### Saint Thomas's Church

# A Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday

During the course of Solemn Evensong at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 3, 2023



The Concert, Gerard van Honthorst, 1623 The National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

#### Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

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#### Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector



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#### Officiant: Fr. James Shire

## **Director of Music:** Elizabeth Anderson **Assistant Director of Music:** Manuel Piazza

Guest Conductor: John Tuttle

#### VOLUNTARY

Es ist ein Ros' entsrungen, Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

At the sound of the bell, the People stand and turn to face the Narthex:

#### INTROIT

Matin Responsory

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. 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?

Music adapted from G.P. da Palestrina, (c. 1525-1594) From the First Repository for Advent Sunday

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, thou Redeemer of the Earth

Choir only

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin-birth: Let ev'ry age adoring fall; Such birth befits the God of all.

Choir only

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

- All 3 From God the Father he proceeds,
  To God the Father back he speeds;
  His course he runs to death and hell,
  Returning on God's throne to dwell.
- All 4 O Equal to thy Father, thou!
  Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
  The weakness of our mortal state
  With deathless might invigorate.
- All 5 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
  And darkness breathe a newer light,
  Where endless faith shall shine serene,
  And twilight never intervene.
- All 6 All laud, eternal Son, to thee
  Whose advent sets thy people free,
  Whom with the Father we adore,
  And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR Adapted by Michæl Prætorius 1571-1621 St Ambrose 340-397 Tr. J.M. Neale 1818-66 and others

The People sit for the Psalms.

#### **PSALM 50.1-6**

Deus deorum



*Cantor* 1 THE LORD, even the Most Mighty **God**, hath spo-ken: and call-ed the world, from the rising of the sun unto the **gö**-ïng down there-of.

- 2 Out of Sion, the per-fec-tion of beau-ty: **Göd** häth shin-ed forth.
- Cantor 3 Our God cometh, and **keep**-eth^not sil-ence: there goeth before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest is stir-red up **röund** ä-bout him.
- *People* 4 He calleth to the **hea**-vens^from a-bove : and to the earth, that he may **jüdge** his peo-ple:

Cantor 5 'Gather my saints to-**geth**-er^un-to me: those that have made a covenant with **më** with sa-cri<sup>2</sup>fice.'

*People* 6 And the heavens de-clare his righ-teous-ness: for **Göd** is judge him self.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and tö thë Ho-ly Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be : world with-**oüt** ënd. A-men.

#### **PSALM** 67 Deus misereatur

VII. 2.

Cantor 1 GOD BE merciful unto us, and bless us:

People and show us the light of his countenance, and be mer-ci<sup>2</sup>ful un<sup>2</sup>to üs;

2 That thy way may be **known** up-on earth: thy saving health a-**mong** all na-tiöns.

Cantor 3 Let the people **praise** thee, O God: yea, let all the **peo**-ple praise thee.

*People* 4 O let the nations re-**joice** and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the **na**-tions up-on earth.

Cantor 5 Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the peo-ple praise thee.

People 6 The earth hath brought **forth** her in-crease : and God, even our own God, shall **give** us his bless-ing.

Cantor 7 God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

People Glory be to the **Fa**-ther and to the Son : and **to** the Ho-ly Ghöst;

Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be:

People world with-out end. A-mën.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6.1-11a

The First Lesson is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah, in the sixth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his

feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long?

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

#### THE MAGNIFICAT

The Edington Service, Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; /

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; /

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;

As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen. SECOND LESSON John 1.6-8,19-28

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint John, in the first chapter, beginning at the sixth verse.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. And 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; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

The Edington Service, Grayston Ives

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, / which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;-As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

The Creed is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy Catholic Church:

The Communion of Saints;

The Forgiveness of sins;

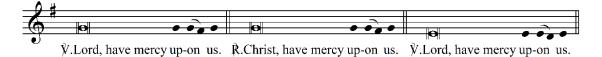
The Resurrection of the body,

And the Life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



The People kneel.



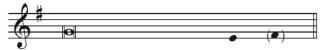
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,

#### 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### THE RESPONSES



- V. O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us;
- R. And grant us thy salva-tion.
- V. O Lord, save the King,
- $\mathbb{R}$ . And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righ-teous-ness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.
- $\dot{V}$ . O Lord, save thy peo-ple.
- R. And bless thine inhe-ri-tance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
- R. And evermore mightily defend us.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts with-in us;
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

#### THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put 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 Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.** 

#### **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** 

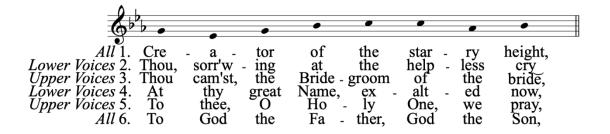
#### COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

The People stand.

**HYMN 66** 

Creator of the starry height





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From the Latin (c 6th cent.) Tr. Rev. J.M. Neale 1818-66

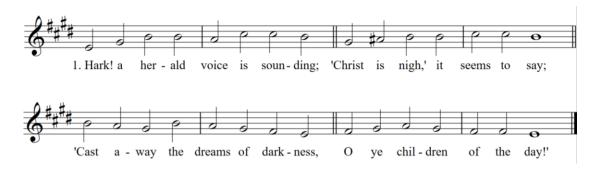
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM Sarum Plainsong, 7th cent.

#### THE PROCESSION

During the singing of this hymn the Choir moves in procession to the Baptistery.

#### **HYMN 63**

Hark! a herald voice is sounding



- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! The Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven; Let us all, with tears of sorrow, Pray that we may be forgiven;
- 4 That when next he comes with glory, And the world is wrapped in 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.

#### AT THE BAPTISTERY

#### READING AT THE FIRST STATION

Isaiah 40.1-8

The Lesson is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah, in the fortieth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Here endeth the Lesson.

#### CAROL AT THE BAPTISTERY

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day I would my true love did so chance To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance: Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance; Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance: In a manger laid and wrap'd I was, So very poor, this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance:

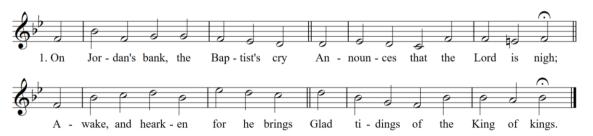
Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance, My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance:

English traditional carol Ar. Martin Shaw

The People stand to sing the hymn as the choir moves in procession to the Lady Chapel.

#### **HYMN 67**

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry



- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin; Make straight the way for God within; Prepare we in our hearts a home, Where such a mighty Guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our Salvation, Lord, Our Refuge, and our great Reward; Without thy grace we waste away, Like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, And bid the fallen sinner stand; Shine forth, and let thy light restore Earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, Eternal Son, to thee Whose Advent doth thy people free, Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Ghost for evermore.

WINCHESTER NEW Adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Handbuch, Hamburg 1690 Charles Coffin 1676-1749 Tr. John Chandler 1808-76

#### AT THE LADY CHAPEL

#### READING AT THE SECOND STATION

Luke 1.26-35, 38

The Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke, in the first chapter, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Here endeth the Lesson.

#### The People sit.

#### CAROL AT THE LADY CHAPEL

#### Hymn to the Virgin

Of one that is so fair and bright, Brighter than the day is light, I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, That I may come to thee.

All this world was forlorn
Till our Lord was y-born
With ave it went away
Darkest night, and comes the day
The well springeth out of thee.

Lady, flow'r of everything, Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King, Of all thou bear'st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise Maid mild, mother es Effecta

HYMN TO THE VIRGIN Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) Velut maris stella, Parens et puella,

Tam pia, Maria!

Eva peccatrice, De te genetrice,

Salutis; Virtutis.

Rosa sine spina Gratia divina

Electa Effecta.

Anon (circa 1800)

The People stand as the procession resumes.

#### **HYMN 62**

O Come, O come, Emmanuel



All 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.

Upper 2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free

Voices Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

All 3 O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine Advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lower 4 O come, thou Key of David, come,
Voices 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.

All 5 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes, from Sinai's height, In ancient time didst give the law In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### AT THE ROOD

#### READING AT THE THIRD STATION

Mark 1.9-15

The Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Mark, in the first chapter, beginning at the ninth verse.

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Here endeth the Lesson.

#### CAROL AT THE ROOD

There is no Rose

There is no rose of such virtue As is the rose that bare Jesu:
Alleluia

For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space: *Res miranda*.

By that rose we may well see There be one God in persons three, *Pares forma*. The angels sungen the shepherds to: *Gloria in excelsis Deo!* 

Gaudeamus.

Leave we all this worldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth:

Transeamus.

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Anon, 15th Century

The People stand as the choir returns to the stalls.



WACHET AUF Melody by Hans Sach; arr. and harmonized by J.S. Bach Text by Philip Nicolai, 1599 Tr. Carl P. Daw

#### BEFORE THE HIGH ALTAR

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O Lord; In the midst of thy tem-ple.

The People remain standing for the Collect, Responsory, & Final Hymn.

#### Let us pray:

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming: grant that we, who with joy receive thy 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 Choir sings.

#### VESPER RESPONSORY

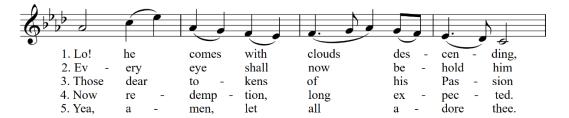
Judea et Hierusalem

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

Music adapted from G.P. da Palestrina, 1525-94

#### HYMN 60

Lo! he comes with clouds descending





HELMSLEY T. Olivers, 1765, and M. Madan, 1769 Rev. John Cennick and Rev. Charles Wesley, altd. Rev M. Madan, 1760

#### Overture to 'St Paul,' (based on Wachet auf), Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

VOLUNTARY

Please join us after this service for a reception in the Parish Hall.

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#### **DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!

#### MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am, Monday-Friday 9:30 am, Saturday 7:30 am, Sunday

#### **EVENING PRAYER**

5:00 pm, Monday-Friday 5:00 pm Sunday (Choral Evensong)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

#### **SUNDAY**

Low Mass 8:00 am Sung Mass 9:30 am High Mass 11:00 am

#### WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am Saturday

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