ST. CECILIA GUILD
of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Lewes

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018
5:00 P.M.
**INTRODUCTION**

In the Middle Ages, the Church kept Advent as a season of great solemnity – a time in which to meditate upon the ultimate issues of death, judgment, hell and heaven.

Advent, though, was also a time of great rejoicing. For Christ would come, not only as Judge, but also as Savior, and would usher in the Kingdom of God. Advent, therefore, provided a vivid preparation for Christmas. Processions from West to East, and the use of lights, spoke of the Church’s hope in the coming of Christ – the Light of the world – to banish sin and darkness. Antiphons were sung, calling upon God to deliver his people, and readings from the Hebrew scriptures were seen as pointing to the fulfilment of God’s purposes in Jesus.

The service is structured around the great Advent Antiphons, known as the Great ‘Os’. These were sung originally as Antiphons to the Magnificat at the Evening Office from 17th to 23rd December, and have provided a rich source of devotional imagery in Advent. The second word of each antiphon yields an acrostic: read in inverse order from the last to the first stanza, the words begin with the letters ERO CRAS, which is Latin for “I shall be present tomorrow.” If one antiphon is sung each day, the full text of the acrostic is revealed only on the day before Christmas Eve.

The readings and music serve to complement the Antiphons, and help us reflect on the theme of the Christ who comes to judge and save his people. The Antiphons are gathered together in the final hymn, “O come, O come, Emmanuel”.

The offering received at the front door this evening benefits St. Cecilia Guild of St. Peter’s Church. St. Cecilia Guild is an outreach ministry whose mission is to present high-quality musical events not heard elsewhere in our area. We believe this music should be accessible to everyone in our community. All programs sponsored by St. Cecilia Guild are offered free of charge. It is only through the generosity of you, our donors and friends, that we are able to offer this gift of music. 2018–19 St. Cecilia Guild brochures are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for a copy. There is still time to make a tax-deductible contribution for 2018. Envelopes are enclosed in the brochure. Thank you to our donors listed on page 23.

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**VOLUNTARY**

Chorale Prelude on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645

(“Wake, awake, for night is flying”)
**MATIN RESPONSORY**

V. I look from afar:
R. And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
V. Go ye out to meet him and say:
R. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
V. High and low, rich and poor, one with another.
R. Go ye out to meet him and say
V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.
R. Tell us, art thou he that should come?
V. Stir up thy strength O Lord, and come
R. to reign over thy people Israel.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
R. I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
V. Go ye out to meet him and say:
R. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Words: First Responsory of Advent Sunday (office of Matins)
Music: John Brooks (b. 1955)
Soloists: John Biddle, Richard Freeman, Kelley Mallon, Roo Brown

The Congregation stands.

**HYMN IN PROCESSION**

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin birth:
Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit, thou art still
The virgin womb that burdened With virgin honor all unstained;
Forth from his chamber goeth he That royal home of purity,
From God the Father he proceeds, To God the Father back he speeds;
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, And darkness breathe a newer light;
All laud, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent sets thy people free,

Let every age adore its fall; Such birth befits the God of all.
The Word of God in flesh arrayed; The promised fruit to man is displayed.
The banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.
A giant in twofold substance one, Rejoicing now his course to run.
His course he runs to death and hell, Return ing on God's throne to dwell.
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might in vigorate.
Where endless faith shall shine serene, And twilit never inter vene.
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost for evermore.

Words: Ambrose of Milan (340–397), translated by John M Neale (1818–1866)
**THE BIDDING PRAYER**

**Officiant** 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 his 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 have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which 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 the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, 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 which Christ himself taught us:

**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 Congregation sits.*

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to another mightily, and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–24b

**Reader** A reading from the book of Genesis.

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Reader
The Word of the Lord.

People
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay, and in his nostrils breathed life, e’en as the Scriptures say.

And then in Eden’s paradise he placed him to dwell, that he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well:

*Now let good Christians all begin their evil ways to shun,*
*and let them glad and merry be,*
*bis Advent is begun.*
Now mark the goodness of the Lord, which he to mankind bore: his mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore.

And then, for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall, he said his own dear Son should be the Savior of us all.

Now let good Christians all begin…

And now the tide is nigh at hand in which our Savior came; let us rejoice and merry be in keeping of the same.

Let’s feed the poor and hungry souls, and such as do it crave; then, when we die, in heaven we our sure reward shall have.

Now let good Christians all begin…

Words: English traditional, alt.
Music: arr. Robert Lehman (b. 1960)

The Congregation stands.

Officiant Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor 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. Amen.

HYMN Creator of the stars of night The Hymnal 1982, # 60

The Congregation sits.
O
Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, 
who appearested in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire, 
and gavest him the law in Sinai: 
Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

SECOND LESSON  Matthew 25:1–13

Reader  A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

People, look East. The time is near
Of 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.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Star 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 course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)
Music: Besançon carol arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
The Congregation stands.

Officiant  Let us pray.
Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

1 Wake, a-wake for night is flying: The watchmen on the heights are crying,
light is springing, Awake, Jerusalem, arise!

2 Si-on hears the watchmen singing, Her heart with deep de-
sing before thee, With harp and cymbal’s clear-est tone.

3 Lamb of God, the heav’ns adore thee, And men and angels
Mid-night’s solemn hour is toll ing, His chariot wheels are
Forth her Bride-groom comes, all glorious, In grace arrayed, by
By the pearly gates in wonder We stand and swell the
nearer rolling, He comes; prepare, ye virgins wise.
truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come!
voice of thunder That echoes round thy dazzling throne.

Rise up, with willing feet Go forth, the Bride-groom meet:
All hail, Incarnate Lord, Our crown, and our reward!
No vision ever brought, No ear hath ever caught

Alleluia! Bear through the night your well-trimmed light,
Alleluia! We haste a long, In pomp of song,
Such rejoicing: We raise the song, We swell the throng,

Speed forth to join the marriage rite.
And glad some join the marriage throng.
To praise thee ages all along.

Words: Philip Nicolai (1566–1608); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)
Music: Wachet auf, arr. and harm. J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
The Congregation sits.

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

THIRD LESSON  Jeremiah 31:31–34

Reader  A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

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 clay
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833–1917)
Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

The Congregation stands.

Officiant  Let us pray.
Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

HYMN  On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  The Hymnal 1982, # 76

The Congregation sits.

O  Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel;
that openest, and no man shutteth;
and shuttest and no man openeth:
Come, and bring the prisoner out of the prison-house,
and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

FOURTH LESSON  Isaiah 40:1–11

Reader  A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is 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.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People   Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus came, adored by angels,
came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
Alleluia, alleluia! came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care:
Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia, alleluia! comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven:
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heaven;
Alleluia, alleluia! now the gate of death is riven.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
when the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory;
let us now our homage pay;
Alleluia, alleluia! till the dawn of endless day.

Words: Godfrey Thring (1823–1903), alt.
Music: Robert Lehman
Soloist: James Douglas
The Congregation stands.

Officiant Let us pray.
We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son Jesus Christ cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

Words: Charles Oakley (1832–1865)
Music: Little Cornard, Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

The Congregation sits.
Dayspring, Brightness of Light everlasting,
and Sun of righteousness:
Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness,
and the shadow of death.

**FIFTH LESSON**  Luke 1:26–38

**Reader**  A reading from the gospel of Luke.

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elizabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

**Reader**  The Word of the Lord.
**People**  Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu.

*(Praise the Lord)*

For in this rose contained was
Heav’n and earth in little space,

*(Marvelous thing)*

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By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three,
_Pares forma._  (Equal in form)

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth.
_Transeamus._  (Let us go)

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
_Gaudeamus._  (Let us rejoice)

Words: Anonymous, ca. 1420
Music: Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)
Soloist: Kelley Mallon

_The Congregation stands._

_Officiant_  Let us pray.
We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. _Amen._

_Hymn_  Ye who claim the faith of Jesus  
_The Hymnal 1982, # 268_  

_The Congregation sits._

_O_  King of the nations, and their Desire,
the Cornerstone, who makest both one:
Come, and save mankind,
whom thou formedst of clay.
SIXTH LESSON  Isaiah 11:1–10

Reader  A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

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!

Words: Revelation 22

The Congregation stands.

Officiant    Let us pray.
Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world: knowing that thy kingdom shall come and thy will be done, to thy eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN    Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes
The Hymnal 1982, # 72

The Congregation sits.

O Emmanuel,
our King and Lawgiver,
the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation:
Come and save us, O Lord, our God.

SEVENTH LESSON   Revelation 21:1–4; 22:1–2, 12–14, 17, 20

Reader    A reading from the Revelation to John.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

**Reader**
The Word of the Lord.

**People**
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

And I saw a new heaven

Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)

*For text, see Revelation 21:1–4 above.*

**The Congregation stands.**

**Officiant**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.
Hymn

1. Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for all, our salvation slain;
2. Every eye shall behold him, robed in his dawning majesty;
3. Those dear tokens of his passion still his body bears, cause of endless pomp appearing;
4. Now redemption, long expected, see in thine eternal throne;
5. Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine own throne, Savior, take the kingdom for thine own:

Words: John Cennick, alt. Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
Music: Helmsley, melody Augustine Arne (1710–1778)
**Vesper Responsory**

*Officiant*  Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed:

*People*  **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

*Officiant*  Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord:

*People*  **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

*Officiant*  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

*People*  **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

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**The Blessing**

*Officiant*  May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came amongst us in great humility, sanctify thee with the light of his blessing and set thee free from all sin. Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make thee 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 Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. Amen.
**HYMN IN PROCESSION**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile.

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

3 O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight:

4 O come, thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery:

5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might, Who to thy tribes on Sion's height, In ancient times did give the law In cloud and majesty and awe:

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Words: Latin Advent Antiphons, tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)
Music: 15th cent. French, arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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The Congregation is seated at the conclusion of the hymn and asked to keep silence during the Voluntary.

**VOLUNTARY**

Veni, Emmanuel

arr. Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

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Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist with children’s pageant and carols

7:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist with handbells

9:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist with acoustic music in the Parish Hall

11:00 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist with Parish Choir and prelude at 10:30 p.m.

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