



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH
OF ALL SAINTS

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS



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The Bidding Prayer

BELOVED in Christ, as in this holy season of Advent we await the feast of the Birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: let us prepare again to celebrate his coming; let us hear in Holy Scripture how prophets foretold his birth; and let us rejoice with carols and hymns of praise, that God took our nature upon him for the sake of all mankind, that we might be saved and brought to eternal life.

But first, let us pray for the world, created and sustained by God in his love; for those to whom the presence of Christ among us brings neither joy nor hope; and for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and let us call to mind the judgment on us all brought by the coming of Christ, and pray for true amendment of life, that we may receive God's forgiveness and find our lives strengthened and renewed by him.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill toward men, let us pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may be led into the ways of godliness and truth, and inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, let us pray for the unity of Christ's body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise his name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his Kingdom, in the words he himself has taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Congregation will be seated.

Advent Prose (*sung by the choir*)

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. (Isaiah 45:8)

1 Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever; thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: thy holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. (Isaiah 64:9-11)

2 We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. (Isaiah 64:5-7)

3 Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people, and send forth Him who is to come: send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth, from the stones of the desert to the mount of the daughter of Sion: That He may take away the yoke of our captivity. (Isaiah 16:1)

4 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; (Isaiah 40:1) my salvation shall not tarry: (46:13) I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: (44:22) fear not, for I will save thee: (Jeremiah 46:27) for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. (Isaiah 48:17)

Words: attrib. Prudentius (4th cent.); adapt. from Isaiah

Music: Plainsong, Mode I

First Lesson **Isaiah 40. 1 – 8**

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

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.

Thanks be to God.

Carol **'Twas In The Year That King Uzziah Died**

'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died, A vision by Isaiah was espied;
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 veiled his face, and so With twain he dreadful veiled 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.

Words: Isaiah 6. 1-4

Music: C. Wood (1866-1926)

Hymn **Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

PSALM 42

The Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load;
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.

2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth
In the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance,
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him,
And the hills bow down to greet him.

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits his holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That the word is never broken.

Words: J. Olearius (1611-84);
trans. C. Winkworth (1827-78)

Music: C. Goudimel (1514-72)
desc. P. Halley (b.1952)

The Congregation will be seated.

Second Lesson **Jeremiah 23. 5 – 6**

The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Thanks be to God.

Carol Remember, O Thou Man

1 Remember, O thou man,
Thy time is spent:
Remember, O thou man,
How thou cam'st to me then,
And I did what I can,
Therefore repent.

3 Remember God's goodness
And promise made:
Remember God's goodness,
How his only Son he sent,
Our sins for to redress:
Be not afraid.

2 Remember Adam's fall,
from heaven to hell.
Remember Adam's fall,
How we were condemned all,
In hell perpetual,
Therefore to dwell.

4 In Bethlem was he born,
For mankind dear:
In Bethlem was he born
For us that were forlorn,
And therefore took no scorn,
Our sins to bear.

Words: 16th cent. English

Music: T. Ravenscroft (c.1588-1635)

Third Lesson Zechariah 9. 9 – 10

The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn**Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus**

STUTT GART

The Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
 Born to set thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us,
 Let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
 Hope of all the earth thou art;
 Dear desire of every nation,
 Joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver;
 Born a child and yet a King,
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By thine all-sufficient merit,
 Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Melody *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715
 harm. W. H. Havergal (1793-1870)
 desc. P. Halley

*The Congregation will be seated.***Carol****Canite tuba**

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini.
 Ecce venit ad salvandum nos: erunt prava in directa,
 et aspera in vias planas: veni Domine, et noli tardare.

*Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is at hand.**Behold he comes for our salvation: he shall make the crooked ways straight and the rough places plain: come, O Lord, and do not delay.*

Words: First Antiphon at Lauds & Vespers
 on the fourth Sunday of Advent

Music: F. Guerrero (1528-99)**Fourth Lesson Haggai 2. 6 – 9***The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations.*

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn**Hark, A Herald Voice Is Sounding**

MERTON

The Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

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.

Words: 10th cent. Latin; trans. E. Caswall (1814-78)*Music:* W. H. Monk (1823-89)
desc. A. Gray (1855-1935)*The Congregation will be seated.***Carol****E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**

1 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.

3 Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
 Rejoice on earth ye saints below,
 For Christ is coming, is coming soon
 For Christ is coming soon!

2 Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
 The Lord Almighty God,
 Who was and is, and is to come;
 Sing holy, holy, Lord.

4 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!

Words: Revelation 22*Music:* P. Manz (1919-2009)

Fifth Lesson Isaiah 35. 1 – 6

The Prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Thanks be to God.

Carol Laetentur coeli

Laetentur coeli, et exsultet terra. Jubilate montes laudem, quia dominus noster veniet, et pauperum suorum miserebitur. Orietur in diebus tuis justitia et abundantia pacis.

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice. Let the mountains be joyful with praise, because our Lord will come, and will show mercy to his poor. In your days, justice and abundance of peace shall arise.

Words: Isaiah 49:13 and Psalm 72:7

Music: W. Byrd (c.1539-1623)

Sixth Lesson St. Luke 1. 26 – 35, 38

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

Thanks be to God.

Carol

Angelus ad Virginem

Angelus ad Virginem subintrans in conclave,
Virginis formidinem demulcens, inquit, 'Ave!
Ave, Regina Virginum; Coeli terraeque Dominum
Concipies et paries intacta salutem hominum;
Tu porta coeli facta, medela criminum.'

'Quomodo conciperem quae virum non cognovi?
Qualiter infringerem quod firma mente vovi?'
'Spiritus Sancti gratia perficiet haec omnia;
Ne timeas, sed gaudeas, segura quod castimonia
Manebit in te pura Dei potentia.'

Ad haec virgo nobilis respondens inquit ei:
'Ancilla sum humilis omnipotentis Dei.
Tibi coelesti nuntio, tanti secreti conscio,
Consentiens, et cupiens videre factum quod audio;
Parata sum parere, Dei consilio.'

Eia mater Domini, quae pacem reddidisti
Angelis et homini, cum Christum genuisti;
Tuum exora filium ut se nobis propitium
Exhibeat, et deleat peccata: praestans auxilium
Vita frui beata post hoc exilium. Deo gratias.

Words: Late 13th cent. English

*An angel came to the Virgin, and calming her fears
said to her: 'Hail! Hail, queen of virgins, you will
conceive and give birth to the Lord of heaven and
earth, the Saviour of mankind. You are the gateway
of Heaven, a cure for wrongs.'*

*'How shall I conceive, knowing not a man? How
shall I be constant to my vows?'
'The grace of the Holy Spirit will accomplish these
things. Fear not, but rejoice, for the power of God
will keep you chaste.'*

*To this the illustrious maiden replied and said to
him: 'I am the humble servant of Almighty God.
From you, his heavenly messenger, I receive this
mystery. I long for it to come to pass and I am
ready to do God's will.'*

*Come, mother of the Lord, who restored peace to
angels and men when you gave birth to Christ;
beseech your Son to show us favour, to forgive our
sins, and to grant us the joy of heaven after this
exile on earth. Thanks be to God.*

Music: 13th cent; arr. A. Carter (b.1939)

Hymn**“Sleepers Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us**

WACHET AUF

The Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

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 watchman 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.

*Words: P. Nicolai (1556-1608); trans. C. Daw**Music: P. Nicolai; harm. J. S. Bach**The Congregation remains standing for the seventh lesson.***Seventh Lesson St. Mark 1. 1 – 15***Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. 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.

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation will be seated.

Carol Jesus Christ The Apple Tree

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

Words: anon. New Hampshire (1784)

Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

Offering Hymn Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

The Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand Saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! (3x)
Christ appears on earth to reign.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture, (3x)
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

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, (3x)
Shall the true Messiah see.

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! (3x)
Alleluia! Come, Lord come!

Words: John Cennick (1718-1755);
as altered by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Melody A. Arne (1707-88)
arr. D. Willcocks (1919-2015)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Priest: Let us pray.

The people kneel for prayer.

The Collect for Advent

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.*

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Hymn **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

VENI EMMANUEL

The Congregation is invited to stand and sing.

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.

Women 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

Men 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

Women 4 O come, thou branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Men 5 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. *Refrain*

All 6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

All 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

Words: Latin c. 9th cent.; trans. J. M. Neale

Music: Plainsong, Mode I

The Congregation remains standing while the choir sings the final Vesper Responsory.

Vesper Responsory

Juda et Jerusalem nolite timere.

JUDAH and Jerusalem fear not, nor be dismayed:

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

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

Tomorrow 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:

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you!

Words: Final Responsory; Advent Sunday at Vespers

Music: G. P. da Palestrina

Organ Voluntary Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach (BWV 659)

Come now, Saviour of the nations

All are asked to leave in silence.



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