

AN  
ADVENT  
LITURGY

December 1, 2024  
at 6.00 p.m.

Before the service shall be played:

<i>Rorate cæli</i> Three Preludes upon <i>Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland</i>		Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)
	(i)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
	(ii)	Johan Pachelbel (1653-1706)
	(iii)	Gerald Near (b.1942)
<i>Es ist ein Ros entsprungen</i> "Dessens éternels" ( <i>La Nativité du Seigneur</i> )		Gregor Simon (b. 1969) Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) George Anton Emblom, <i>Organ</i>

# ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ *The congregation shall stand, and the choir shall sing:*

MATIN RESPONSORY      **Aspiciens a Longe**

<i>Cantor:</i>	I look from afar:
<i>Solo:</i>	And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
<i>Cantor:</i>	Go ye out to meet him and say:
<i>Choir:</i>	Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
<i>Solo:</i>	High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
<i>Choir:</i>	Go ye out to meet him and say:
<i>Solo:</i>	Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
<i>Choir:</i>	Tell us, art thou he that should come?
<i>Sopranos:</i>	Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
<i>Choir:</i>	To reign over thy people Israel.
<i>Cantor:</i>	Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
<i>Choir:</i>	I look from afar ... thy people Israel?

WORDS, FIRST RESPONSORY OF MATINS, ADVENT SUNDAY  
MUSIC, ADAPTED FROM A MAGNIFICAT  
BY G. P. DA PALESTRINA (c.1525-1594)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **Veni, Redemptor gentium**

*Solo*                    **C**OME, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
Come, testify thy wondrous birth:  
All lands admire, all times applaud:  
Such is the birth that fits our God.

*Choir only*            Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now his course to run.

*All*                      From God the Father he proceeds,  
To God the Father back he speeds;  
Runs out his course to death and hell,  
Returns on God's high throne to dwell.

O Equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.

All laud, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

WORDS, ST. AMBROSE (340-397)  
TRANS J. M. NEALE (1818-1866) AND OTHERS  
MUSIC, M. PRÆTORIUS (1571-1621)

¶ *The congregation shall remain standing as this prayer is said.*

*A BIDDING PRAYER*

The Officiant

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 and see this thing which is come to pass, and 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 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, the homeless, and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind, and those who mourn; the lonely and the and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all 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, the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Francis of Assisi, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man 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:

¶ *Said by all, standing*

**O**UR 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 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.

The Officiant

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

¶ *The congregation shall sit*

*AN ADVENT PROSE*      **Rorate Cæli**

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

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:  
Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

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.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;  
That ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior:  
And there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, my salvation shall not tarry:  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee:  
For I am the Lord thy God: the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

WORDS AND MUSIC, OFFICIA PROPRIA, PARIS (1673)  
TRANS. UNKNOWN

¶ *There is no congregational response to the Lessons.*

FIRST LESSON

**Consolamini**

Isaiah XL, 1-8

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

**C**OMFORT 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 goodliness 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.

CAROL

## **Duo Seraphim**

**D**uo seraphim clamabant alter ad alterum: Two seraphim cried to one another:  
*Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.* Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth.  
*Plena est omnis terra gloria ejus.* The whole earth is full of his glory.

WORDS, MATINS RESPONSORY, TRINITY SUNDAY  
MUSIC, JACOB HANDEL (1550-1591)

*The Lord promises to send his people a righteous king.*

**B**EHOLD, 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.



*HYMN to be sung by all, standing.*

### **Veni, Veni Emmanuel**

**O** Come, O come Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! Draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From the dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell thy people save.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.

O come, O come, Adonai,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From that high mountain clothed with awe  
Gavest thy folk the elder law.

WORDS, PSALTERIOLUM CANTIONUM CATHOLICARUM (1710)  
TRANS. T. A. LACEY (1853-1931)  
MUSIC, XV CENTURY FRENCH FRANCISCAN PROCESSIONAL  
DESCANT AND ORGAN PART, PHILIP LEDGER (1937-2012)

¶ *The congregation shall sit.*

*The prophet Haggai foretells the advent of the Desire of all nations.*

**F**OR 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.

CAROL

## Adam Lay Ybounden

**A**DAM lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not to long.

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

Ne had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been,  
Ne had never our Lady  
Abeen heavenè Queen

Blessèd be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen,  
*Deo gratias!*

WORDS: ANON., XV CENTURY  
MUSIC: PHILIP LEDGER (1937-2012)

*The prophet Isaiah foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God.*

**T**HE 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.

CAROL

## **A Spotless Rose**

**A** Spotless Rose is blowing,  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary purest maid;  
For through our God's great love and might,  
The blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

WORDS: XV CENTURY GERMAN  
TRANS. CATHERINE WINKWORTH (1827-1878)  
MUSIC, HERBERT HOWELLS (1892-1983)

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**A**ND 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

## There Is No Rose

**T**here is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
*Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space:  
*Res miranda.*

And by that rose we may well see  
That he is God in persons three,  
*Pari forma.*

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
*Gaudeamus.*

Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth:  
*Transeamus.*

WORDS, ANON. XV CENTURY  
MUSIC, JOHN JOUBERT (1927-2019)

*HYMN to be sung by all, standing.*

### **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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

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

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

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, JOHN STAINER (1840-1901)

¶ *The congregation shall sit.*



CAROL

## A Hymn to the Virgin

**O**F one that is so fair and bright  
*Velut maris stella,*  
Brighter than the day is light,

*Parens et puella:*

I cry to thee, thou see to me,

Lady, pray thy Son for me,

*Tam pia,*

That I may come to thee.

*Maria!*

All this world was forlorn

*Eva peccatrice,*

Till our Lord was yborn

*De te genetrice.*

With ... *ave* it went away

Darkest night, and comes the day

*Salutis;*

The well springeth out of thee.

*Virtutis.*

Lady, flow'r of ev'rything

*Rosa sine spina,*

Thou bare Jesu, heaven's King,

*Gratia divina:*

Of all thou bear'st the prize,

Lady, queen of paradise

*Electa:*

Maid mild, mother *es effecta*

*Effecta.*

WORDS, XIII CENTURY  
MUSIC, BENJAMIN BRITTEN (1913-1976)

ORGAN

## Wachet Auf!

J. S. BACH

CHORALE

**Wake, O Wake!**

**W**AKE, O wake! With tidings thrilling  
The watchmen all the air are filling,  
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!  
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,  
“The hour has come!” We hear them saying.  
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes in sight,  
Raise high your torches bright! Alleluya!  
The wedding song  
Swells loud and strong:  
Go forth and join the festal throng.

WORDS AND MELODY, PHILIP NICOLAI (1556-1608)  
WORDS TRANS. FRANCIS CRANFORD BURKITT (1864-1935)  
MELODY, ADAPTED AND HARMONIZED BY J. S. BACH

*HYMN to be sung by all, standing.*

### **Jordanis Oras Præbia**

**O**N Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of Kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
And make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

WORDS, C. COFFIN (1676-1749), TRANS. J. CHANDLER (1806-1876)  
MUSIC ADAPTED FROM *MUSIK-ALSCHES HAND-BUCH* HAMBURG, 1690

¶ *The congregation shall remain standing.*

*Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God.*

**T**HE 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.

¶ *The congregation shall sit.*

CAROL

## Alleluya, A New Work is come on Hand

**A**LLELUIA. A new work is come on hand  
Through might and grace of Gode's son  
To save the lost of every land,

*Alleluia.*

For now is free that erst was bound;

We may well sing: *Alleluia.*

Now is fulfilled the prophecy

Of David and Jeremy,

And also of Isaiah,

*Alleluia.*

Sing we therefore both loud and high:

*Alleluia.*

*Alleluia*, this sweetè song,

Out of the green branch is sprung.

God send us the life that lasteth long!

*Alleluia.*

Now joy and bliss be him among

That thus can sing: *Alleluia.*

WORDS, XV CENTURY  
MUSIC, PETER WISHART (1921-1984)

*HYMN to be sung by all, standing.*

**Hark the Glad Sound!**

**H**ARK, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long!  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
Enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved name.

WORDS, PHILIP DODDRIDGE (1702-1751)  
MUSIC, FROM *THE WHOLE BOOK OF PSALMES*, 1621  
THOMAS RAVENSCROFT (c. 1592-C. 1635)

¶ *The congregation shall remain standing.*

**Magnificat**

**M**y †soul doth magnify the Lord;  
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He has filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

¶ *The congregation shall remain standing as the choir sings:*

VESPER RESPONSORY **Judea et Hierusalem**

*Cantor:* Judah and Jerusalem, fear not nor be dismayed;  
*Choir:* 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.  
*Choir:* 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.  
*Choir:* Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

MUSIC, ADAPTED FROM PALESTRINA

*Officiant:* We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord:  
**People:** **In the midst of thy temple.**  
*Officiant:* Let us pray.

COLLECT

The Officiant

**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.**



*HYMN to be sung by all, standing.*

*An offering will be taken, to help defray this evening's expenses.*

**Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

**L**O! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favored sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya!  
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
We who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing  
Shall our true Messiah see.

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!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

WORDS, CHARLES WESLEY (1707-1788) AND JOHN CENNICK (1718-1755)  
MUSIC, ADAPTED FROM AN XVIII CENTURY MELODY  
BY MARTIN MADAN (1726-1790) AND THOMAS OLIVERS (1725-1799)  
DESCANT BY DAVID WILLCOCKS (1919-2015)

¶ *The congregation shall kneel.*

THE BLESSING

The Officiant

**G**O Forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

¶ *The congregation shall stand.*

*Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 661

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*This evening's music is given  
to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Dr. Sally Myers by her sons;  
and in memory of  
Deacon T. Vincent Jang by  
William Bonnell &  
The Rev. Ricardo Avila*

*Please join us after the service for  
a festive reception in the parish hall.*

# Church of the Advent of Christ the King

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<b>Second Lesson</b>	Mr Stephen Rucker
<b>Third Lesson</b>	Miss Suzanne Thompson
<b>Fourth Lesson</b>	Mr Christopher Myers
<b>Fifth Lesson</b>	Mr Thomas Veitch
<b>Sixth Lesson</b>	The Father Rector
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