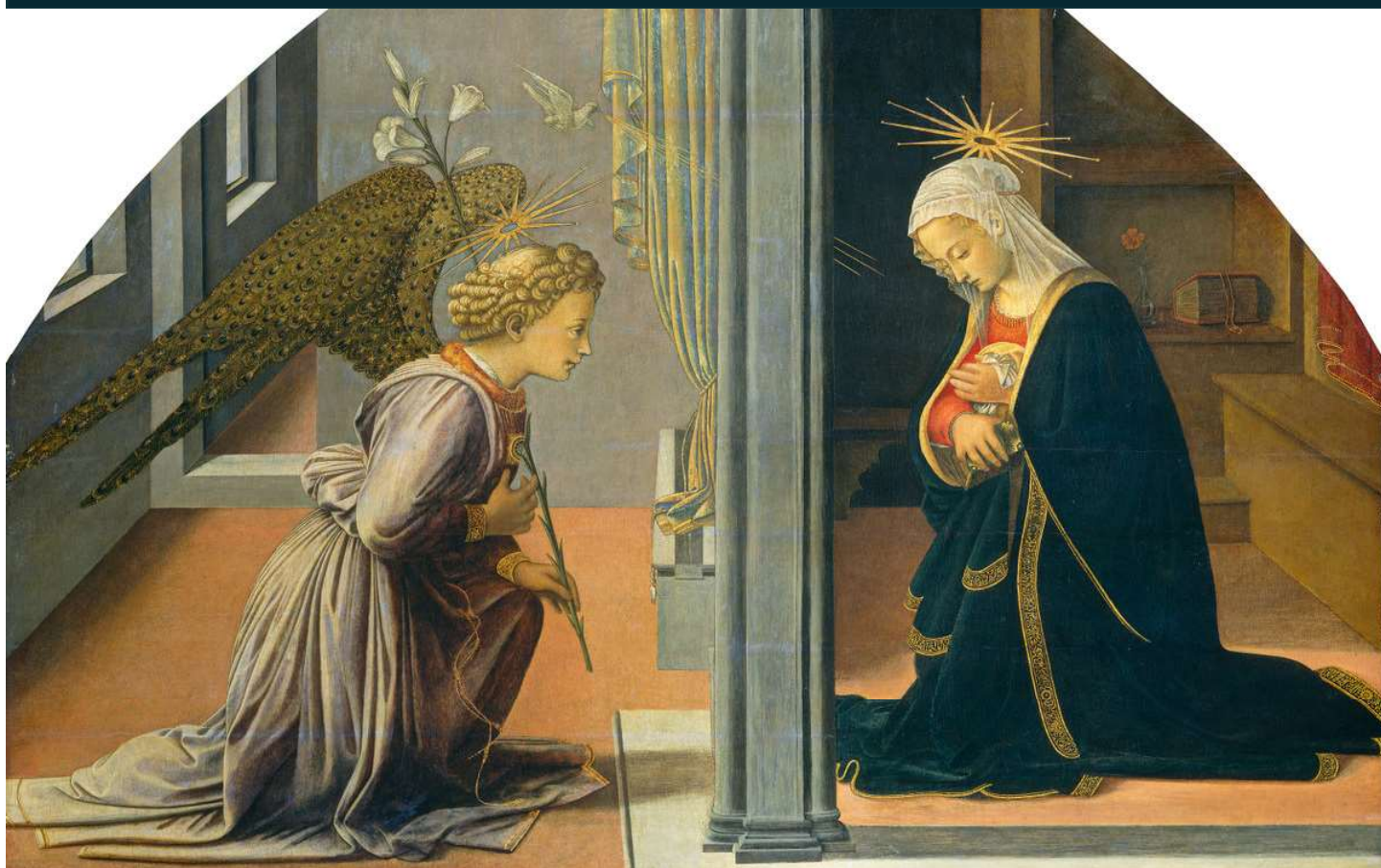


ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS



The Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 4, 2016 5:00 PM

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Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols

Prelude: Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Introit: This is the truth sent from above

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

Opening Hymn: Hymn 56, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 1-4


Veni, veni Emmanuel

Lucernarium: *The Book of Occasional Services, p. 12*


Cantor: Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

People: 
Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

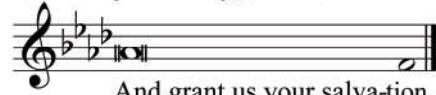
Cantor: Show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

People: 
O Lord God of hosts.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: 
Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Cantor: Show us your mercy, O Lord:

People: 
And grant us your salva-tion.

Opening Hymn: Hymn 56, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 5-8

Veni, veni Emmanuel

Advent Bidding Prayer: *The Book of Occasional Services, p. 31*

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 Angles, 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 his 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 our area.

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 with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven; in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Officiant: Out Father

People: **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and 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 everlating life; and the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Antiphon: The Advent Prose – Verse 2.

Arr. T. Bennett

First Lesson: *Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.*

Genesis 3:1-15

Anthem: Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord (1897 - 1961)

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter,
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden,
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our ladie,
Abeen heav'ne queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen.
Deo gratias!

Second Lesson: *God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.*

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Carol: Hymn 67, Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

Thrid Lesson: *The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.*

Isaiah 11: 1-9

Anthem: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Michael Praetorius (1571 - 1621)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung;
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind;
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel with glorious splendour
The darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God,
From Sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

Fourth Lesson: *A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.*
Carol: Hymn 59, Hark, a thrilling voice

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Merton

Fifth Lesson: *The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.*
Anthem: Carol of the Advent

Baruch 4: 36--5: 9
Philip Dietterich (1931 -)
Arr. T. Bennett

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.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, 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 with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
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.

Sixth Lesson: *God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."*
Anthem: Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland

Isaiah 7: 10-15
Vs. 1-2, - Lucas Osiander (1534 - 1604)
Vs. 3-4, c. 1609 - Melchior Vulpus (1570 - 1615)
Vs. 5-6, - Michael Praetorius (1571 - 1621)
Vs. 7-8, - J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Now come, Saviour of the gentiles,
recognised as the child of the Virgin,
so that all the world is amazed
God ordained such a birth for him.
Not from man's flesh and blood
but only from the Holy Spirit
has God's Word become man
and flourishes as the fruit of a woman's body.

His course came from the Father
and leads back to the Father,
he went down to Hell
and back to God's throne.
You who are equal to the Father,
be victorious in the flesh
so that your eternal divine power
may support our weak flesh.

The virgin's body was pregnant,
but her chastity remained pure,
in this way her many virtues shine clearly,
God was there on his throne.

Your crib shines bright and clear,
in the night there is a new light,
darkness must not overpower it,
faith remains always radiant.

He went forth from his chamber,
from the royal palace so pure,
by nature God and man, a hero,
he hastens to run his way.

Praise be given to God the Father,
praise be to God his only Son;
praise be to god the Holy Ghost
for ever and always.

Seventh Lesson: *The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.*
Carol: Hymn 65, Prepare the Way O Zion

Zephaniah 3: 14-18
Bereden väg för Herran

Eighth Lesson: *God promises a new heaven and a new earth.*
Anthem: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Isaiah 65: 17-25
Elizabeth Poston (1905 - 1987)

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.

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 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 apple tree.

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

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 apple tree.

Ninth Lesson: *The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*
Carol: Hymn 265, The Angel Gabriel

Luke 1: 26-38
Gabriel's Message

Choral Anthem: O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

The Collect:

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, Grant that we, who with joy receive thine 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

Closing Hymn: Hymn 57, Lo! He Comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

Postlude: Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this service a success; especially to members of our own Aquia Church Choir, and our guests from St. George's Episcopal Church; including members of the Choir of St. George's and the Compline Choir. A special thank you to John Vreeland, Director of Music Ministries at St. George's Episcopal Church, and to our own Fr. Morris for their support and encouragement.

I would like to extend a special invitation to join us for our Christmas Eve services on Saturday, December 24th as we usher in the celebration of our Lord's nativity with seasonal music beginning at 5:00, 7:30 and 10:30 PM ahead of all three Christmas Eve services. The first service, at 5:30 PM and with music beginning at 5:00, will be led by our Aquia Choristers childrens choir and feature a broad range of Christmas Carols from multiple traditions. This will include an 18th century French-Canadian carol with Native American roots called The Huron Carol; a festive arrangement of La Monnoye's *Patapan* carol, circa 1720; and Gustav Holst's wonderful *In the Bleak Midwinter* among other works.

The Adult Choir will lead our music at 7:30 PM and 10:30 PM ahead of our two evening services. We are also thrilled to welcome back our guest instrumentalists, Charles and Claire Workinger, who you may have heard play for us this past Easter. Both services will feature a thirty-minute prelude including both instrumental, organ and choral works that will continue to explore the wealth of Christmas music across multiple centuries and continents. Choral works will include everything from Gregorian Chant and a 14th century Medieval English Carol, *Lullay, Lullay: Als I lay on Yoolis Night*; to a 16th century anonymous Spanish carol, *Verbum Caro Factum Est: Y la Virgen*, and a vigorous late 19th century work, *The Babe Of Bethlehem*, from The Southern Harmony. The highlight of our prelude at both services will be an arrangement of Michael Praetorius' jubilant *Puer Natus in Bethlehem á 12*, from 'Polyhymnia Caduceatrix' for choir, organ and instruments, circa 1619. Our offertory anthem will be Tomás Luis de Victoria's classic *O Magnum Mysterium*. We hope that you will join us at Aquia Church as we celebrate the mystery of Christ's birth.

Wishing all of you a joyous Christmas, and wonderful holiday season,

Trystan Bennett - Director of Music

Aquia Church invites you to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord

Sunday, December 18

11:15 AM The Holy Eucharist with Children's Christmas Pageant
(in the Christain Formation and Fellowship Building)

Saturday, December 24

5:00 PM Music led by the The Aquia Choirsters, Aquia's childrens choir

5:30 PM The Holy Eucharist

7:30 PM Music led by the Aquia Choir & Guest Musicians

8:00 PM The Holy Eucharist

10:30 PM Music led by the Aquia Choir & Guest Musicians

11:00 PM The Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 25

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (No Music)

Sunday, January 1

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (No Music)

10:00 AM Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Commnion



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