

# Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, November 28, 2021  
at 4:00 pm



*The Tree of Jesse*  
page from a German Psalter, c. 1245  
The J. Paul Getty Museum

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*Please note that congregational singing is now permitted on the condition that protocols around mask wearing and distancing are strictly followed.*

*Please sing along with the choir for the hymns.*

**PRELUDE:** Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, *Johannes Brahms*

**INTROIT:** Matin Responsory, *Palestrina*

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?

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

*Please stand for the opening hymn.*

**OPENING HYMN** - Come, thou Redeemer of the Earth

- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.
- 2 Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now his course to run.
- 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.

- 4 O Equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state,  
With deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.
- 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 Michael Praetorius 1571-1621*

*St Ambrose 340-397*  
*Tr. J.M. Neale 1818-66 and others*

### THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; 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 the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant:* As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:  
All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive 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.**

*Officiant:* The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON - Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**CAROL** - *Audivi vocem de caelo, Thomas Tallis*

I heard a voice coming from heaven:  
come all wisest virgins;  
fill your vessels with oil, for the bridegroom is coming.  
In the middle of the night there was a cry:  
behold the bridegroom comes.

**SECOND LESSON** - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

*Please stand.*

**HYMN 62** - O come, O come Emmanuel

- 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 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.

- 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, 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.

*VENI EMMANUEL*  
*Melody adapted from a French Missal*  
*by Thomas Helmore 1811-90*

*From the 12th cent. Latin*  
*Tr. J.M. Neale 1818-66*

*Please be seated.*

### **THIRD LESSON - Baruch 4:36 - 5:9**

O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever. Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven. For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship. Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God. For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom. For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God, Moreover even the woods and every sweet smelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God. For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

**CAROL** - E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, *Paul Manz*

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 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.

**FOURTH LESSON** - Isaiah 40:1-11

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 goodness 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. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.



*Please stand.*

**HYMN 67 - On Jordan's bank**

- 1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake, and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 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  
Musicalisch Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690*

*Tr. (1837) from C. Coffin (1736) by Rev. John Chandler*

*Please be seated.*

**FIFTH LESSON - Isaiah 64:1-9a**

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that

stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever.

**RORATE COELI**, *Josef Rheinberger - Mode I*

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

**SIXTH LESSON** - Zephaniah 3:14-18

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

*Please stand.*

**CAROL** - Sleepers, wake!

- 1 “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,  
The shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:  
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,  
Their urgent summons clearly spoken:  
“The time has come, O maidens wise!  
Rise up, and give us light;  
The Bridegroom is in sight.  
Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,  
That you the wedding feast may share.”

- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing;  
Her heart with joyful hope is springing,  
She wakes and hurries through the night.  
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious  
In strength of grace, in truth victorious:  
Her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
Now come, most worthy Lord,  
God's Son, Incarnate Word,  
Alleluia!  
We follow all and heed your call  
To come into the banquet hall.
- 3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;  
Let saints and angels sing before you,  
As harps and cymbals swell the sound.  
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:  
Through them we stream to join th' immortals  
As we with joy your throne surround.  
No eye has known the sight,  
No ear heard such delight:  
Alleluia!  
Therefore we sing to greet our King;  
For ever let our praises ring.

*PHILIP*

*Text by Philip Nicolai, 1599  
Tr. Carl P. Daw Jr.*

*Please be seated.*

### **SEVENTH LESSON - Isaiah 7:10-15**

Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

**CAROL - 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*

**EIGHTH LESSON - Micah 5:2-4**

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

*Please stand.*

**HYMN 63** - Hark! A herald voice

- 1 Hark! a herald 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 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.

*MERTON*  
*W.H. Monk 1823-89*

*From the 6th cent. Latin*  
*Tr. E. Caswall 1814-78*

*Please be seated.*

**NINTH LESSON** - Luke 1:26-38

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, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

**CAROL - A Tender Shoot, *Otto Goldschmidt***

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING PRAYERS**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of thy Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Cantor:* Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

*People:* **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

*Cantor:* Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

*People:* **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*People:* **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

**THE ADVENT COLLECT**

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, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN 60 - 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!  
Christ appears on earth again.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought 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 Now redemption, long expected,  
See in solemn pomp appear;  
All his saints, by man rejected,  
Now shall meet him in the air:  
Alleluia!  
See the day of God appear.
- 5 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.

*HELMSLEY*  
*T. Olivers, 1765, and M. Madan, 1769*

*Rev. John Cennick and Rev. Charles Wesley, altd. Rev M. Madan, 1760*

**POSTLUDE:** Num komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661, *J.S. Bach*