



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A SERVICE OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS

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FOUR PM

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The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls
Cathedral Voices

The people stand as the choir sings.

INTROIT

Canite tuba

The Choir of Men and Girls

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini: ecce venit, ad salvandum nos.
Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: veni Domine, et noli tardare.
Alleluia.*

Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. See, He is coming to save us. Winding paths will be made straight and rough places smooth. Come, O Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia.

Joel 2; Isaiah 40:4

OPENING HYMN - 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Choir sings stanzas 1-2; then all sing.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

OPENING SENTENCES

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Comfort my people, comfort them; my salvation shall not be delayed. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud; fear not, for I will save you. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer. Thus says the Lord. Come and save us, O Lord of hosts.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

ADVENT BIDDING

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.

The people are seated.

In which paradise is lost.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. 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. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Silence follows the reading.

ANTHEM

Cathedral Voices

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

HYMN 66

Sung by all, standing.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

The people are seated.

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-15

*In which God promises that a child will be conceived
who will be known as "God with us".*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Silence follows the reading.

ANTHEM*The Choir of Men and Girls**A spotless rose*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit; its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter, and in the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid; for, through our God's great love and might, the blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

*Fifteenth Century German, trans. C. Winkworth***HYMN 61***Sung by all, standing.**"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us**Wachet auf**The people are seated.***THIRD LESSON**

Baruch 4:36-5:9

In which Jerusalem is assured of help

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under the heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from God.

*Silence follows the reading.***ANTHEM***Cathedral Voices**How lovely are the messengers*

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.

*Romans 10:15, 18***HYMN 76***Sung by all, standing.**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**Winchester New**The people are seated.***FOURTH LESSON**

John 1:6-8,19-28

In which John the Baptist proclaims the One who is to come.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the

Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Silence follows the reading.

During the anthem an offering is received to support the ministries of the Cathedral.

ANTHEM

The Choir of Men and Girls

Vox dicentes

Edward Naylor (1867-1934)

Vox dicentis: Clama; et dixi: Quid clamabo! Omnis caro foenum, et omnis Gloria ejus quasi flos agri. Vere foenum est populus. Exsiccatum est foenum, et cecidit flos: verbum autem Domini nostri manet in aeternum. Super montem excelsum ascende tu, qui evangelizas Sion: exalta in fortitudine vocem tuam, qui evangelizas Jerusalem: exalta, noli timere. Dic civitatibus Judae: Ecce Deus vester. Ecce Dominus Deus in fortitudine veniet, et brachium ejus dominabitur: ecce merces ejus come eo, et opus illius coram illo. Sicut pastor gregem suum pascet, in brachio suo congregabit agnos, et in sinu suo levabit, foetas ipse portabit.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field. Surely the people are grass; the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40: 6-11, Epistle, St. John the Baptist

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-56

In which the birth of Jesus is foretold.

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. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Silence follows the reading.

MEDITATION

Canon Cope

ANTHEM

The Combined Choirs of the Cathedral

O thou, the central orb

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

H.R. Bramley

THE PRAYERS

The people stand for the prayers.

Come, O Wisdom from on high: enlighten our darkened minds with your marvelous light; that people and nations may learn your ways of justice and truth.

Come and save us O Lord of Hosts.

Come, O Lord of Hosts, and save us.

Come, O Lord of Power and Might: make all things new. Build up this earth that we have injured by our indulgent deeds. Restore our faded paradise and bring forth creation's second birth.

Come and save us O Lord of Hosts.

Come, O Lord of Hosts, and save us.

Come, O Branch of Jesse's tree: be ever faithful to your promised presence in our lives that the people of the earth may rejoice in hope of the Savior's coming and look with longing to his return at the end of time.

Come and save us O Lord of Hosts.

Come, O Lord of Hosts, and save us.

Come, O Key of David: Prepare our hearts for the power of your love, remove the sadness that hinders us from embracing the joy and hope that Christ's presence will bestow.

Come and save us O Lord of Hosts.

Come, O Lord of Hosts, and save us.

Come, O Dayspring from on high: Bring us new life that restored by your power, we may serve your world with steadfast faith, joyful hope, and constant love.

Come and save us O Lord of Hosts.

Come, O Lord of Hosts, and save us.

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 LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all.

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 ADVENT BLESSING

May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 57

Sung by all.

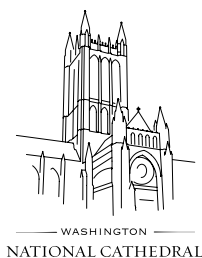
Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)



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