

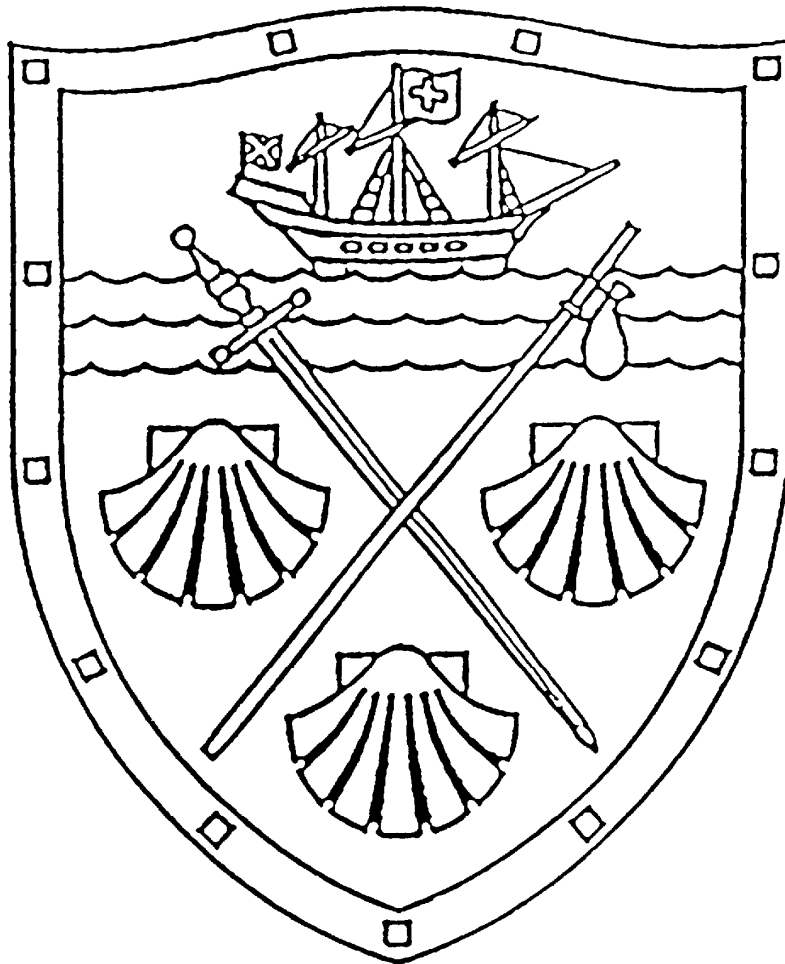
The Cathedral Church of St. James

The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Organ Recital – 4:00pm

Advent Lessons & Carols: From Darkness to Light – 4:30pm



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4:00pm Organ Recital

Organist: Robert Pecksmith

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645) - *J.S. Bach*
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) - *J.S. Bach*
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 660) - *J.S. Bach*
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661) - *J.S. Bach*
Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter (BWV 650) - *J.S. Bach*
Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Op. 122, no. 8) - *J. Brahms*

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please ensure that cell phones are turned off.

- ***Masks must be worn at all times.***
- *Please maintain physical distancing at all times from those who are not part of your family bubble.*
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4:30pm Advent Lessons & Carols: From Darkness to Light

The readings, carols and hymns lead us from darkness to light, as the events told by the prophets unfold.

The service starts quietly, in the darkness of creation, but ends in a blaze of light as the Archangel Gabriel visits Mary, and prologue in John's gospel echoes the opening words of the Book of Genesis when he announces the light of the Incarnate Word.

Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter.

Matin Responsory

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Choir 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
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?

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Officiant The Lord is my light and my salvation:

People **Our God shall change the darkness to light.**

Leader We light the candle of **HOPE**. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we give thanks for the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

We light the candle of **PEACE**. Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we give thanks for the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

We light the candle of **JOY**. Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we give thanks for the joy we find in Jesus Christ. Leader:

We light the candle of **LOVE**. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we give thanks for the love we have in Christ.

Officiant Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory for ever. As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ, your living Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Hymn **Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth**

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

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

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to us displayed.

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.

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

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Text: St. Ambrose, tr. John Mason Neale
Music: Melody Michael Praetorius; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward.

Bidding Prayer

Officiant Beloved in Christ: In this season of Advent we come to worship the one who is our Judge, our Redeemer and our Guide. He is our loving God, who created our world and the far reaches of the galaxy; who said "Let there be light," and light shone forth, in order that all things might reflect the glory of his presence.

Let us pray.

Loving Father, the light of your glorious sunshine has too often been hidden by the clouds of our sin — your love we have turned to lust, your beauty to ugliness and what you had made possible we have rendered impossible. But in the disgrace we have made of your world your grace still shines. With all its fragile beauty your light remains a constant in our lives for your love never fails, brightening our days, casting our shadows behind us and guiding us into the new life that you have prepared for us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are God's light in the world, and you have come among us to illuminate our path and show us the true and living way into the Father's presence. Once again your flickering light has been placed in our hands to cradle and care for, as once your Virgin Mother cradled you. May the light of the world shining in our hearts be our care and delight as we share your radiance with others. In Christ's light may we be blessed and may we bless others even in the darkest corners of the world.

O Holy Spirit of God, kindle your fire of love in our hearts. That flame sees through us and reveals us as we are but may it also heal us so that renewed in love and joy and peace we may shine as Christ's light in the world, and serve his people in the Father's name, for you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are our God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Antiphon

Choir

O Emmanuel

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The First Lesson - Light is called into existence

Genesis 1: 1-5

Reader In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol Drop Down Ye Heavens from Above

Richard Lloyd

Choir Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
 and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is 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:
and 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:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
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.

Antiphon

Choir

O Sapientia

O come, Thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, Who or - derest
all things migh - ti - ly; To us the path of know - ledge show,
And teach us in her ways _____ to go. Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The Second Lesson - Light will shine in the dark places of injustice

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Reader The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Carol **A Great and Mighty Wonder**

Michael Praetorius arr. James Whitbourne

Choir

A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The virgin bears the Infant
With virgin honor pure!
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

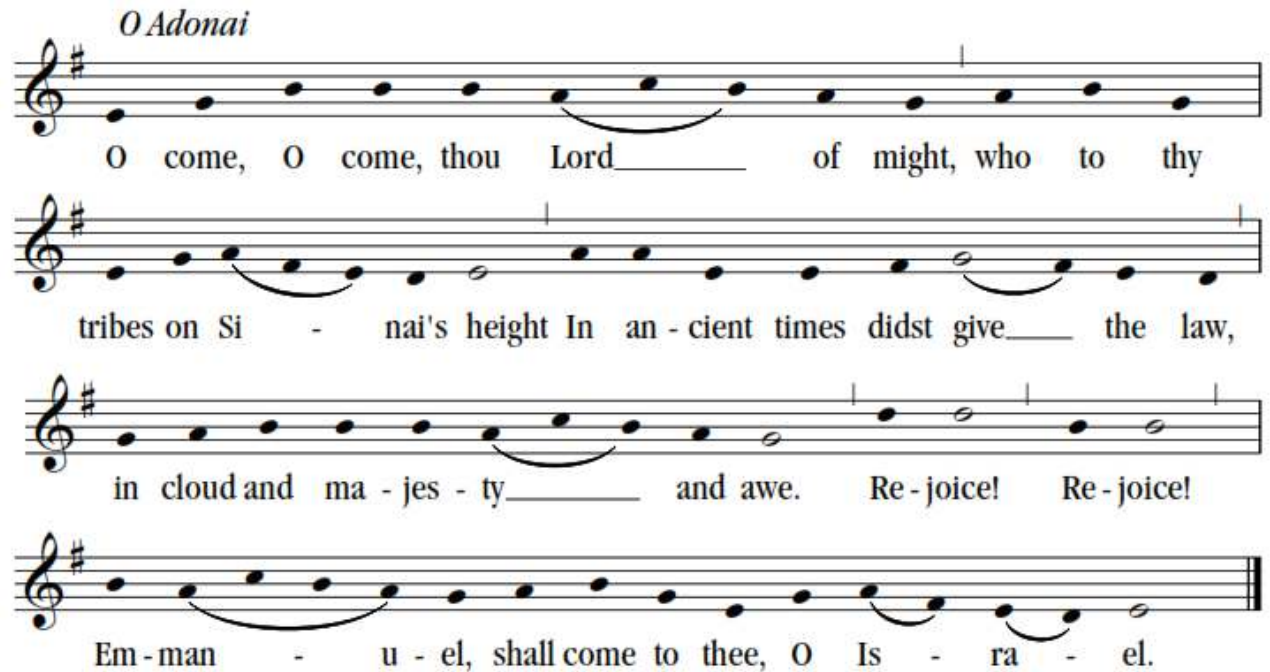
While thus they sing your monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains!
Ye oceans, clap your hands!
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

Since all He comes to ransom,
 By all be He adored,
 The Infant born in Bethl'em,
 The Savior and the Lord!
 Repeat the hymn again:
 To God on high be glory
 And peace on earth to men!

Antiphon

Choir

O Adonai



O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the law,
 in cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The Third Lesson - Light will shine along dark pathways

Isaiah 42: 14-16

Reader

For a long time I have held my peace, I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labour, I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbage; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Carol*Choir***Jesus Christ the Appletree**

Elizabeth Poston

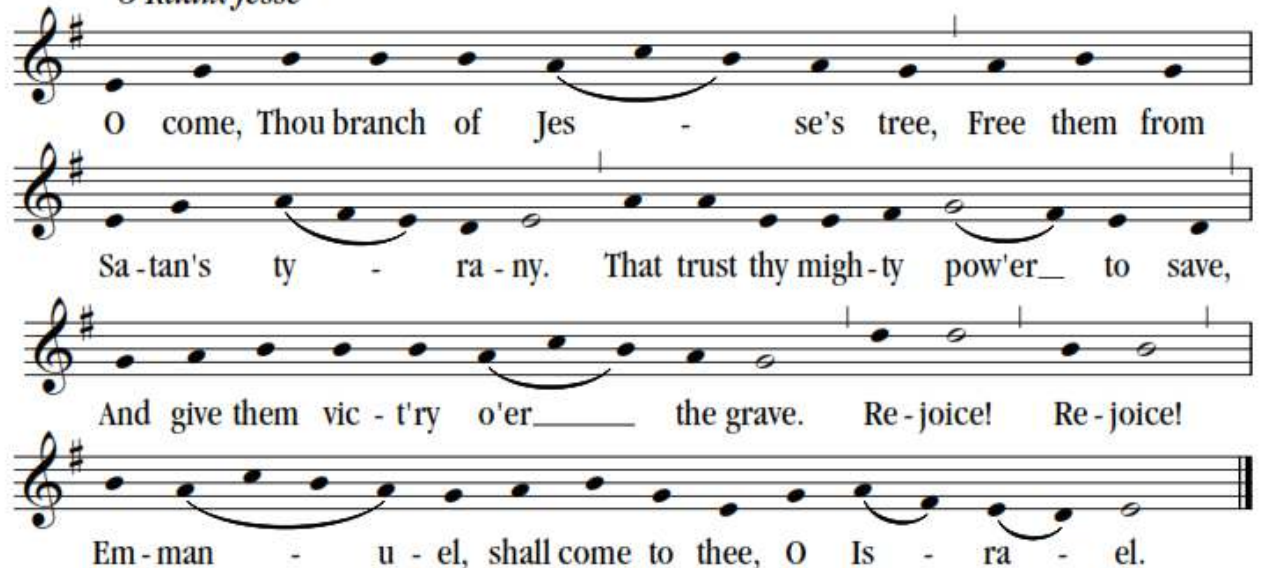
The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.

I'm weary with my former toil -
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

Antiphon*Choir**O Radix Jesse*


O come, Thou branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
Sa - tan's ty - ra - ny. That trust thy migh - ty pow'er_ to save,
And give them vic - t'ry o'er_ the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The Fourth Lesson - Light will shine among the nations

Isaiah 60: 1-5

Reader Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol **This is the Truth Sent from Above**

Traditional arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams;
(v. 3: T. Bell)

Choir This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing, which I do relate,
That God at first did man create
The next thing, which to you I tell,
Woman was made with him to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose
For so a promise soon did run
That He'd redeem us with a Son.

And at this season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands He did teach.

Thus He in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved
And if you want to know the way
Be pleased to hear what He did say.

Antiphon

Choir

O Clavis David

O come, Thou Key of Dav - id, come, And o - pen
wide our heaven - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to mis - e - ry. Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The image shows a musical score for a choir. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is 'O come, Thou Key of Dav - id, come, And o - pen'. The second line is 'wide our heaven - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,'. The third line is 'And close the path to mis - e - ry. Re-joice! Re-joice!'. The fourth line is 'Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.'.

The Fifth Lesson –

To be read in Mandarin & English

Isaiah 61: 1-3

Light will shine upon the broken, the oppressed, and the captive

Reader

主耶和华的灵在我身上。因为耶和华用膏膏我，叫我传好信息给谦卑的人，差遣我医好伤心的人，报告被掳的得释放，被囚的出监牢。报告耶和华的恩年，和我们上帝报仇的日子。安慰一切悲哀的人。赐华冠与锡安悲哀的人，代替灰尘，喜乐油，代替悲哀，赞美衣，代替忧伤之灵。使他们称为公义树，是耶和华所栽的，叫他得荣耀。

Reader

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Carol**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

Louis Borgeois

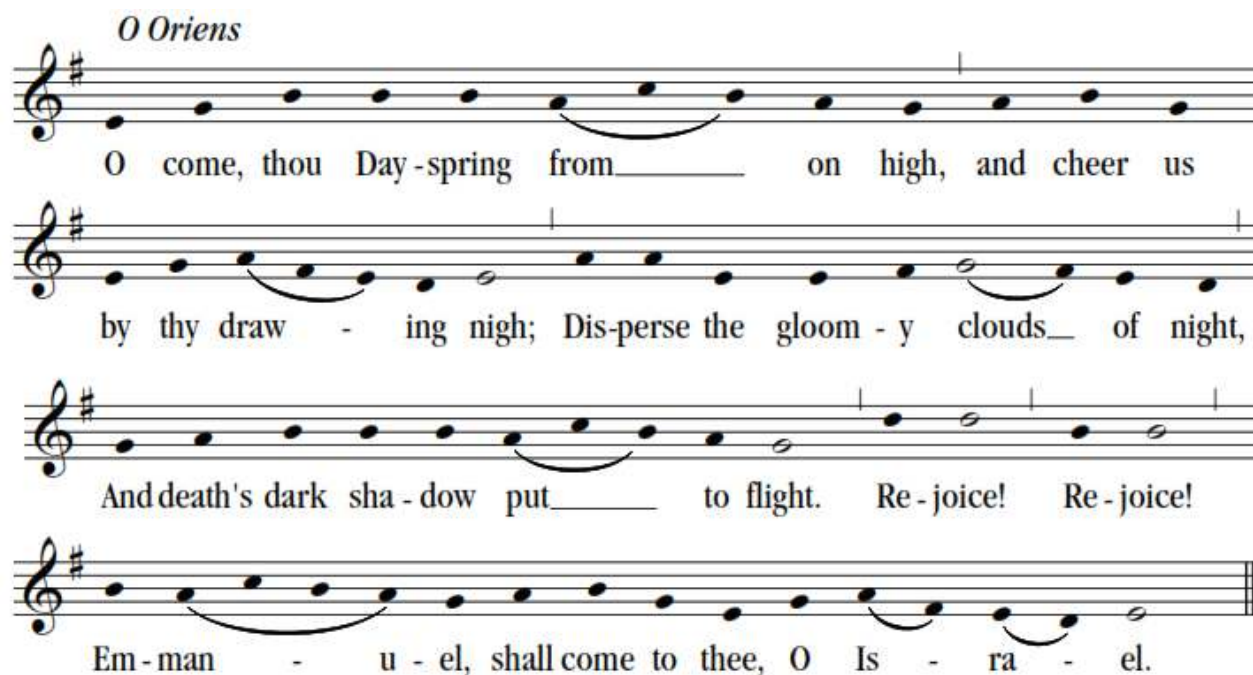
Choir

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace," so says our God.
 "Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrows' load.
 To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them;
 tell them that their war is over, God will reign in peace for ever."

Straight will be what long was crooked, and 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 earth is spread abroad,
 and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Antiphon*Choir*

O Oriens



O come, thou Day-spring from _____ on high, and cheer us
 by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis-purse the gloom - y clouds_ of night,
 And death's dark sha - dow put _____ to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The Sixth Lesson – Light shines in Mary's moment of fear and doubt *Luke 1: 26-38**Reader*

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 for ever, 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.

Reader
People

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Carol
Choir

Dixit Maria
Dixit Maria ad angelum:
Ecce ancilla Domini,
fiat mihi secundum
verbum tuum.

Hans Leo Hassler

Mary said to the Angel:
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,
let it be done to me, according to your
word.

Antiphon
Choir

O Rex Gentium

O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the
hearts of all man-kind; Bid Thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,
And be Thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The Seventh Lesson –

John 1: 1-9

The Light of the Incarnate Word scatters the darkness

Reader In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol E'en So Lord Jesus

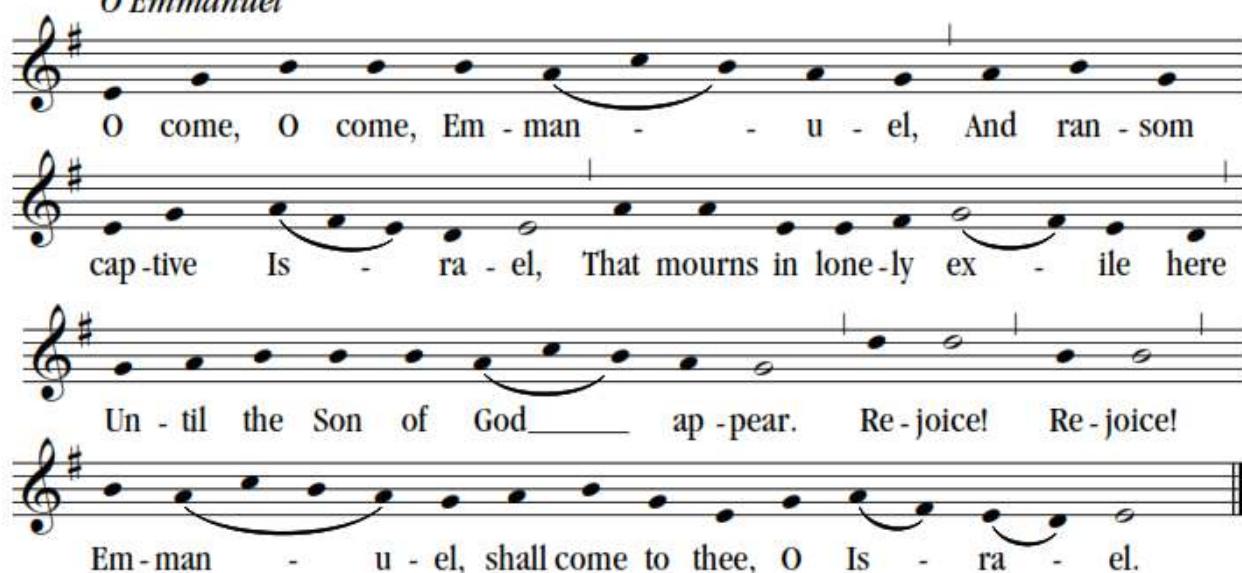
Paul Manz

Choir 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 within, rejoice on earth, 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!

Antiphon

Choir

O Emmanuel



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Closing Prayers

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. You scatter the shadows before our path, and through your Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth. May we who have been baptized in the ocean of your love, also shine as lights in the world, become instruments of your peace, and icons of your presence. For you are our God for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
Our Father,

All **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.**

Advent Collect

Officiant Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Advent Blessing

Officiant Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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

Tune: Helmsley

Choir Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.
Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
O, come quickly! O, come quickly! O, come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Text: John Cennick, Charles Wesley, Martin Madan, alt.; Music: Melody attrib. Thomas Olivers and Martin Madan.

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Postlude Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter

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Fifth Readers: Julia Qiulei Lin & The Reverend James Liu

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www.youtube.com/tordio135

Advent Reflections

During the season of Advent, the Vicar will lead the Cathedral community during the 9:00am and 11:00am celebrations as he reflects on the four Advent themes, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. This is a wonderful way to get ready to celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation when the blessings of hope, peace, joy and love came to us in the child of Bethlehem.

Weekday Services at the Cathedral

Morning Prayer

Monday–Friday: 8:00am - *also live-streamed at*
www.youtube.com/c/stjamescathedraltoronto

Morning Prayer will also be posted online only on our
[YouTube channel](#) *on Saturday at 8:00am.*

Holy Eucharist

Monday & Friday: 12:15pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 9:30am (Snell Hall) & 12:15pm

*All services take place in the Cathedral's **Lady Chapel** except as noted.*

Pre-registration is not required; there will be sign-in sheet when you arrive.

TODAY!

From Darkness to Light: An Advent Sequence of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, November 28 at 4:30pm

Join us for this special Advent service as we prepare together for Christ's birth. The readings, carols and hymns lead us from darkness to light, as the events told by the prophets unfold. The service starts quietly, in the darkness of creation, but ends in a blaze of light as the Archangel Gabriel visits Mary, and prologue in John's gospel echoes the opening words of the Book of Genesis when he announces the light of the Incarnate Word. This service will be both in-person and live-streamed on the Diocesan website at www.youtube.com/tordio135

The service will be preceded by an Organ Recital at 4:00pm.

Advent Wreath Making – Today! Sunday, November 28 at 3:30pm

Prepare for Advent by making yourself and your family an Advent Wreath! We'll have supplies for you to decorate a wreath form with fresh greens and fill it with candles. There's a suggested donation of \$15. For details email Claire at clatimerdennis@stjamescathedral.ca

Advent Through the Arts - Young Adult Advent Series – begins December 5

During Advent, we'll be hosting a series of conversations for young adults in the parish, looking at Advent themes in poetry, photography, music, and iconography. We'll meet on Sundays at 12:30pm in Snell Hall, **beginning December 5**. For details email Claire at clatimerdennis@stjamescathedral.ca

Christmas Memorial Flowers

A beautiful way to remember a loved one at Christmas is through the memorial poinsettias that will be placed in the Cathedral for the season. Names can be emailed to info@stjamescathedral.ca or called in to the clergy extension at 416-364-7865, ext. *232. We are asking for donations of \$40 (minimum) per name or per couple. Donations will be designated to the Cathedral Flower Fund and are tax-receiptable. Please indicate whether you will be making your payment by credit card online or by cheque on the offering plate/by mail. **The deadline for submitting memorial names will be Tuesday, December 7.**

This Week

Anti-Black Racism: Shared Stories, Shared Pain, Shared Hope

Panel Discussion: Wednesday December 1 from 7:00-8:30pm via Zoom

When forming our Social Justice and Advocacy Motion for 2021, many of you indicated a desire to hear the stories and experiences of those who have faced racism in the Church and elsewhere. Therefore, we are delighted to welcome a panel of persons, all educators, who are willing to share their stories, as well as their pain and hope as they work for a better and more equal Church and society where racism is disrupted and dismantled. **Please join us for this important panel discussion as we welcome Marilyn Sinclair, Jacqui Steer, and Raphael Francis.** To read the bios of the panelists, visit our website (click [here](#)). The event will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, December 1 from 7:00-8:30pm. To attend, please send a registration request to info@stjamescathedral.ca. Together we can counter the sin of racism.

Stewardship 2021

The initial response to our Fall Appeal letter has been very encouraging. We offer a sincere **Thank You** to all those who have replied so generously.

The financial situation at St. James Cathedral is challenging, to say the least. We need your support – either by increasing your annual giving or making a special year-end gift – if we are to have any chance of balancing this year's budget, as we had hoped to do.

You may have heard of **Giving Tuesday**, which this year falls on November 30. From a simple encouragement to do good, in the last ten years it has become a global movement encouraging charity and acts of kindness. This year on Giving Tuesday we ask you to remember St. James Cathedral and its work. If you haven't responded already to our Fall Appeal, please consider it seriously and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

“The tasks of greater generosity and stewardship are before us as a community. I have every confidence we can achieve these things together, led by the One who has given himself for us.” - The Very Reverend Stephen Vail, Rector of St. James Cathedral and Dean of Toronto

You can help by making a gift either on-line at stjamescathedral.ca or by mailing a cheque to *St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9*.

Looking Ahead

“Blue Christmas” – Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00pm

Our “Blue Christmas” celebration (Service of Remembrance and Hope) will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00pm. In the shadow of the Advent Candles, we will trim our Christmas tree by hanging doves in memory of our loved ones who will be missing from our tables at this joyous time. *Registration to attend the service will open on our website on December 1.*

Book Group – Next meeting: Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00pm

Join the Cathedral Book Club in reading *Laurus* by **Eugene Vodolazkin**. A novel set in Medieval Russia, it follows a Holy Fool in his life's adventures. It's a strange, beautiful, and funny book! We'll gather over Zoom on December 15th at 7:00pm. Email clatimerdennis@stjamescathedral.ca if you're interested in joining the discussion.

***La Nativité du Seigneur* - Friday, December 17 at 7:30pm**

La Nativité du Seigneur by Olivier Messiaen will be presented by Organist Rashaan Allwood. More details to come!

Thread of Hope - A PWRDF Advent Resource

Daily scripture readings, prayers, meditations and stories of hope - emailed to you for your Advent journey. To sign up and for more Advent resources, visit the PWRDF website at <https://pwrdf.org/advent2021>.

PWRDF Christmas Cards 2021

Our Canadian Anglican Church Agency for sustainable development and relief, PWRDF, continues to support national and international communities needing help as it has all through the pandemic. Working with trusted partner agencies on the ground around the world, it is involved with bringing humanitarian relief to disaster areas as well as long term commitments to empowering women, food security, preventative health, supporting refugees and Indigenous programs. Please continue to support the work of PWRDF with your donations, and purchases from the new 2021 World of Gifts Catalogue and Christmas Cards. Details at the website pwrdf.org, email pwrdf@pwrdf.org or phone 416-924- 9192.

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