

*“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.’”*

*—Luke 1: 30-31*



A SERVICE OF ADVENT

*Lessons  
&  
Carols*

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WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

## INTROIT

*Canite tuba*

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

Canite tuba in Sion, qui a prope est dies Domini. Ecce venit, ecce venit ad salvandum nos: erunt prava indirecta et aspera in vias planas. Veni Domine et noli tardare.

*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, Lord, and do not delay.*

—Joel 2:1; Isaiah, 40:4

*The people stand.*

OPENING HYMN • 56 *Choir sings the first verse, then all sing.*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

## OPENING SENTENCES

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of God's beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## BIDDING PRAYER

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us – how when we were far off, God met us in Jesus, the Son, and brought us home; how your Son, O God, humbled himself to take our human nature that we might share his divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness. So first we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all God's people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom, and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise Christ's name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his kingdom, in the words he himself taught us, saying:

**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.*

**CAROL***People, look east*

arr. Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

People, look east, the time is near for 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 time the flow'r may flourish. People, look east, and sing today: Love, the Rose, 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 the sun and moon together. People, look east, and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming. People, look east today. Love, the Lord, is on the way!

—*Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)***FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 3:1–15

*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.”

**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 tree 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 pleasure dearly I have brought: 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.

—*Anonymous, 18th century**The people stand.***HYMN • 66***Sung by all.**Come, thou long-expected Jesus**Stuttgart**The people are seated.*

*In which God promises that a child shall be conceived  
who shall 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.”

## CAROL

*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!

—Revelation 22

*The people stand.*

## HYMN • 61

*Sung by all.*

*“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.

## CAROL

*When came in flesh*

arr. George Guest (1924-2002)

When came in flesh the Incarnate Word, the heedless world slept on, and only simple shepherds heard that God had sent his Son. When come the Saviour at the last, from east to west shall shine. The awful pomp, and earth aghast shall tremble at the sign. Then shall the pure of heart be blest; as mild he comes to them, as when upon the Virgin's breast, he lay at Bethlehem. Lord, who could dare see thee descend in state, unless he knew thou art the sorr'wing sinner's friend, the gracious and the true. Dwell in our hearts, O Saviour blest, so shall thine advent's dawn 'twixt us and thee, our bosom guest, be but the veil withdrawn.

—Joseph Anstice (1808-1836)

*The people stand.*

## HYMN • 76

*Sung by all.*

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

*Winchester New*

*The people are seated.*

*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.

*During the carol, an offering is received to support the ministries of the Cathedral.*

#### CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

*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*

#### 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.

#### HOMILY

Canon Cope

## CAROL

*There is no rose*

Peter Wishart (1921–1984)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu, *alleluya*. For in this rose contained was Heav'n and earth in little space, *resmiranda*. By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three, *pares forma*. The angels sung the shepherds to gloria in excelsis Deo, *gaudeamus*. Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth, *transeamus*.

—*Anonymous, 15th century*

*The people stand.*

## CLOSING 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.**

## COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## 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.**

CLOSING 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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