

28 November 2021



Advent Lessons and Carols

# Welcome!

*We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. As we gather in this sacred space, silent prayer and reflection helps us to prepare for the service. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.*

*Prelude* "Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter"  
BWV 650 J.S. Bach  
(Come Now, Jesu, From Heaven Down To Earth)

*Please rise as you are able to sing our opening hymn: The Advent Prose*

*(The Cantor begins by singing the refrain, which the congregation repeats; the refrain is then sung by all after each verse.)*

*Refrain      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 our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

### Refrain

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.

*Refrain*

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 Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

*Lighting of Advent Candle*

*Introduction and Bidding Prayer for Advent*

*Priest*            My sisters and brothers in Christ,  
in these days of shadow and of hope  
let it be our duty and delight  
to listen to the story of our faith,  
and hear again the prophets' words of blessing and doom.  
And, as we prepare to celebrate again  
the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby,  
let us remember that he also comes  
to judge the just and the unjust,  
and to establish the reign of equity and peace.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us  
respond to the call to prepare the way of the Lord.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the  
pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the poor, the  
oppressed, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign  
for ever and ever,  
let us pray for the rulers of the nations,  
for peace and justice on earth,  
for the unity and mission of the Church,  
that we may be a sign of the age to come.  
With longing in our hearts for God's reign of peace,  
let us hear again the story of Christ's coming,  
and join with Mary and Joseph,  
and all our forebears in faith,  
in offering our worship.

*All*                **Amen.**

*Silence is kept before the first reading*

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.  
Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of  
good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of  
good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules  
for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense  
before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the  
lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently  
lead the mother sheep.

*Prayer*

God our hope, hear again the cry of exiles,  
imprisoned in a dark land of war, hunger,  
and intolerance.  
Come among us with strength and healing  
and bring us back to the world



of your just and holy purpose.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able for Hymn No 100 in Common Praise*

- 1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace: thus says your God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness  
bowed beneath oppression's 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 herald's voice is calling  
in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance  
since the reign of God is here.  
Oh, that warning call obey!  
Now prepare for Christ 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 Messiah's reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that God's Word is never broken.**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Prayer*

God of new beginnings,  
write your law within our hearts  
that we may love as freely as we think and breathe,  
and serve as naturally as children play.  
Make us heralds of your new creation,  
made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Choir*

Remember, O thou man

Thomas Ravenscroft

*Please rise as you are able to sing Hymn No 89 in Common Praise*

I O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel!

- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
 who orders all things mightily;  
 to us the path of knowledge show,  
 and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*
- 4 O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
 from every foe deliver them  
 that trust your mighty power to save,  
 and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring from on high,  
 and cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

*Third reading*

Isaiah 35: 1-10

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 singing.  
 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 unstopped;  
 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 traveller, 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.

*Prayer*

Creating and renewing God,  
giving life in all its fullness, bring, we pray,  
all the children of this earth  
to the freedom of your holy purpose.  
May we see your beauty and glory  
in seas and lakes washed clean,  
in fields of plenty and forests strong,  
and in humanity made whole  
in body, mind, and mutual care,  
in the pattern of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Choir*

How beautiful upon the mountains

John Stainer

*Please rise as you are able to sing hymn No 103 in Common Praise*

- 1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within.  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Fourth reading*

Luke 1.5-25

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-

offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.'

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

### *Prayer*

Almighty God,  
you called John the Baptist  
to give witness to the coming of your Son

and to prepare his way.

Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose,  
and the openness to hear your will,  
that we too may witness to Christ's coming  
and so prepare his way;  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Choir*

This is the truth sent from above

arr. by Vaughan Williams

*Please rise as you are able to sing hymn No 91 in Common Praise*

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

- 5 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.

*Fifth reading*

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, favoured 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 favour 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.

*Prayer*

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord,  
that we who have known the incarnation  
of your Son Jesus Christ,



announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary,  
may by his cross and passion  
be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*                    **Amen.**

*Silent Prayer, please remain seated*

*Choir*                The Angel Gabriel                    arr. by Malcolm Archer

*Homily*              The Rev. Karin Fulcher

*Priest*                Let us pray.

*All*                    **Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility,  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*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.

*Please rise as you are able for the Blessing*

*Priest* With love and compassion,  
*All* come, Lord Jesus.

*Priest* With judgment and mercy,  
*All* come, Lord Jesus.

*Priest* In power and glory,  
*All* come, Lord Jesus.

*Priest* In wisdom and truth,  
*All* come, Lord Jesus.

*Priest* Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all  
the days of your life; and the blessing of *God almighty, the*  
*Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*, be among you and  
remain with you always.  
*All* Amen.

*Please rise as you are able to sing hymn No 114 in Common Praise*

- 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
all who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,  
shall the true Messiah see.

- 3 Now redemption, long expected,  
see in solemn pomp appear;  
all his saints, on earth rejected,  
thrill the triumph sound to hear:  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear!
- 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! O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

*Please be seated*

*Choir*

Vesper Responsory

Palestrina

*Please remain seated during the Postlude*

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Awake, calls the voice to us) BWV 645

J.S. Bach

*The organ postlude is to uplift us as we go out into the world. Kindly refrain from applauding.*



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Please keep  
one bishop-length apart.







**Sunday in-person services** 8am and 10am

**Sunday online service**

10am [Holy Eucharist live-stream](#)

**Wednesday online service**

8pm [Midweek Meditation](#)

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I bring you good news of a  
great joy which will come  
to all the people; for to you  
is born this day a Saviour,  
Christ the Lord.  
*Luke 2.10-11*

# Christmas Services

Dec 24th

5:00pm Children's Service with Communion

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Dec 25th

10:00am Sung Eucharist



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