with power and rule with a strong arm! You bring your reward with you, and your reparation comes before you. Like a shepherd you feed your flock, gathering the lambs, and holding them close, and leading mother ewes with gentleness.

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HYMN 96

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour, thou didst in love's redeeming power, like
bridegroom from his chamber, come forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore, and own thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

READING

MICAH 5:2-4, NRSV

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, God shall give them up until the time when
she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of God's kindred shall return
to the people of Israel. And the Ruler shall stand and feed his flock in the
strength of God, in the majesty of the name of God. And they shall live secure,
for now the Ruler shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Reader
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HYMN 103

ON JORDAN'S BANK

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

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.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

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.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-17

NRSV

Gospeller
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May God be with you.
And also with you

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory be to you, Jesus the Christ.**

This is the family record of Jesus the Christ, descendant of David, descendant of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac; Isaac begot Jacob; Jacob begot Judah and his sisters and brothers; Tamar and Judah begot Perez and Zerah; Perez begot Hezron; Hezron begot Ram; Ram begot Amminadab; Amminadab begot Nahshon; Nahshon begot Salmon; Rahab and Salmon begot Boaz; Ruth and Boaz begot Obed; Obed begot Jesse; and Jesse begot David, the ruler. Bathsheba - who had been the wife of Uriah - and David begot Solomon; Solomon begot Rehoboam; Rehoboam begot Abijah; Abijah begot Asa; Asa begot Jehoshaphat; Jehoshaphat begot Joram; Joram begot Uzziah; Uzziah begot Jotham; Jotham begot Ahaz; Ahaz begot Hezekiah; Hezekiah begot Manasseh; Manasseh begot Amon; Amon begot Josiah; Josiah begot Jeconiah and his sisters and brothers at the time of the Babylonian captivity. After the Babylonian captivity, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel; Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel; Zerubbabel begot Abiud; Abiud begot Eliakim; Eliakim begot Azor; Azor begot Zadok; Zadok begot Achim; Achim begot Eliud; Eliud begot Eleazar; Eleazar begot Matthan; Matthan begot Jacob; Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary. And from her Jesus was born. Thus, there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the Babylonian captivity, and fourteen generations from the Babylonian captivity to the Messiah.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ
All **Praise to you, Jesus the Christ**

HYMN 91 PEOPLE, LOOK EAST! THE TIME IS NEAR
People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad; though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength, the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

Inclusive Bible

Gospeller May God be with you.

All And also with you

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.

All Glory be to you, Jesus the Christ.

Six months later, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, "Rejoice highly favored one! God is with you! Blessed are you among women!" Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered what the angel's greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus— which means 'Deliverance.' His dignity will be great, and he will be called the Only Begotten of God. God will give Jesus the judgment seat of David, his ancestor, to rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have never been with a man?" The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you—hence the offspring to be born will be called the Holy One of God. Know too that Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has conceived a child in her old age; she who was thought to be infertile is now in her sixth month. Nothing is impossible with God." Mary said, "I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say." With that, the angel left her.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

CHOIR THE LORD WILL COME AND NOT BE SLOW

HYMN 111 HERALD! SOUND THE NOTE OF JUDGEMENT

NEANDER

Herald! Sound the note of judgement, warning not of right and wrong,
Turning us from sin and sadness, till once more we sing the song.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of gladness! Tell the news that Christ is here;
Make a pathway through the desert for the one who brings God near.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of pardon! Those repenting are forgiven;
God restores the wayward children, and to all new life if given.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of Triumph! Christ has come to share our life,
Bringing God's own love and power, granting victory in our strife.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

COLLECT FOR ADVENT

Officiant God of unveiled truth,

All faithful flame in times of darkened sun and waning moon: as we journey through Advent lift up our unknowing hearts, and waken our sleeping love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; through Jesus the Christ, the one who is, and who is to come. Amen.

BENEDICTION SUNG BY CHOIR - NIGERIAN

Deacon Go forth into the world, and be the love you have received from God.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 98 HARK THE GLAD SOUNDS, THE SAVIOUR COMES

RICHMOND

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

Christ comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst; the iron fetters yield.

Christ comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

POSTLUDE HERR CHRIST DER EING'GE GOTTES-SOHN

J.S. BACH

