



A Service of

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

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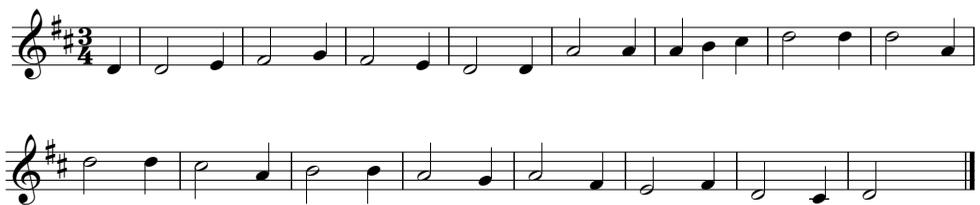
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Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral and this online service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Thank you for joining us. We're very glad you're here to share this time of spiritual preparation. As daylight fades and shadows lengthen, our experience of sacred Word and music will reveal the comforting promise of hope, peace, joy, and love anticipated in the coming of the Kingdom of God. May these words and this music quietly guide you toward the true light of Christmas.

The choir sings THE MATIN RESPONSORY for the First Sunday of Advent:

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.

Adapted from a Magnificat by Palestrina, arranged by Ian Sadler



1. Come thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy Virgin-birth;
Let every 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.
3. The virgin womb that burden gained,
With virgin honour all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.

*Words: St. Ambrose (340-97)
tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66) and others*

*Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

Bidding Prayer

The Very Reverend Paul Millward

BELOVED in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame will walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-8

Read by Ruth McCluskie

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile

The Choir shall sing:

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 Heavene
Queen. Blessed be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

Words: Anon, 15th Century

Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6

Read by Allan Nagata

The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King

The Choir shall sing:

Zion hears her watchmen's voices, Their gladdening cry her soul rejoices. The shadows
of her night depart. O come, in splendor bright, Lord Jesu, Light of Light! Hosanna! We
follow Thee, Thy joy to see, Where everlasting bliss shall be.

Words: Philip Nicolai (1556-1608)

Music: Philip Nicolai / J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Third Lesson: Haggai 2:6-9

Read by Rev. Pat Henderson

The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations

VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*
2. 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
3. O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

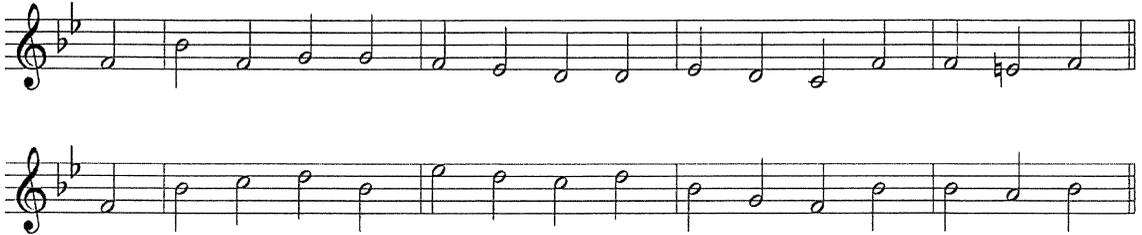
*Words: Latin Antiphons, tr. John Neale (1818-66), alt.
Music: Plainsong, arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968), alt.*

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-6

Read by Rev. Canon Marian Haggerty

The Prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God

WINCHESTER NEW



1. 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.
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. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Read by Rev. Canon Sharon McCormick

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Choir shall sing:

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.

Words: Luke 1:46-55

Music: C. Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sixth Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

Read by The Rev. Dr. Virginia C. Lane

St. Paul declares the good purpose of God

The Choir shall sing:

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning; O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning. This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be; the pow'r of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

Words: Johann von Rist (1607-1667), tr. John Troutbeck (1832-1899)

Music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Seventh Lesson: Mark 1:1-4, 7-15

Read by The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend

Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God

VESPER RESPONSORY: The Rev. Michael E. DeKay

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.
We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.
In the midst of thy temple.

COLLECT:

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 Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render
to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Amen



1. Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.
2. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone

Words: John Cennick (1718-55), alt.

Music: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Postlude: Toccata on "Vom Himmel hoch" — Garth Edmundson