



**ADVENT
PROCESSION
WITH
CAROLS**

6 December 2020 at 6.00pm

Preparing for Christmas: Waiting and Expecting

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and rising anticipation.

Tonight's service invites us, through word and music, to enter into an anticipatory mood.

Using carefully chosen Bible readings matched with carols and congregational hymns, we are invited on a journey into faith. Enjoy. Be moved. Get ready. Christ is coming.

Please stand when the bell rings

ADVENT ANTIPHON

adapted from a Magnificat by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-94)
Sung from the Gallery

I look from afar:	<i>And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.</i>
Go ye out to meet him and say:	<i>Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?</i>
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,	<i>Go ye out to meet him and say:</i>
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.	<i>Tell us, art thou he that should come?</i>
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come	<i>to reign over thy people Israel.</i>
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.	<i>I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.</i>
Go ye out to meet him and say:	<i>Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?</i>

BIDDING PRAYER

The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson, Dean

As we enter, eager and expectant, into this solemn season of Advent, looking forward to the birth of the Christ child, let us renew in ourselves that vision of God's perfect kingdom which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes for us.

In penitence we confess our failures and shortcomings, and seek pardon for those sins which frustrate God's redemptive purposes and hinder the advent of his reign of love.

So in prayer, praise, and song do we give voice to the hope set forth in the Scriptures, that God's kingdom shall come; and, as we prepare for that day to dawn upon us from on high, so we commend ourselves and the whole human family to God's keeping.

May God guide us into the way of peace, give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and kindle in us the fire of his love.

And so we pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*Choir Only*)

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Verse 1 sung from the Lady Chapel

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.*

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:
3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
4. O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
5. 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:

WORDS: John Mason Neale (1818-1866) translated from Latin Advent Antiphons

MUSIC: Melody adapted from a French Missal by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)
harmonised by Noël Tredinnick (b. 1949), descant by David Iliff (b. 1939)

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The Collect for Advent

Almighty God, give us grace that we may 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 among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge 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. **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

Please be seated

LIEBSTER, HERR JESU, WO BLEIBST DU SO LANGE?

Anon. (attributed J.S. Bach, 1736)

Liebster Herr Jesu,
wo bleibst du so lange?
Komm doch, mir wird hier auf Erden so bange,
Komm doch und nimm mich,
wenn dir gefällt,
Von der beschwerlichen Bürde der Welt,
Komm doch, Herr Jesu,
wo bleibst du so lange?
Komm doch, mir wird hier auf Erden so bange.

Dearest Lord Jesus,
where do you tarry so long?
Come, I am so afraid here on earth,
Come and fetch me,
if it be your pleasure,
From the world's oppressive burden,
Come, Lord Jesus,
where do you tarry so long?
Come, I am so afraid here on earth.

WORDS: Christoph Weselovius (1676)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

Read by The Rev'd Peter Jin, Assistant Priest

Poetry offers the freedom to use multiple images, heaping metaphor on metaphor to make a point. Tonight's first reading comes at the end of a long poem which begins in a lament as God wonders how and why those known as God's Chosen should turn away from God. It ends with a glorious promise of restoration and home-coming.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT
Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, And hear Thy servants when they call.

Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the bride, As drew the world to evening-tide;
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.

WORDS: OFFICE HYMN, Translated by J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

THE SECOND LESSON

Zechariah 2:10-13

Read by Sophie Crompton, Lay Clerk

What might it be like to have God in our midst? Listen to the extraordinary vision of Zechariah as he foreshadows one of the names given to Jesus – Emmanuel, God is with us. Confronted with the all-glorious God, and enveloped in awe and wonder, what else can we do but keep silence.

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

Be silent, all people, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

ALMA REDEMPTORIS

Anon. (Medieval)

Alma redemptoris mater.

As I lay upon a night, my thought was on a burd so bright
that men clepen Mary, full of might, *redemptoris mater.*

To her came Gabriel with light and said: Hail be thou, blissful wight!
To ben cleped now art thou dight, *redemptoris mater.*

At that word that lady bright Anon conceived God full of might;
Then men wist well that she hight, *redemptoris mater.*

When Jesu on the rood was pight, Mary was doleful of that sight
Till she see him rise upright, *redemptoris mater.*

Jesu, that sittest in heaven light, Grant us to comen beforn thy sight
with that burde that is so bright, *redemptoris mater.*

WORDS: Medieval English

THE THIRD LESSON

Baruch 4:36-5:9

Read by Mr Joe Thorp, Registrar and Secretary of Synod, Diocese of Adelaide

Baruch is one of the books found in the Apocrypha, books that didn't quite make it into the Bible but are accepted as worth reading. This passage certainly is – full of promise and increasing excitement as those sent into Exile begin to return home to Jerusalem, the holy city.

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;
they are coming, gathered from east and west,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

PEOPLE LOOK EAST
Besançon Carol, arr. Barry Ferguson (b.1942)

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.

Furrows be glad, though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there,
Give up your strength, the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People look East and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together,
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
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.

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

HYMN (*Choir Only*)
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing:
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854) based on Psalm 72
MUSIC: Adapted from Johann Crüger (1598-1662) by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
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THE FOURTH LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9

Read by David Perry, Cathedral Chorister

This beautiful and well-known passage from St Paul's letter is often known as the "Gaudete" (rejoice) passage. In our waiting and expecting may there be room for much joyful anticipation as we continue faithfully living the life of those baptised into Christ.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

BE MERCIFUL UNTO ME

C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me:
for my soul trusteth in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge,
until this tyranny be overpast.

I will call unto the most high God, even unto the God that shall
perform the cause which I have in hand.

He shall send from heav'n and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.
God shall send forth his mercy and truth.

My soul is among lions. And I lie even among the children of men, whose teeth are
spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heav'ns.

My heart is fixed, O God; I will sing and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp. I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people.

I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heav'ns,
and thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heav'ns, and thy glory above all the earth.

WORDS: Psalm 57

THE FIFTH LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Read by The Rev'd Dr Cathy Thomson, Principal, St Barnabas College

St Paul uses military armour to remind his readers of the importance of faith, love and hope grounded in Jesus Christ. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas this year, to whom can we offer a word of encouragement?

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

ÖFFNE DICH, from Cantata 61

J.S. Bach (1685-1750), Words: Erdmann Neumeister

Sung by Jessica Dean, Soprano

Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze,
Jesus kömmt und ziehet ein.
Bin ich gleich nur Staub und Erde,
Will er mich doch nicht verschmähn,
Seine Lust an mir zu sehn,
Daß ich seine Wohnung werde.
O wie selig werd ich sein!

*Open, my whole heart,
Jesus comes and enters in.
Even though I am only dust and earth,
yet He does not wish to scorn me,
but to revel His joy to me,
so that I may become His dwelling.
O how happy will I be!*

WORDS: Erdmann Neumeister (1671-1756)

THE SIXTH LESSON

James 5:7-10

Read by Mr Reuben Jacob, People's Warden

As anyone who has children knows, waiting, especially for something as important as Christmas, is not easy. James counsels patience, using the time to grow stronger in our faith and being careful how we behave towards one another.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

HYMN (*Choir Only*)

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

1. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill 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. That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped with fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.
5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

WORDS: Edward Caswall (1814-1878), based on *Vox clama ecce intonate*, (Latin, 5th or 6th century)

MUSIC: William Henry Monk (1823-1889), descant by John Barnard (b. 1948)

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THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 3:1-17

Read by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson, Precentor

Luke, the consummate historian and story teller, places the start of Jesus's work and teaching firmly in its historical setting. Drawing on the great cry from Isaiah 40 (known to all who love Handel's Messiah for its opening aria) John the Baptist is the one who announces that the Lord is indeed near and that action must now be taken.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

WE WAIT FOR THY LOVING KINDNESS

William McKie (1901-1984)

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God;
In the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness, Alleluia.

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God;
In the midst of thy temple.

O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

WORDS: Selected by Rev'd C.M. Armitage (1901-1984)

HYMN (*Choir Only*)

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick (1718-1755)

MUSIC: Melody adapted from John Wesley's *Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed*, 1765

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Please remain standing

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude:

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) – *Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland* BWV 661

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applause is not normally appropriate during an act of worship*

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SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2020

Advent 2

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

6:00pm Advent Carols Service

WEEKDAYS

7:30am Eucharist

(Lady Chapel)

8:45am Morning Prayer

(Dean's Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

(Lady Chapel)

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020

Advent 3

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Jin

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Jin

6:00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson



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