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The First Sunday of Advent: November 27, 2016

Advent Lessons and Carols 4 p.m.

Officiant: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting: The Reverend Jeanette Lewis

*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and
in loving memory of their parents*

*Bill and Doris Robinson, and Angel Noradunkian
by Ted and Isabelle Robinson.*

Please help preserve a prayerful silence before the service.



Prelude: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659)*

J.S. BACH

During the Introit the choir processes and the congregation remains seated.

Introit: First Matins Responsory for Advent Sunday Music: adapted from Palestrina

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Processional Hymn 89: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv 1-4)

VENI EMMANUEL

Please stand.

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, thou Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

O come, thou Rod of Jesse stem, from every foe deliver them
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory over the grave. Refrain

Bidding Prayer

Officiant We are gathered together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's Kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his Kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope. As we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his love and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death. May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise, world without end. Finally let us offer up our prayers for the coming of Christ's Kingdom, in the words he himself has taught us, saying:

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 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.**

Officiant And may the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting, now and at all times. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Reader: Marie Samuels-Isaac

Reader: The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: Thanks be to God.

Choir: *Canite tuba in Sion*

FRANCISCO GUERRERO

*Canite tuba in Sion, vocate gentes
annuntiate populis et dicite:
Ecce Deus salvator noster adveniet.
Annuntiate et auditum facite loquimini et
clamate:
Ecce Deus salvator noster adveniet.*

*Blow the trumpet in Sion, address the
nations, declare to the people and say:
Behold, God our Saviour draws nigh.
Declare, make heard by speaking and shout:
Behold,
God our Saviour draws nigh*

Hymn 91: *People, look east! The time is near (v 1, 5)*

BESANÇON

*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.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
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.*

Second Reading: *Isaiah 65:17-25*

Reader: Spencer Higgins

Reader: The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader: Thanks be to God.

Choir: *Adam lay Ybounden*

HOWARD SKEMPTON

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| 1. <i>Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.</i> | 2. <i>And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkës finden written
In their book.</i> |
| 3. <i>Nor had one apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Then had never Our Lady
A-been heaven's queen.</i> | 4. <i>Blessed be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we may singen
Deo gratias!</i> |

Third Reading: *Jeremiah 23:5-6*

Reader: Colin Bird

Reader: The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Reader: Thanks be to God.

When the King shall come again, all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign, life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay, hope no more frustrated,
this is God's redemption day longingly awaited.

In the desert, trees take root, fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit join the celebration;
Rivers spring up from the earth, barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth; Mountains, greet the morning!

Fourth Reading: *Ezekiel 36:22-28*

Reader: Carol Peck

Reader: The Prophet foretells a new spirit of unity between God and Man.

Say to the house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader: Thanks be to God.

Choir: Creator of the Stars of Night

Arr. MALCOM ARCHER

Creator of the stars of night, thy peoples' everlasting light,
Jesu, redeemer, save us all and hear thy servants when they call.

Thou camest bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eveningtide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine, the son of man yet all divine.

At thy great name, exalted, now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own that thou art Lord and King alone.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, three in one,
laud, honour, might and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

Hymn 117: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (vv 1 & 2)

ES IST EIN' ROS

*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 blossom 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.*

Gospel of the Salutation: Luke 1: 26-38

Reader: The Reverend Jeanette Lewis

Gospeller: The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

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, favoured 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 favour 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.

Gospeller: Thanks be to God.

Choir: *A Hymn to the Virgin*
Of one who is so fair and bright
Velut maris stella, [Like a star of the sea]
Brighter than the day is light,
Parens et puella: [Both mother and maiden]
I cry to thee, thou see to me,
Lady, pray thy Son for me,
Tam pia, [so pure]
That I may come to thee.
Maria! [Mary]
All this world was forlorn,
Eva peccatrice, [because of Eve, a sinner]
Till our Lord was yborn,
De te genetrice. [through you, his mother]
With *ave* it went away,

BENJAMIN BRITTEN

Darkest night, and comes the day
Salutis; [of salvation]
The well springeth out of thee.
Virtutis. [of virtue]
Lady, flower of everything,
Rosa sine spina, [Rose without thorn]
Thou bare Jesu, heaven's king,
Gratia divina: [by divine grace]
Of all thou bearest the prize,
Lady, queen of paradise
Electa: [chosen]
Maid mild, mother
es effecta. [you are made]

Gospel of the Advent: Matthew 21: 1-11

Reader: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Gospeller: Thanks be to God.

Choir: *And the Glory (Messiah)*

GEORGE F. HANDEL

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. (Isaiah 40:5)

Offertory Hymn 628: *Come, Thou Redeemer*

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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All Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.

Women Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.

All Forth from his chamber goeth he, that royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run.

Men O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.

All All laud to God the Father be, all praise, eternal Son, to thee:
All glory, as is ever meet, to God the Holy Paraclete.

Text: Saint Ambrose, transl. J.M. Neale et al.

Versicle and response

Officiant We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord

All **In the midst of Thy temple.**

Officiant 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 Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Choir *Vesper Responsory*

PALESTRINA

*Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

The Blessing

Priest 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 fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all; 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 upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 114: *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

HELMSLEY

Postlude: *Fantasy on Helmsley*

WILLIAM LLOYD WEBBER