

A stained glass window depicting an angel with large white and grey wings, wearing a blue and white robe, holding a staff and a scroll. The background is a warm, golden light. The window is framed by a gold border with small black squares in the corners.

LESSONS & CAROLS

An Advent Service
of Sacred Music

December 2018

“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.”

- Romans 13:11-12

The season of Advent, now come upon us, is a time in which the Church prepares herself for the coming of the Lord. Therefore, with hope we look toward the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We are delighted that you have chosen to join us in this service of lessons and carols, in which we sing, pray, and remember that His Kingdom is coming in all of its fullness. “Behold, the bridegroom cometh;” Let us prepare to meet Him.

Matin Responsory: *I Look from Afar*

The Matin Responsory is composed of prophetic texts from the Old Testament heralding the arrival of Christ.

Processional Hymn: *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth*

Choir Solo: Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth
And manifest Thy virgin birth
Let every age adoring fall
Such birth befits the God of all

All stand and join in singing. Acolytes will share the flame of their candles, representing the light of Christ, with the congregation for their candles.

All: Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest Thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The Saviour, now to man displayed.

The virgin womb that burden gained,
With virgin honour all unstained,
The banners there of virtue glow,
God in his temple dwells below.

Forth from that chamber goeth He,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now His course to run.

From God the Father He proceeds,
To God the Father back He speeds;
Runs out his course to death and hell,
Returns on God’s high throne to dwell.

O equal to Thy Father, Thou!
Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness glow with new-born light,
No more shall night extinguish day,
Where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to Thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the Lord's Prayer in your preferred language or translation.

All: Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in 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.

The congregation extinguishes their candles and sits.

First Lesson: Genesis 2:4-3:24

Carol: *Adam Lay Ybounden*

This medieval carol recounts the bondage of Adam to sin and death being the happy opportunity for the salvation of mankind.

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

All stand for congregational carol.

Carol: *O Come Divine Messiah*

All: O come, Divine Messiah,
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.

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*Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, Divine Messiah,
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.*

O Thou whom nations sighed for,
Whom priests and prophets long foretold,
Break Thou the captives' fetters,
Redeem the long lost fold.

REFRAIN

Thou'lt come in peace and meekness,
And lowly will Thy cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Thy Godhead we shall see.

REFRAIN

Third Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

All stand for congregational carol.

Carol: *On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry*

All: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
Then cleansed be every life from sin:
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
We hail you as our Saviour, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
And make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-4

Choir: *Veni Veni, Emmanuel*

Quis veniet? ERO CRAS.

Veni, veni Emmanuel!
Captivum solve Israel!
Qui gemit in exsilio,
privatus Dei Filio.

Gaude, gaude, Emmanuel nascetur pro te, Israel.

Veni, veni, Rex Gennitum,
Veni Redemptor omnium,
ut salvas tuos famulos,
peccati sibi conscios.

Veni, veni O Oriens,
solare nos asveniens,
noctis depelle nebulas,
dirasque mortis tenebras.

Who will come? I will come!

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 thee, O Israel!*

O come, Desire of the nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid every strife and quarrel cease
and fill the world with heaven's peace

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Fifth Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6

Carol: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Duet: Kate Reinhardt and Rachel Friedrich

*Lo how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As seers of old have sung
It came a flower bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night
Isaiah 'twas foretold it
The Rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The Virgin Mother kind
To show God's love aright
She bore to us a Saviour
When half-spent was the night
O Flower whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispel in glorious splendour
The darkness everywhere
True man yet very God
From sin and death now save us
And share our every load*

Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-15

All stand for congregational carol.

Carol: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

All: Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Lo, the Lamb so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us all with tears of sorrow,
Pray that we may be forgiv'n.
That when next he comes in glory,

And the world is wrapped in fear
With his mercy he may shield us,
And with words of love draw near.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise use to Thy glorious throne.

Seventh Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10

Carol: *Welcome God's and Mary's Son*

Duet: Kate Reinhardt and Rachel Friedrich

*Welcome God's and Mary's Son
Jesu, who to earth descending,
Didst our nature with Thine own
Join in union never ending:
Save us from the oppressor's rod,
Oh our Brother and our God!
All was lost in Adam's fall;
All in Thee is now recovered.
Once to sin and death a thrall,
O'er the pit of hell I hovered:
Now I learn to cling to Thee—
Once with Adam, one with me.
Out of Heav'n didst Thou come down;
Out of hell my soul deliver.
Scarce a stall in David's town,
Welcomed Thee; but, gracious Giver,
Grant to us beyond the sky,
Each a starry home on high.
Is it still the devil's lust
Souls of men in sin to smother?
Yet in this I put my trust—
God became my Friend and Brother!
Heart and mind in Thee to dwell,
Help me, mine Immanuel!*

Eighth Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Homily

All stand for congregational carol.

Carol: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

All: Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing worldly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God To earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand
King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food
Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away
At His feet the six winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia alleluia
Alleluia Lord Most High

Ninth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Carol: *Gabriel's Message*

Duet: Kate Reinhardt and Rachel Friedrich

*The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!
"For know a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
"Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!*

Collect and Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

The congregation kneels.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour 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 quick 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.

All: Amen.

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 Ghost, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

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 among you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Choir: *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

All stand for recessional hymn.

Recessional Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Christ appears on earth again.

Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture,
With what rapture,
With what rapture,
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air:
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Lessons & Carols: An Advent Service of Sacred Music

7:00 PM Sunday, Dec. 2

10:30 AM Sunday, Dec. 9

Sundays

8:15 AM Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist (with Junior Church)

Christmas Eve Services (Dec. 24)

5:00 PM Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

7:00 PM Holy Eucharist (Candlelight Service)

Christmas Day Service

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Christmas Dinner (Dec. 25)

Our annual free dinner is held at Knox Presbyterian Church (Elgin & Lisgar Streets)

Serving times are 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM.



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