



Sunday, December 4, 2016

ADVENT
LESSONS
& CAROLS

“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 armor 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. With expectant yearning and hope, Advent looks towards the impending Parousia, or Second Coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time. In this service of lessons and carols, we give voice through prayer and praise to the hope set forth in Holy Scripture, that his kingdom shall come. ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh;’ let us prepare ourselves 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*

After the first verse of *Come, Thou Redeemer* the congregation stands as the choir and clergy proceed from the back of the church to the choir stalls. The acolytes share the flame of their candles, representing the light of Christ coming into the world, with the congregation. All join in singing at the 2nd verse.

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

The congregation rises.

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 by The Reverend Jared Driscoll

Bidding Prayer: Priest

The Lord's Prayer

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: *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.

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 us to Thy glorious throne.

Blessed Jesus we adore You
Light of life and Son of love
All Your children bow before You
Speak Your name and lift You up
King of kings from highest heaven
Lord of lords come rule alone
Son of God so sweetly given
Make our hearts Your holy throne.

The congregation sits.

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 hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

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.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great Reward;
Without thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, Eternal Son, to thee,
Whose Advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

The congregation sits.

Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-4

All stand for congregational carol.

Carol: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Choir Solo: *Veni Veni, Emmanuel*

Captivum solve Israel,
Qui gemit in exilio,
Privatus Dei Filio.
Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel,
Nascetur pro te Israel!

All

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribe, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.

Refrain

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Refrain

The congregation sits.

Fifth Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6

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

Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-15

Carol: *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55)

Choir Solo: *And Mary Said,*

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And 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 mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Seventh Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10

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.

Refrain:

*Dear Savior haste;
Come, come to earth;
Dispel the night and show Thy 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.

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

The congregation sits.

Eighth Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Homily: The Reverend Jared Driscoll

Carol: *The Cherry Tree Carol*

Ninth Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Carol: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Collect and Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

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 thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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.

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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

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.



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