

# Lessons & Carols



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

10:00 AM, HOLY EUCHARIST,

*Prelude*                      *Coventry Carol,' arr. for flute and organ by Peter Crisafulli,  
and 'Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine,' arr. for flute and  
organ by Lani Smith. Flute: Gillian Martin*

**Processional Hymn 123 Once in Royal David's City**

verse 1 solo

*(IRBY)*

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Reader 1:** Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Through the prophets, God promised a Messiah. We are in awe of Jesus' birth—that God came to us in this way, in a weak and vulnerable baby. The mighty God of the universe has become Emmanuel, "God with us."

**Reader 2:** The first Advent candle reminds us to have hope for a better world. The second Advent candle reminds us that God's dreams for peace can become real in the world. The third Advent candle reminds us that God calls us to share joy by being part of the healing of the world.

**Reader 1:** Today we light the fourth Advent candle. It reminds us of God's promise to be with us and to love us, now and always.

*(The fourth candle is lit)*

**All: Loving God, we thank you for your promise that you will be with us always. We rejoice in your faithfulness. Give us courage to respond with the same love and compassion shown by Jesus. Amen**

**Hymn 368 He Came Down (vs 3)**

*(HE CAME DOWN)*

He came down that we may have joy x 3  
hallelujah for evermore.



## Bidding Prayer

My brothers and sisters: in the name of Christ I welcome you. We have come together as Christmas draws near to prepare for our celebration of the birth of God's beloved Son. Through the days of Advent we have followed the light of Christ, and now we travel in spirit with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to acclaim with the multitude of the heavenly host the coming of the Prince of Peace. Through Scripture and silence, prayer and song, let us hear again the wonderful story of our redemption, and, hearing, let us rejoice and respond with lively faith.

*All pray in silence for a while.*

Almighty God,  
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Choir: Jesu Olore*

*(YORUBA WORSHIP SONG  
TRANSCRIBED BY J. BOWERMAN)*

*Jesus, Messiah, gracious one.  
He suffered and died for me.  
Come listen to the news of great joy.*

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 40:1-8

**The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile**

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 forever.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn 107 Prepare the Way**

*(PREPARE THE WAY)*

Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord, and all  
people will see the salvation of our God.

SECOND LESSON: ISAIAH 35: 1-10

### **The prophet foretells the Return of the Redeemed to Zion**

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 shouting.

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 shall be opened;  
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 traveler, 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.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn 101 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

*(CRUGER)*

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.

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.

Kings shall fall 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.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
form age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.

### THIRD LESSON: ISAIAH 7: 10-14

#### **The Prophet foretells the birth of Emmanuel – God with us**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Hymn 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

*(ES IST EIN' ROS)*

*flute introduction by P. Crisafulli*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jese's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.



Isaiah was 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 us a Saviour,  
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere.  
true man yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

FOURTH LESSON: LUKE 1:26-35, 38  
**The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary**

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 forever, 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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Choir: The Angel Gabriel*

*BASQUE CAROL*



FIFTH LESSON: LUKE 2:1-7  
**St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Choir: Nativity Carol*

J. RUTTER

SIXTH LESSON: LUKE 2:8-20  
**The shepherds go to the manger**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.





When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Choir: What Shall We Give to the Child*

*CATALAN CAROL*

### **Offertory Hymn 135 Shepherds in the Field Abiding**

*(IRIS)*

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
tell us, when the seraph bright  
greeted you with wondrous tiding,  
what you saw and heard that night.  
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.*

We beheld (it is no fable)  
God incarnate, king of bliss,  
swathed and cradled in a stable,  
and the angel strain was this  
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.*

Choristers on high were singing  
Jesus and his virgin birth,  
heavenly bells the while a-ringing  
“Peace, good will to all on earth.”  
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.*

Thanks, good shepherds, true your story;  
let us go to Bethlehem,  
angels hymn the king of glory;  
carol we with you and them.  
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.*

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Prayer over the Gifts



Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.



*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*HYMN 735*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

*People*

**Amen**



## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*All* **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.**

D.HAAS

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*All* **Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

## The Communion

*Hymn 745 Lamb of God*

SENCHUR

*Hymn 132 Of A Father's Love Begotten*

(DIVINUM MYSTERIUM)

Of Eternal Love begotten ere the world began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are and have been,  
and that future years shall see evermore and evermore.

At his Word the worlds were framed, He commanded, it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining  
of the moon and burning sun evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, gull of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race,  
now he shines, the long expected;  
let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.



O ye heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions, bow before him, and extol our Go and king;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,  
honour, glory, and dominion  
and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

*Anthem: Sans Day Carol*

ARR. J. RITTER

SEVENTH LESSON: JOHN 1:1-14 (*Please stand*)

### **St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Choir: Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

J.S. BACH



## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature;

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen. **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (MENDELSSOHN)

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies,  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born King."*

Christ by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the incarnate deity,  
please as one of us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel; *Refrain*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wing.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*



*Then the deacon or the celebrant says,*

**Leader**      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Noel Suisse

L.C. Daquin

### *Prayer Calendar*

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