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Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols



December 2, 2018

Five O'Clock in the Evening

St. John's Cathedral

The Episcopal Diocese of Florida

Jacksonville, Florida

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral!

The Advent service in the old English liturgies provided vivid preparation for the coming of our Lord to earth. Much of this carol service is drawn from these sources. Throughout the service, the choir moves in procession from the West to East, from darkness into light. As the procession moves toward the East End, prophetic readings alternate with carols. Finally, in the Sanctuary, the Gospel replaces the Prophets.

It is our privilege and joy to offer quality choral services like this one. Please help us continue this great tradition through your generous offering. An offering will be collected during the singing of the carols after the reading of the Third Lesson. During this service, we ask that all cell phones and audible pagers be turned off, and that no flash photography is used. If you are in need of an assisted listening device, please see an usher.

ADVENT PRELUDES

Prelude on the Chorale, "Behold a Rose Bursts into Bloom" Katrina Wreede
Dr. Cynthia Miller, cello

Prelude on the Chorale, "Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles" Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude on the Chorale, "Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles" Dietrich Buxtehude
Prelude on the Chorale, "Behold a Rose Bursts into Bloom" Johannes Brahms

ORDER OF SERVICE

Matin Responsory for Advent *from the West End* G. P. da 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 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? Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Paul Fisher & Michele Holt, cantors

Hymn 57 "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" *Helmsley*

The People are seated.

First Lesson God commissions Isaiah to be the Prophet of the Advent. Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Carol *in the Crossing* "Twas In The Year" G. R. Woodward

'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died, a vision by Isaiah was aspied:
A lofty throne, the Lord was set thereon; and with his glory all the temple shone.
Bright Seraphim were standing round about. Six wings had every of that quire devout.
With twain he awesome veil'd his face, and so with twain he dreadful veil'd his feet below.
With twain did he now hither, thither fly: and thus aloud did one to other cry:
'Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth, full of his glory are earth and heaven both.'
And at their cry the lintels moved apace, and clouds of incense filled the Holy Place.

Season's Blessings
Advent and Christmas at St. John's Cathedral

Wednesday, December 12

A Cathedral Christmas Dinner | 5 p.m.

Join us for this parish-wide holiday celebration of good food and good cheer! Purchase tickets on our website under Give or after each service.

Friday, December 21–Saturday December 22

Youth Lock-In | 6 p.m.–9 a.m.

Feel the excitement of waiting and watching expectantly during the last days of Advent.

Saturday, December 22

Pageant Rehearsal | 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 23

Christmas Pageant | 9 a.m.

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Family Service | 4 p.m.

Services with Cathedral Choir | 6 & 11 p.m. (incense will be used at 11 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

Service with Cathedral Choir | 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols | 5 p.m.

A candlelight service of Christmas scripture and traditional carols sung by the Cathedral Choir.

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The People kneel.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in 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.

Verse: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

Response: In the midst of thy temple.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon the armor 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 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 Ghost, now and forever. *Amen.*

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 Blessing

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace: send forth thy Spirit from on high that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee. O Lord, who for our sake was of a virgin born, make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. *Amen.*

The People stand and sing.

Hymn 72 "Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes!" *Richmond*

At the Procession Prelude on the Advent Chorale *Paul Manz*
"Comfort, comfort Ye My People"

Concluding Voluntary Prelude on the Advent Chorale *Johann Sebastian Bach*
"Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles"

As at all Services of Music, the People are encouraged to remain in their pews to listen to the closing organ Voluntary.

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The People stand and sing.

Hymn 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding" *Merton*

The People are seated.

Second Lesson The Prophet proclaims the good news to a people in exile. *Isaiah 40:1-8*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Carol The brightness of thy rising *Maurice Greene*
The Gentiles shall come to thy light; and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Dr. Cynthia Miller, cello

Third Lesson The Prophet foretells the coming of the Lord. *Zechariah 2:10-13*

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.

The Offering is collected.

Carol This is the record of John *Orland Gibbons*

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, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.	And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.	Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.
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David Avery, tenor
Dr. Cynthia Miller, cello

The People stand and sing.

Hymn 76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" *Winchester New*

The People are seated.

Fourth Lesson The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. *Luke 1:26-38*

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, favored 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 favor 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.

Carol *sung antiphonally* The White Dove Johann Brahms

A snow white dove from heaven flew down to the earth, In angel form it greeted a Maid of lowly birth, With peace and joy its tidings fill'd her breast, For She, above all women, would be for ever blest. <i>Kyrie Eleison.</i>	The gates of heav'n would open, The angel then did tell, And Christ our Blest Redeemer would deign on earth to dwell; The Holy Babe who lay her ams within, Should be the promised Saviour to purge the world from sin. <i>Kyrie Eleison.</i>	And when our life is ended, on Thee will we call, The Son of Holy Mary, Who died to save us all; In mercy hear us when we cry to Thee, From fear of death's dark angel, O Jesus set us free. <i>Kyrie Eleison.</i>
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Fifth Lesson The Blessed Virgin Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Carol *sung antiphonally* When rooks fly homeward Arthur Baynon

When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall, when roses fold on the hay-yard wall, when blind moths flutter by door and tree, then comes the quiet of Christ to me.	When stars look out on the Children's Path and grey mists gather on carn and rath, when night is one with the brooding sea, then comes the quiet of Christ to me.
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The choir moves into the Sanctuary as the melody of "Wachet auf!" sounds from the organ in the version by J.S. Bach.

Carol *sung by the choir in the Sanctuary* Wachet Auf! Phillip Nicolai

"UP! awake!" from highest steeple, the watchmen cry, "Awake, ye people; O Salem, from thy slumber rise! Hear those clarion voices knelling, the hour of midnight loud forthtelling; Say, where are ye, O virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes awake! Up! Lamp and lantern take; Alleluia! With ready light ye must tonight go forth to join the marriage rite."

Sixth Lesson St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of Jesus. Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he

had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means 'God is with us.'

Carol Advent Calendar Philip Ledger

He will come like last leaf's fall. One night when the November wind has flayed the trees to bone, and earth wakes choking on the mould, the soft shroud's folding.	He will come like dark. One evening when the bursting red December sun draws up the sheet and penny-masks its eye to yield the star-snowed fields of sky.
He will come like frost. One morning when the shrinking earth opens on mist, to find itself arrested in the net of alien, sword-set beauty.	He will come, will come, will come like crying in the night, like blood, like breaking, as the earth writhes to toss him free. He will come like child. <i>-Rowan Williams</i>

Paul Fisher, baritone

Carol The Birds Richard Shephard

When Jesus Christ was four years old, The angels brought him toys of gold, Which no man ever had bought or sold. And yet with these he would not play. He made him small fowl out of clay, And blessed them till they flew away. <i>Tu creasti Domine.</i>	Jesus Christ, thou child so wise, Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, And bring my soul to Paradise. <i>-Hilaire Belloc</i>
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Rebecca Andrews, soprano

Carol Virga Jesse Anton Bruckner

<i>Virga Jesse floruit: Virgo Deum et hominem genuit: pacem Deus reddidit, in se reconcilians ima summis. Alleluja.</i>	The branch from Jesse blooms: a Virgin brings forth God and man: God restores peace, reconciling in Himself the lowest with the highest. Alleluia.
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The People stand.

Vesper Responsory

<i>Priest</i>	Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
<i>People</i>	Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
<i>Priest</i>	Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
<i>Priest</i>	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
<i>People</i>	Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Hymn 462 "The Lord will come and not be slow" *St. Stephen*