

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

The First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2023 4:00 рм

Prelude

Praeludium on 'Veni, veni, Emmanuel'Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)Rorate CaeliJeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungenMary Beth Bennett (b.1954)Meditation on 'Conditor alme siderum'Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)From O Antiphon Sequence (2018)Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)VII. O EmmanuelVII. O Emmanuel

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Advent Responsory

music: Richard Marlow (English, 1939-2013), based upon "Wachet auf" harm. J.S. Bach (German, 1685-1750) words: First Matins Responsory for Advent Sunday

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

Hymn, 57, "Lo! he comes with clouds descending" *music: Helmsley, melody by August Arne (English, 1710-1778) descants: Thomas Foster (American, b. 1938) and Christopher Robinson (English, b. 1936) words: Charles Wesley (English, 1707-1788)*

All sing the hymn as the Procession moves to the Peachtree Transept.

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Bidding Prayer

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 against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his 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 his 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 he 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 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:

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Grace

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen**.

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

O Sapientia

O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviter disponensque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.

Carol

music: plainchant, c. 8th century words: ancient Antiphon to the Magnificat for December 17

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from the beginning to the end [of time], and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

music: Frank Ferko (American, b.1950), Adam lay ybounden words: Anonymous, 15th century English All sit. Read by Sara Blackwood, Co-Chair, Cathedral Giving by Design.

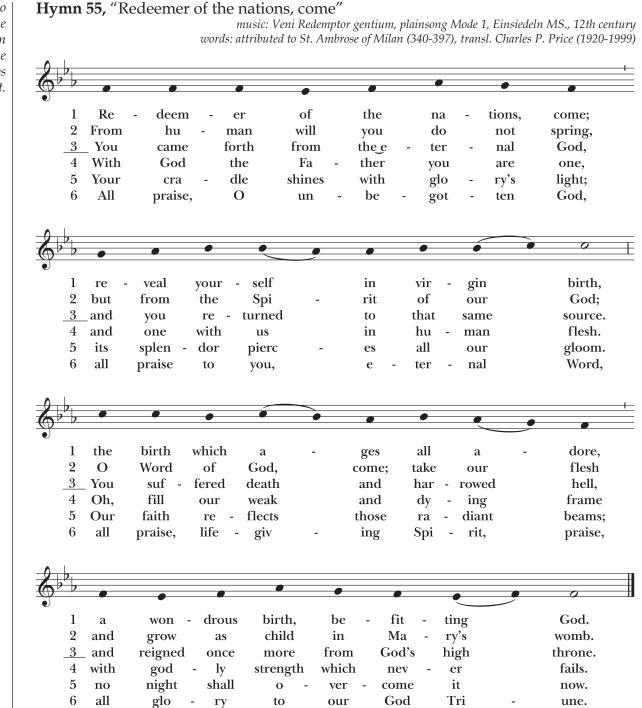
Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond, Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.

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 lady A-been heavenè queen.

Blessed be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen, *Deo gracias!* [thanks be to God!]

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Second Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

O Adonai

O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.

Motet

Veni Domine, et noli tardare. Veni visitare nos in pace, ut laetemur coram te corde perfecto. Veni Domine, et noli tardare: sicut mater consolatur filios, et noli tardare, et videbimus te, et gaudebit cor nostrum.

Veni ad liberandum nos, Domine Deus virtutum, Veni Domine, et noli tardare, et ostende faciem tuam, et salvi erimus. Veni Domine, et noli tardare, et relaxa facinora plebi tuae Israel. Veni Domine, et noli tardare. music: plainchant, c. 8th century words: ancient Antiphon to the Magnificat for December 18

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

music: Cristobal de Morales (Spanish, 1500-1553), Veni Domine words: Ancient Latin hymn

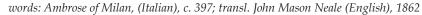
Come, Lord, and do not delay. Come visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before thee with a perfect heart. Come, Lord, and do not delay. As a mother consoles her children, and does not delay, let us see you that we may rejoice in our hearts.

Come and free us, Lord God of virtue. Come, Lord, and do not delay, and show Thy face and save us. Come, Lord, and do not delay. Come and lighten the countenance of Thy people, Israel. Come, Lord, and do not delay. All sit. Read by Scott Rhodes, Cathedral Endowment Committee.

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Hymn, "Come, thou Redeemer of the earth"

music: Puer nobis nascitur, 15th-century Trier manuscript, adapt. Michael Praetorius (German) 1609; descant Patrick Scott





Choir alone.

- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth And manifest thy virgin birth: Let ev'ry age adoring fall; Such birth befits the God of all.
- 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.

Sung by all.

- 3 The virgin womb that burden gained, With virgin honor all unstained; The banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.
- 4 Forth from his chamber goeth he, The royal home of purity, A giant in twofold substance one, Rejoicing now his course to run.

- 5 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.
- 6 O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now; The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.
- 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.

All stand. Stanzas one & two are sung by the Choir alone. All join in singing on stanza 3. The Procession

moves to the Chancel steps.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

Antiphon, O Radix Jesse

O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem Gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare. music: plainchant, c. 8th century words: ancient Antiphon to the Magnificat for December 19 O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

Carol

music: Es ist ein Ros entstprungen, Michael Praetorius (German, 1571-1621), arr. Jan Sandström (Swedish, b.1954), Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming words: 15th century German transl. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung. It came a floweret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

Please wait until the carol has concluded to turn the page.

All sit. Read by Eve Trejo, Cathedral Chorister. All stand to sing as the Procession moves into the Choir.

Hymn 723, "Isaiah the prophet has written of old"

music: Samanthra, American folk melody, arr. Alice Parker (American, b.1925) & Robert Shaw (American, 1916-1999) words: Joy F. Patterson (American, b.1931)





FOURTH LESSON

Mark 1:2-8

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Lord.

Antiphon, O Clavis David

O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel, qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis. music: plainchant, c. 8th century words: ancient Antiphon to the Magnificat for December 20

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel, which you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open. Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. All sit. Read by The Rev. Salmoon Bashir, Curate for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. 1-2 choir alone

The great forerunner of the morn, the herald of the Word, is born; and faithful hearts shall never fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.

With heavenly message Gabriel came, that John should be that herald's name, and with prophetic utterance told his actions great and manifold.



All sit. Read by Jennifer DuBose, Cathedral Foyers.

Candles are lit as the antiphon bids the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. Carol music: 18th-century English carol, arr. Henry Walford Davies (English, 1869-1941), The Holly and the Ivy words: Traditional 18th-century English carol

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. *O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom as white as any flower, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Saviour. *O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. *O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn. *O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. *O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

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SIXTH LESSON

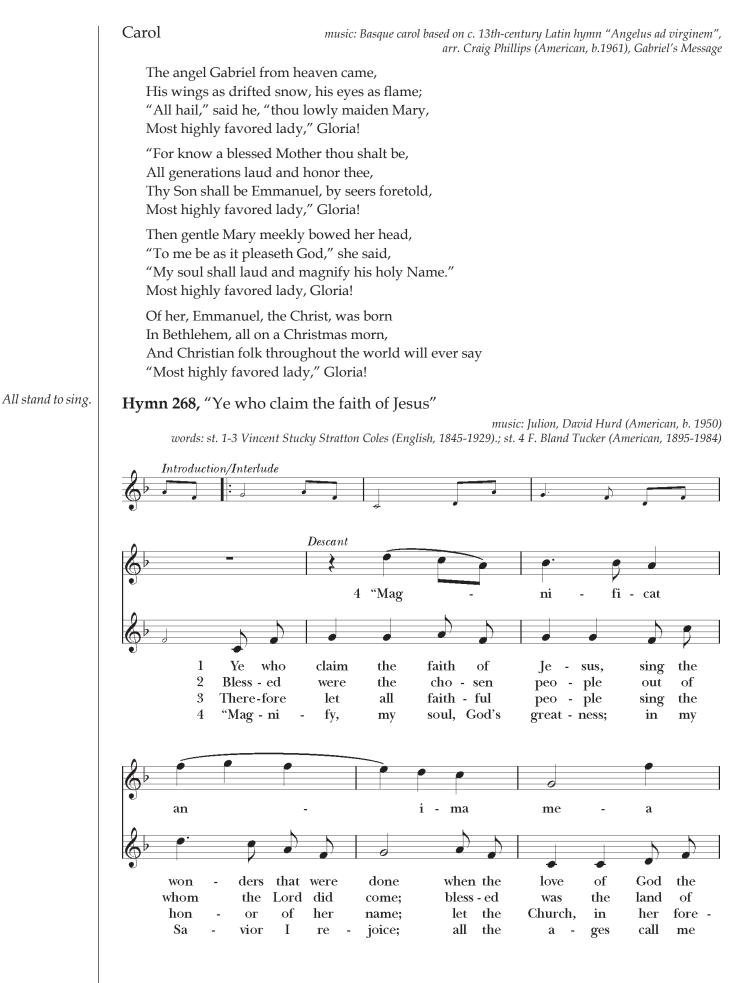
LUKE 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

O Rex Gentium

O Rex Gentium, et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti. music: plainchant, c. 8th century words: ancient Antiphon to the Magnificat for December 22

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save humankind, which you fashioned from clay. Read by Caroline Robinson, Organist & Associate Choirmaster.





All remain standing for the reading of the Seventh Lesson.

Read by The Rev. Catherine Zappa, Canon for Liturgy and Pastoral Care. All stand or kneel.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum. Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo. Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent. omnes generationes. Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen ejus. *Et misericordia ejus a progenies* et progenies timentibus eum. Fecit potentiam in bracchio suo: dispersit superbos mente cordis sui. Deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit humiles. Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae. Sicus locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini ejus in saecula. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

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, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation to generation upon them who fear him. 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.

All sit. The Welcome

Anthem at the Offering

ne Offering music: Paul Mealor (Welsh, b.1975), Ave Maria words: from the Angelus; and the 15th-century Latin prayer "Ave Maria," expanding on Luke 1: 28, 42

Ave Maria, gratia plena Dominus tecum; Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Ave Maria. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Ave Maria, gratia plena Dominus tecum; Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Ave Maria Amen	 Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Hail Mary. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Hail
Maria. Amen.	Mary. Amen.

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

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Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen**.

May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen**.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen**.

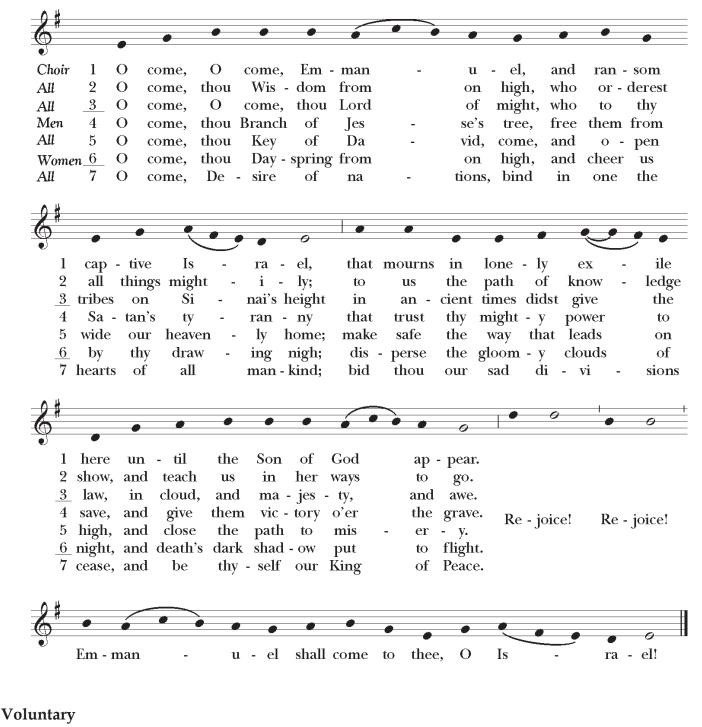
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

All stand.

The Processional: Hymn 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

music: Veni, veni Emmanuel, plainsong Mode 1, Processionale (15th century), adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890), arr. David Willocks, descant Philip Ledger words: Latin c. 9th century, vers. Hymnal 1940, alt

1 choir alone, 2-3 all, 4 tenors & basses, 5 all, 6 sopranos & altos, 7 all



O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953) Based on Veni, Emmanuel (15th cent. French processional)

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Please join us for A Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17 at 4 p.m.

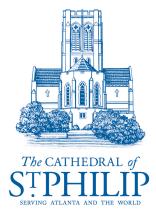
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