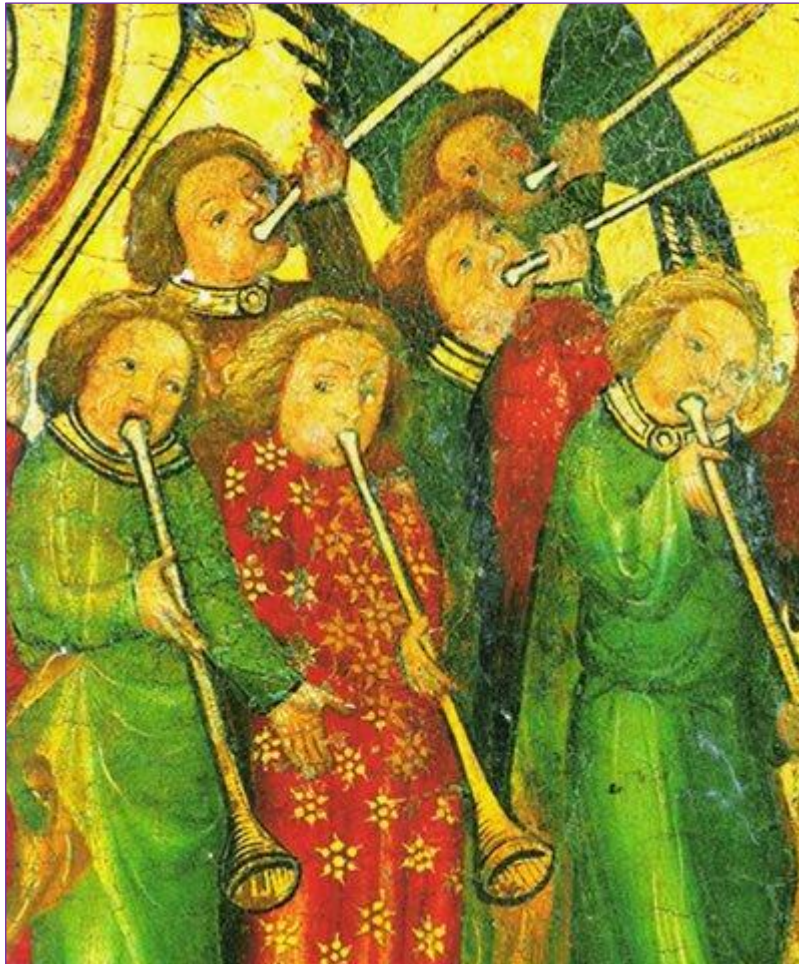


An Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols



*December 2, 2012
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale*

THE PRELUDE

Sonata No. 10 (K. 245)
Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Johannes Brahms

THE ADVENT RESPONSORY

Aspiciens a longe

adapted from Palestrina

*The Congregation stands

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.

THE PROCESSION

Veni, Redemptor

PUER NOBIS

**The Choirs sing in Procession from the west transept to the entrance of the Choir.*

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
Come, testify thy Virgin-birth:
All lands admire, all times applaud:
Such is the birth that fits a God.

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.

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.

O Equal to thy Father, thou.
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state,
With deathless might invigorate.

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

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.

All laud, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we Adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

A BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Our Father...

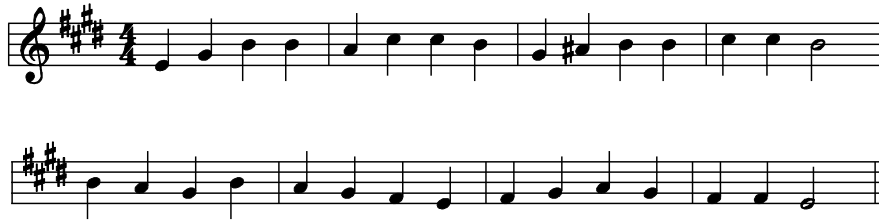
The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

**Congregation and Choirs sing as the Choirs process to the east transept.*

HYMN

“Hark a thrilling voice is sounding”

MERTON



- 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding:
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.”
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth’s bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;
- 4 so when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run.

FIRST LESSON: God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall
bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3:8-15

Reader: Alden Pritchard

**The Congregation sits for the lessons, carols and anthems, and stands for the hymns.*

CAROL

“Remember, O Thou Man”

Thomas Ravencroft

Remember, O thou man,
Thy time is spent:
Remember, O thou man,
How thou cam'st to me then,
And I did what I can,
Therefore repent.

Remember God's goodness
And promise made:
Remember God's goodness,
How his only Son he sent,
Our sins for to redress:
Be not afraid.

Remember Adam's fall,
from heaven to hell.
Remember Adam's fall,
How we were condemned all,
In hell perpetual,
Therefore to dwell

In Bethlem was he born,
For mankind dear:
In Bethlem was he born
For us that were forlorn,
And therefore took no scorn,
Our sins to bear.

SECOND LESSON: God promises a new covenant to be written in the hearts of his people.
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader: Michael Worrall

**Congregation and Choirs sing as the Procession resumes.*

HYMN

“Prepare the way, O Zion”

BEREDIG VÄG FÖR HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

THIRD LESSON: God is called upon to come among us. Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader: Max Moskal

ANTHEM

“Blow out the trumpet”

Martin Peerson

Blow out the trumpet, blow.
Blow out the trumpet in Sion,
and sound the alarum in my holy mountaine.
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, tremble, tremble,
for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand,
and sound the alarum in my holy mountaine.

FOURTH LESSON: The scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation
is at hand. Baruch 4:36-5:9

Reader: Walter Shalda

ANTHEM

“Drop down ye heavens”

Richard Lloyd

*Sung by The Choir of Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale
Joan Strom, soprano*

*Drop down, ye heaven, from above,
and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful,
and bring forth a Saviour.*

Be not very angry, O Lord,
neither remember our iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people,
 my salvation shall not tarry:
 I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
 fear not, for I will save thee:
 for I am the Lord thy God,
 the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

FIFTH LESSON: The prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God.

Isaiah 35:1-6

Reader: Cindy Jackson King

HYMN

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

PSALM 42

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

- ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

SIXTH LESSON: The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

Isaiah 40:1-8

Reader: Ted Paarlberg

ANTHEM

“This is the record of John”
Michael Oriatti, countertenor

Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him,
What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

SEVENTH LESSON: Isaiah prophecies of the coming Messiah Isaiah 11:1-9

Reader: Ellen Waterman

HYMN

“Lo, How a Rose e'er blooming”

ES IST EIN ROS'

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
To show God's love a - right, she bore to

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.

EIGHTH LESSON: The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Luke 1:26-35, 38

Reader: Linda Reynertson

CAROL

“The Angel Gabriel”

arr. Malcolm Archer

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 favored lady.” Gloria!

“For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored 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 favored lady.” Gloria!

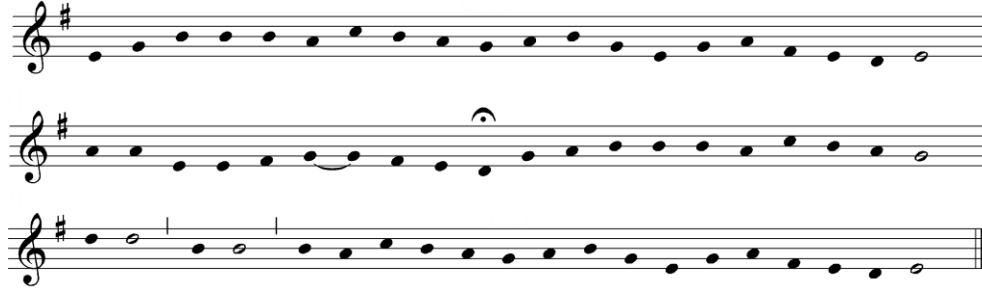
Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

words by S. Baring-Gould

HYMN

"O come, O come Emmanuel"

arr. John Rutter



men 1. 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!*

choir 3. 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.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

women 2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From every foe deliver them
that trust thy mighty power to save,
bring them in victory through the grave.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

all 4. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

all 5. O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**Please remain standing for the final lesson.*

NINTH LESSON: St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of Jesus. Matthew 1:18-23

Reader: The Rev. Jeffrey Liddy, Clergy Associate, Grace Episcopal Church

CAROL

“Peace Carol”

Al Cobine

Sung by the Hinsdale Chorale

Send the message “Peace on Earth”, Tell the story of His birth:
Bringing love to Heart and Mind Jesus born to save mankind.
“Peace on earth”, “Peace on earth”, “Peace on Earth, good will to men.”

Spread this message to the world: stop the wars with flags unfurled.
Put to rest the battle’s din, stop the wars that man can’t win.

Feel the power of love to hear, stronger than the guns of steel.
Let the joys of life fulfill, let the sounds of war be still.

Sing the message, “Peace on earth”, Ring the bells of joy and mirth.
Jesus Christ will come to us, Fill the air with song and light!
“Peace on earth”, “Peace on earth”, “Peace on Earth, good will to men.”

ANTHEM

“And the glory of the Lord” (Messiah)

Georg Friedrich Handel

And the glory, the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed.
And all flesh shall see it together
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
Isaiah 60:5

VESPER RESPONSORY AND COLLECT

**sung standing*

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

**All shall keep silence for a time.*

Cantor: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.
Choir: In the midst of thy temple.

Cantor: O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, Grant that we, who with joy receive thine 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.
 AMEN.

THE BLESSING

HYMN

“Lo! He comes, with clouds descending”

HELMSLEY



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

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The Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent was originally celebrated at King's College, Cambridge, where the Christian year started with a private service to which members of the University were invited. The order of service includes old liturgical forms that vividly express the Church's preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus both in the festival of Christmas and in the consummation of the ages.

This service is held at Grace Church on the first or second Sunday in Advent. The service begins in the west transept where the choir intones the Matin Responsory, then moves from there to the East Transept, and finally to the Chancel area, the movement symbolizing the movement from "darkness to light." The service alternates lessons from the Old and the New Testaments with carols and hymns, finally climaxing in St. Matthew's Gospel, in which the angel brings the news that Mary will bring forth a son, "and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." The service ends with the Vesper Responsory; the good news of the Advent of the Messiah has now been proclaimed, and all have heard the promise: "Ye shall see the salvation of the Lord."

Please join us in a reception following the service in the Parish Hall

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