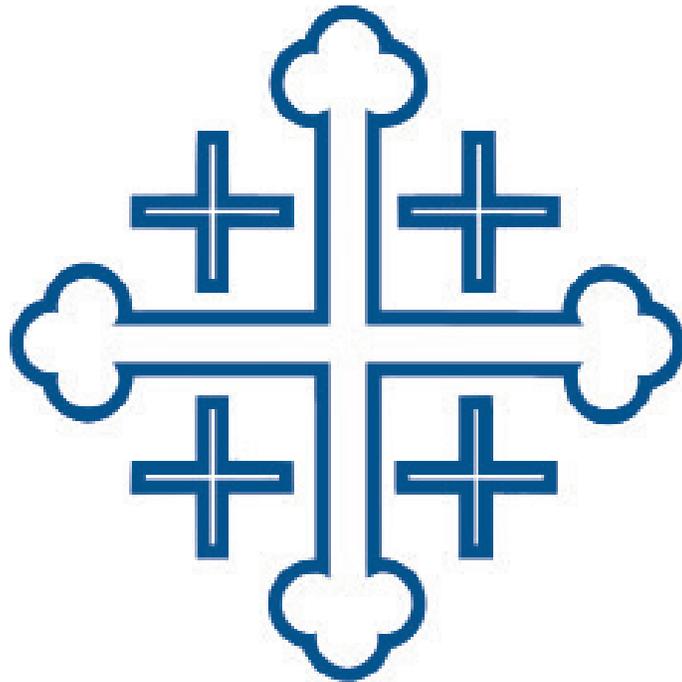


ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS



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Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
— *Isaiah 7:14*

Welcome to Washington National Cathedral and 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 and wait for 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 in the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. May these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

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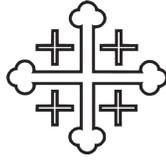
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CARILLON PRELUDE

<i>Sleepers, Wake</i> from <i>A Carillon Book for the Liturgical Year</i>	Roy Hamlin Johnson (1929–2020)
<i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland</i> from <i>III Danziger Choräle für Carillon</i>	Johann Eggert (1728–1803)
<i>Paraphrase on “Veni redemptor gentium”</i>	Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
<i>Canon, Air and Coda on Psalm 42</i> from <i>A Triptych of Advent Hymns for Carillon</i>	Ennis Fruhauf (b. 1944)
<i>Paraphrase on “O come, O come, Emmanuel”</i>	Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)

ORGAN PRELUDE

<i>Unexpected and Mysterious</i>	J. William Greene (b. 1956)
I. Chorale	
II. Fughetta	
III. Epilogue	
“O Radix Jesse” and “O Emmanuel” from <i>O Antiphon Sequence</i>	Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)
<i>Rorate caeli</i>	Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

INTROIT

<i>Matin Responsory</i>	June Nixon (b. 1942)
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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 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: 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?

(First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins, early medieval Roman rite)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION • 56 (STANZAS I, 4-6)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sung by all.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
 6. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE BIDDING PRAYER

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 the 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 Savior, 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 walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor hear and see the Gospel. First, let us pray for the world 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 in the shadow of death; and for the Church in this and every place, 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 that 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 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.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting, now and at all times. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON • GENESIS 3:8-14

Adam and Eve rebel against God

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."

CAROL

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit, and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasures dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

(Christ Compared to an Apple-tree,
Anonymous 18th-century English, alt.)

THE SECOND LESSON • ISAIAH 40:I-II

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN • 67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Sung by all.

Psalm 42

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain;
com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.
Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;
tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The people are seated.

THE THIRD LESSON • JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A new covenant is promised

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the Lord. “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the Lord: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the Lord; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

CAROL

Rorate caeli

Jacob Handl (1550–1591)

Sung in Latin.

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.
Let the earth open and send forth a Savior.

(Isaiah 45:8)

THE FOURTH LESSON • MICAH 5:2-4

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem

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

CAROL

Listen to the Lambs

Negro spiritual, arr. R. Nathaniel Dett (1882–1943)

Listen to the lambs; all a-crying!
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and carry the young lambs in his bosom.
Listen to the lambs; all a-crying! Amen.

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Sung by all.

Puer nobis



1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and ma - ni - fest thy vir - gin - birth:
2. Forth from his cham - ber go - eth he, that roy - al home of pur - i - ty,
3. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the Fa - ther back he speeds;
4. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, and dark - ness breathe a new - er light,
5. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free,



1. let ev - ery age a - dor - ing fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.
2. a giant in two - fold sub - stance one, re - joic - ing now his course to run.
3. his course he runs to death and hell, re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.
4. where end - less faith shall shine se - rene, and twi - light nev - er in - ter - vene.
5. whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er more.

The people are seated.

THE FIFTH LESSON • ISAIAH 35:1-10

The prophet Isaiah proclaims good news those in exile

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CAROL

"How Lovely Are The Messengers" from *St. Paul*, Op. 36

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

(Original German Julius Schubring, 1806–1889, after Romans 10:15, 18; English trans. Karl Klingemann, 1798–1862)

THE SIXTH LESSON • ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN • 76

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Sung by all.

Winchester New



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in,
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge, and our great re - ward;
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand;
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;



1. a - wake and heark - en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. and let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3. with - out thy grace we waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4. shine forth, and let thy light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5. whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The people are seated.

THE SEVENTH LESSON • LUKE 1:26-38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The people stand as able.

THE VESPER RESPONSORY

J. Nixon

Leader Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed:
Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you,
Leader Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you,
Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Leader We wait for your loving kindness, O Lord.
People **In the midst of your temple.**

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly expectation of your coming: grant that we, who with joy receive your only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, even your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated.

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CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

O Oriens

Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)

Sung in Latin.

O Morning Star,
Splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

(Advent Antiphon at Vespers, ca. 6th-century Italian)

The people stand as able.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECTS

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 ADVENT 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.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING • 57

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

Sung by all.

Helmsley



1. Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal - va - tion
2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful ma - jes -
3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling bo - dy
4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e - ter - nal

slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph
- ty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him
bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed
throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom

of his train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

CARILLON POSTLUDE

People, Look East

Besançon; arr. Frank P. Law (1918–1985)

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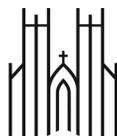
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