

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

December 15, 2024 5:00 pm



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

— Isaiah 7:14

Welcome to St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church and this service of Advent Lessons & Carols. 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.

Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the sense of Advent in the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. May these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

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.

THIS EVENING'S OFFERING

There is a free will 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' Chancel Choir and the Choral Scholar program. We thank you for your gifts!

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Variations on Christmas Carols

INTROIT

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.

FIRST RESPONSORY OF ADVENT SUNDAY IN THE OFFICE OF MATINS, EARLY MEDIEVAL ROMAN RITE. G. P. DA PALESTRINA (C. 1525-94)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION Once in royal David's city



THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger..

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, 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 justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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.

Officiant The 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.

People Amen.

The people are seated.

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man, Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent.

Remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone, And I did what I can: Therefore repent!

Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man, Remember Adam's fall from heaven to hell! Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemnéd all In hell perpetual, there for to dwell.

Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man, Remember God's goodness and promise made! Remember God's goodness, how he sent his Son, doubtless, Our sins for to redress. *Be not afraid!*

16TH CENTURY THOMAS RAVENSCROFT, 1611

The First Lesson

GENESIS 3:1-15 Reader: a member of the Altar Guild

Adam tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL Adam Lay Ybounden Sung by the Chancel Choir

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

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, As clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, Ne had never our Lady abeen heavené queen.

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

ANONYMOUS, 15TH CENTURY

Boris Ord

ISAIAH 65:17-19, 25 Reader: an Usher

The Prophet announces God will create new heavens and a new earth.

HYMN

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Sung by all



THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

Reader: a member of the Vestry

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

CAROL

In the Bleak Midwinter

Sung by the Choral Scholars

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.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

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

HAROLD DARKE

ISAIAH 40:1-11

Reader: the Youth Ministry Director

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

HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Sung by all



THE FIFTH LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7 Reader: the Treasurer

The Prophet Isaiah foretells Christ's birth and kingdom.

CAROL

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega — he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see *evermore and evermore!*

O that birth forever blessed, when a virgin, blest with grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, *evermore and evermore!*

Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing: powers, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring *evermore and evermore!*

Christ, to thee, with God the Father and O Holy Ghost to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:

honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory

evermore and evermore!

MARCUS AURELIUS CLEMENS PRUDENTIUS (B. 348)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, 11TH CENT., ARR. ROBERT BENSON

ISAIAH 11:1-9

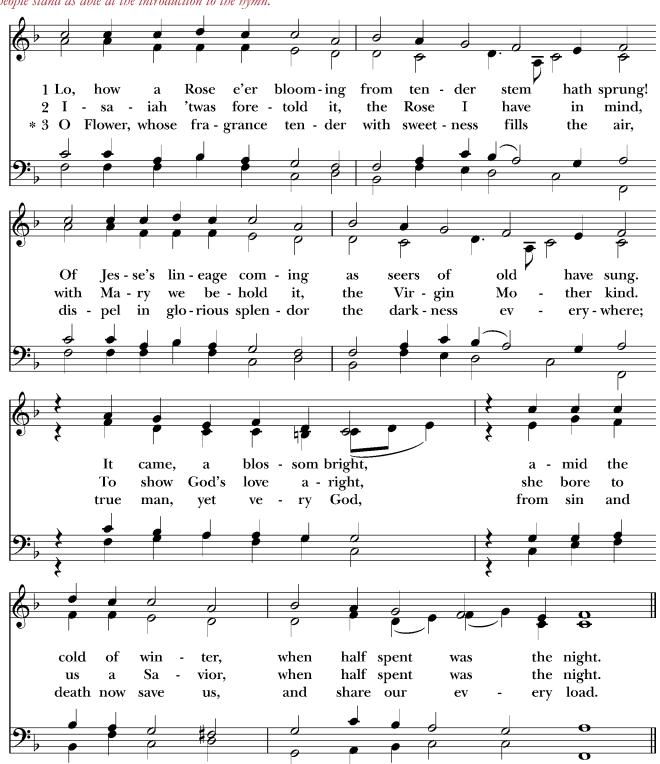
Reader: a Sunday School Child

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

HYMN

Lo how a Rose e'er blooming

Sung by all



The Seventh Lesson

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17

Reader: The Director of Music

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

CAROL

The Holly and the Ivy

Sung by the Choral Scholars

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

> Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom as white as the lily flower, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Saviour.

Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.

Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

> Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

ENGLISH TRADITIONAL CAROL

Luke 1:26-38 Reader: the Deacon

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

HYMN The angel Gabriel Sung by all



THE NINTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-23 Reader: the Rector

St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of Jesus.

CAROL A Maiden Most Gentle Su

Sung by the Chancel Choir

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

How blest is the birth of her heavenly child Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call The Lord of creation and Saviour of all Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare And marveled in awe at the babe in her care *Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray Sing praise to the Savior, sing endless Amen Ave, Ave, Ave Maria. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

THE VENERABLE BEDE, 673-735 AD

FRENCH TRADITIONAL MELODY ARR. BY ANDREW CARTER

CAROL

E'en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Sung by the Choral Scholars

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 savéd 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 in heaven, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon,
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!

THE VESPER RESPONSORY

Officiant Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.

Choir 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.
 Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
 Officiant Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

All shall keep silence for a time.

Officiant We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord;

Choir In the midst of thy temple.

THE ADVENT BLESSING

Officiant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great

humility, you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People Amen.

Officiant May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in

faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People Amen.

Officiant May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be

rewarded with unending life.

People Amen.

Officiant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you

and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Officiant 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;

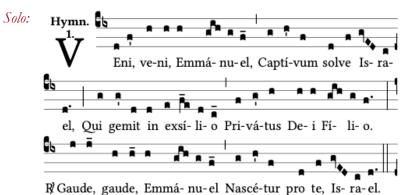
honor all people, love and serve the Lord,

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.

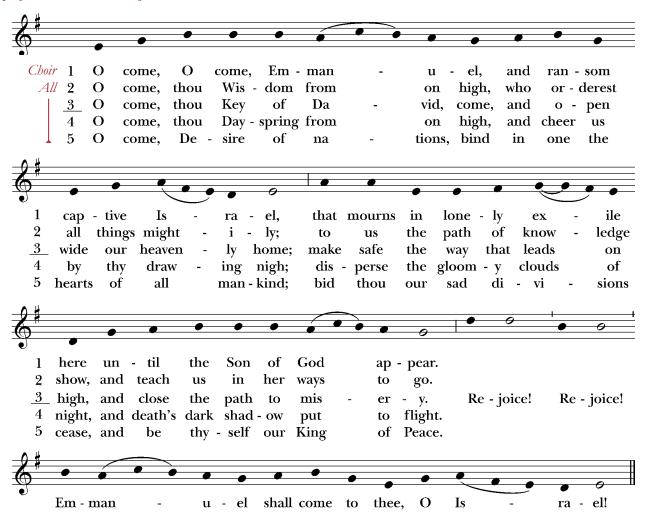
People Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

O come, O come, Emmanuel



The people join the choir on stanza two



Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Arr: David Cherwien

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

OFFICIANTS

The Reverend Rob Keim
The Reverend Deacon Susan Arnold

READERS

Jane Delgadillo Nancy Taylor Carlos Ortiz Natalia Berryman Brian Petersen Sergio Dirksen Janis Johnson Susan Arnolds Rob Keim

MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir

(Claire Saxon, Lynne Schulz, Rachel Mann, Patricia Ottesen, David Ottesen, Rob Dirksen, Rob Keim)

The Choral Scholars

(Leah Coffey, Catryna Benander, Zach Allen, Alexander Miller) (Alumni: Katelyn Caron, Taylor Boling, Ryan Nagelmann, Taylor Hatch, Ricky Scott)

Janis Johnson Director of Music

SAINT BARNABAS' SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday	DECEMBER 22	Advent 4 Eucharist	8:00 am & 10:00 am*
Tuesday	DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve services	4:45 pm* & 10:45 pm
Wednesday	DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day service	10:00 am*
Sunday	DECEMBER 29	Christmas Lessons & Carols	(no 8:00 am service) 10:00 am*
Monday	January 5	Eucharist and Epiphany celebrations	8:00 am & 10:00 am*

*Service is available to watch on our YouTube channel and live-streamed on Facebook. facebook.com/StBarnabasAG or bit.ly/StBYouTube

