



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

December 17, 2023

5:00 pm



ADVENT

Festival

OF

LESSONS &
CAROLS

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church. If you do not already have a church home, we invite you to worship with us over the coming holiday season and to consider joining our parish family.

About the Service

Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation, a season that has two meanings for Christians: First, preparation for the anniversary of the Lord Jesus's first coming, his birth to the Virgin Mary two thousand years ago, culminating in our celebration of Christmas, the feast lasting twelve days from December 25 to January 5. Second, a time to contemplate the eternal coming and presence of Christ in the world with the eventual second coming of our Lord at the end of time, when Christ will come in great power and glory and the kingdom of God will be fully realized. The double emphasis on both the first and second comings of Christ gives the season its unique mixture of joy and awe.

Originating from King's College, Cambridge, England a hundred years ago, this service of readings and music is one of the glories of the Anglican tradition, of which we are a part. The heart of the service continues to this day, that is, the retelling of the Christian story of faith from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Word Incarnate. Each carol or hymn illumines the lesson that it is paired with.

The texts for the Lessons are from the traditional King James Bible. The words for the Choir Carols are included to enhance your listening. The music for the congregational hymns are included in the program.

This evening's offering: there is an offering basket at the entrance of the church. The proceeds of this evening's offering will help support the music ministry of the St. Barnabas' Choral Scholars. We thank you.

We invite you to join us for a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.

VOLUNTARY

A Medley of Christmas Carols

Flute & Organ

¶ At the sound of a bell the people stand.

Advent Responsory

sung by the Choral Scholars

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.

OPENING HYMN

Sung by all



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 4 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 5 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 4 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 5 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 4 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 5 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

BIDDING PRAYER

¶ **The Priest bids the people to prayer with these words**

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 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.**

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

All **Amen.**

¶ **The congregation shall be seated for the Carols and Lessons and shall stand for the singing of the hymns.**

CAROL

Sung by the Chancel Choir

O come, Redeemer of the earth, and manifest your virgin birth:
Let every age in wonder fall, such birth befits the God of all.

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

O Morning Star, come end our night.
Cast out our sin and shed your light.
Darkness of our mortal state with endless beams illuminate.

All praise, eternal Son,
Above whose advent shows your matchless love
Whom with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost forevermore. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 2:4-17

read by a Choral Scholar

God creates man and woman to live in obedience with him in the Garden of Eden.

CAROL

sung by the Chancel Choir

Adam lay ybounden,
 bounden in a bond,
Four thousand winter
 thought he not too long.

Ne had the apple taken been,
 the apple taken been,
Ne had never our Lady
 abeen heavené queen.

And all was for an apple,
 an apple that he took,
As clerkes finden
 written in their book.

Blessed be the time
 that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
 Deo gracias, Deo gracias, Deo gracias!

ANONYMOUS, 15TH CENTURY

arr. JERRY ULRICH

SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 40:1-11

read by a Choral Scholar

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

CAROL

Sung by the Choral Scholars

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
 speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
 mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
Speak ye to Jerusalem
 of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
 and her warfare now is over.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
 make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble,
 as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
 now o'er the earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
 that his word is never broken.

For the herald's voice is crying
 in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance,
 since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
 Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him,
 and the hills bow down to greet him.

PSALM 42, C. WINKWORTH, 1827-1878

CLAUDE GOUDIMEL, 1510-1572

THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

read by a Choral Scholar

The Prophet Isaiah foretells Christ's birth and kingdom.

HYMN

Sung by all

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

FOURTH LESSON

ISAIAH 7:10-15

read by a Choral Scholar

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

CAROL

sung by the Chancel Choir

In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
Snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
But only his mother,
in her maiden bliss,
His mother worshiped
the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can, I give Him:
Give my heart.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI, c. 1872, LONDON

CRANHAM; GUSTAV HOLST, 1906; ARR. DAN FORREST

FIFTH LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-9

read by a Choral Scholar

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

HYMN

Sung by all

1 Lo, how a Rose c'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

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.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

SIXTH LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

read by a Choral Scholar

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

CAROL

sung by the Choral Scholars

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die,
For poor ornery people like you and like I:
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow stall:
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall:
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing:
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

APPALACHIAN CAROL

arr. RICHARD SHEPHARD

SEVENTH LESSON

BARUCH 4:36 - 5:9

read by a Choral Scholar

The scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

HYMN

Sung by all



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



EIGHTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

read by the Deacon

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

CAROL

sung by the Choral Scholars

Angelus ad virginem, subintrans in conclave,
virginis formidinem demulcens, inquit "Ave!
Ave, regina virginum: coeli terraeque dominum
concupies et paries intacta salutem hominum;
Tu porta coeli facta, medela criminum."

"Quomodo conciperem, quae virum non cognovi?
Qualiter infringerem quae firma mente vovi?"
"Spiritus sancti gratia Perficiet haec omnia.
Ne timeas, sed gaudeas Sscura, quod castimonia
manebit in te pura dei potentia."

Ad haec, virgo nobilis respondens inquit ei,
"ancilla sum humilis omnipotentis Dei.
Tibi coelesti nuntio, tanti secreti conscio,
consentiens et cupiens videre.
Factum quod audio, parata sum parere dei consilio."

Angelus disparuit et statim puellaris
uterus intumuit vi partus salutaris.
Qui, circumdatus utero novem mensium numero,
hinc exiit et iniit conflictum, affigens humero
cruce, qua dedit ictum hosti mortifero.

Eia Mater Domini, quae pacem reddidisti
angelis et homini cum Christum genuisti!
Tuum exora filium ut se nobis propitium
exhibeat, et deleat peccata, praestans auxilium
vita frui beata post hoc exsilium.

*The angel came to the Virgin, entering secretly into her room;
the Virgin's fear calming, he said, "Hail!
Hail, queen of virgins: you will conceive the Lord of heaven and earth
and bear him, still a virgin, to be the salvation of mankind;
You will be made the gate of heaven, the cure of sins."*

*"How can I conceive, When I have never known a man?
How can I transgress resolutions that I have vowed with a firm mind?"
"The grace of the Holy Spirit shall do all this.
Do not be afraid, but rejoice without a care, since your chastity
will remain in you unspoilt through the power of God."*

*To this, the noble Virgin, replying, said to him,
"I am the humble maidservant of almighty God.
To you, heavenly messenger, and bearer of such a great secret,
I give my consent, and wishing to see done what I hear,
I am ready to obey the will of God."*

*The angel vanished, and at once the girl's
womb swelled with the force of the pregnancy of salvation.
He, protected by the womb for nine months in number,
left it and began the struggle, fixing to his shoulder
a cross, with which he dealt the blow to the deadly Enemy.*

*Hail, Mother of our Lord, who brought peace back
to angels and men when you bore Christ!
Pray your son that he may show favor to us
and blot out our sins, giving us help
to enjoy a blessed life after this exile.*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

NINTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-23

read by the Rector

St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of Jesus.

CAROL

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Bring a torch, to the cradle run!
It is Jesus, good folk of the village;
Christ is born and Mary's calling;
Ah! ah! beautiful is the Mother
Ah! ah! beautiful is her Son!

Softly to the little stable.
Softly for a moment come;
Look and see how charming is Jesus
Look at Him there, His cheeks are rosy!
Hush! hush! see how the Child is sleeping;
Hush! hush! see how He smiles in his dreams.

It is wrong when the Child is sleeping
It is wrong to talk so loud;
Silence, all, as you gather around.
Lest your noise should waken Jesus.
Hush! hush! see how fast He slumbers!
Hush! hush! see how fast He sleeps!

PROVENÇAL CAROL

FRENCH TRADITIONAL CAROL ARR. JOHN RUTTER

CAROL

sung by the Choral Scholars

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day in the morning?

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the Souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the Souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day in the morning?

Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas day in the morning.

O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day in the morning.

¶ **All stand**

THE VESPER RESPONSORY

Priest Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.
Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Priest 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.
Priest 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.*

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

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Priest Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, thy power, and come among us;
and mercifully fulfill that which thou hast promised
to thy Church unto the end of the world.

All **Amen.**

Priest Make us, we beseech thee, O Lord, our God,
watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of thy Son, Christ our Lord;
that when he shall come and knock, he may find us not sleeping in our sins,
but awake, and rejoicing in his praises.

All **Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness,
and our 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,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

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 faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of his 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Sung by all



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Joy to the World

Flute and Organ

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION IN THE PARISH HALL ACROSS THE COURTYARD.

Saint Barnabas' Service Schedule

Sunday	DECEMBER 24	Advent 4	8:00 am & 10:00 am*
Sunday	DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve services	4:45 pm* & 10:45 pm
Monday	DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day service	10:00 am*
Sunday	DECEMBER 31	Christmas Lessons & Carols	10:00 am* (no 8:00 am service)

*Service is available to watch on our YouTube channel and live-streamed on Facebook.

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SERVING THIS EVENING

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