



Advent Lessons and Carols  
Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 4 p.m.

*Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We're delighted you have joined us for this beautiful service of Lessons and Carols. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. The story of the coming of Christ unfolds through our experience of sacred word and music.*

***Hymns are found in the red hymnal. Please stand for the hymns.***

**PRELUDE**

**O ANTIPHONS**

*Nico Muhly*

- 1. O sapientia*
- 4. O clavis David*
- 5. O Oriens*
- 6. O Rex gentium*
- 7. O Emmanuel*

**MATIN RESPONSORY** *sung by the choir*

*Richard Marlow*

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

*Soloists: Paige Cullins, Anna Squire, Carolina Kipnis, Stephanie Smittle, Grady McCoy, Tomas Baxter, Alan Rackley, &  
Josiah Wheeler*

*All stand, and the Officiant greets the people from the vestibule with these words*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*A Lesson of Scripture is read.*

*The Officiant then says the Prayer for Light.*

*Officiant* Let us pray. O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 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 candles at the Altar are now lighted, as are other candles and lamps as may be convenient.*

## BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of the Incarnation with hymns and songs of praise. And first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this city of Little Rock. And because Christ particularly loves them, let us remember the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God, Mary, Christ's Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray the words which Christ taught us, saying:

**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 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 grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the Spirit bind us all. **Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

**FIRST LESSON** *Read by a Chorister, Madeleine Hood*

GENESIS 3:1-22

**ANTHEM**

E'EN SO LORD JESUS QUICKLY COME

*Paul Manz*

*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.*

*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!*

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing holy, holy, Lord!*

*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!*

*Text: Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz*

**SECOND LESSON** *Read by a Choral Scholar, Anna Sophia Jones*

ISAIAH 40:1-11

**HYMN 61**

"SLEEPERS, WAKE!" A VOICE ASTOUNDS US

*Wachet auf*



**ANTHEM**

**THE WILDERNESS**

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

*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 with joy and singing.  
Say to them of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not:  
Behold, your God, even God, he will come and save you.  
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.  
And a highway shall be there:  
it shall be called the way of holiness;  
the unclean shall not pass over it,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion  
with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

*Text: Isaiah 35: 1-2, 4, 6, 8, & 10 (KJV)*

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**FOURTH LESSON** *Read by Director of Music, Dr. Colin MacKnight*

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

**HYMN 73**

**THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS**

*St. Stephen*

**FIFTH LESSON** *Read by a Member of the Cathedral, Randy Hankins*

ISAIAH 11:1-9

**ANTHEM**

**SONG OF PEACE**

*Charles Villiers Stanford*

*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,  
and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:  
And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of  
counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;  
And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,  
neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:  
And with righteousness shall he judge the poor,  
and reprove with equity the meek of the earth:  
and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.  
And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,  
Sung by the Trinity Choristers*

*and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.  
The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;  
and a little child shall lead them.  
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy  
mountain:  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,  
as the waters cover the sea.  
And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse,  
which shall stand for an ensign unto the people;  
and his rest shall be glorious.  
Text: Isaiah 11:1-10*

## HYMN

## HILLS OF THE NORTH, REJOICE

*Little Cornard*

1. Hills of the North, re - joice; Riv - er and moun - tain - spring,  
 2. Isles of the South - ern seas, Deep in your cor - al caves  
 3. Lands of the East, a - wake, Soon shall your sons be free;  
 4. Shores of the ut - most West, Ye that have wait - ed long,  
 5. Shout, while ye jour - ney home; Songs be in ev - ery mouth;

Hark to the ad - vent voice; Val - ley and low - land, sing; Though  
 Pent be each war - ring breeze, Lulled be your rest - less waves: He  
 The sleep of a - ges break, And rise to lib - er - ty. On  
 Un - vis - it - ed, un - blest, Break forth to swell - ing song; High  
 Lo, from the North we come, From East, and West, and South. Ci -

ab - sent long, your Lord is nigh; He judg - ment brings and vic - to - ry.  
 comes to reign with bound - less sway, And makes your wastes His great high - way.  
 your far hills, long cold and gray, Has dawned the ev - er - last - ing day.  
 raise the note, that Je - sus died, Yet lives and reigns, the Cru - ci - fied.  
 ty of God, the bond are free, We come to live and reign in thee!

SEVENTH LESSON *Read by the Curate, The Rev. Thomas Alexander*

ISAIAH 40:1-11

## ANTHEM

## BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD

*Charles Villiers Stanford*

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
 he has come to his people and set them free.  
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
 born of the house of his servant David.  
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
 that he would save us from our enemies,  
 from the hands of all who hate us.  
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
 and to remember his holy covenant.*

*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
 Free to worship him without fear,  
 holy and righteous in his sight  
 all the days of our life.  
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the  
 Most High,  
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
 To give his people knowledge of salvation*

by the forgiveness of their sins.  
 In the tender compassion of our God  
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
 and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
 Holy Spirit:  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for  
 ever. Amen.

Text: Song of Zechariah (Luke 1: 68-79)

**EIGHTH LESSON** Read by the Dean and Rector, The Very Rev. Amy Dafler-Meaux

BARUCH 4:36-5:9

**HYMN**

**PEOPLE, LOOK EAST**

*Besançon*

1. Peo - ple look East. The time is near Of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

3  
 crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley

6  
 a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the  
 nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may  
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has  
 weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to -  
 hum - ming With the word, the Lord is

8  
 ta - ble. Peo - ple look East and sing to -  
 flour - ish. Peo - ple look East and sing to -  
 cho - sen. Peo - ple look East and sing to -  
 geth - er. Peo - ple look East and sing to -  
 com - ing. Peo - ple look East and sing to -

10  
 day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 day: Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
 day: Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before our path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## HYMN 57

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

*Helmsley*

POSTLUDE LE MONDE DANS L'ATTENTE DU SAUVEUR FROM SYMPHONIE-PASSION, OP. 23 *Marcel Dupré*

**Please join us for a reception in Morrison Hall following the service.**

### Officiant

*The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux*

### Director of Music

*Dr. Colin MacKnight*

### Associate Director of Music

*Jeremiah Mead*

### Guest Organist

*Dr. Stephen Karr*

### Acolytes

*Harper Bennings, Michael Wayland*

**Notes on the Notes:** This evening's main effort is *The Wilderness* by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, one of the most important Anglican composers of the 19th century, known for both his choral music and hymnody, including many in our hymnal. Written when Wesley was only 22, *The Wilderness* is one of the great choral works written for the season of Advent, and arguably Wesley's masterpiece. The anthem is 14 minutes long and consists of five main sections. Ensembles of soloists sing the first, third, and final sections. The second section ("Say to them of a fearful heart") is a duet for a bass soloist and organ. The fourth ("And the ransom'd of the Lord shall return") is a climactic double fugue for the full choir.

The Advent hymn *Hills of the North, rejoice*, is not in the 1982 hymnal but certainly deserves to be. It is a stirring tune and evocative text announcing Christ's coming to all four corners of the world: one verse for each cardinal direction, plus a final verse for the whole world.

Today's postlude, translating to "the world awaiting the savior", began as an improvisation on the Wanamaker organ in Philadelphia (the largest fully-functioning organ in the world, to this day). It is a brooding piece depicting the chaos and roughness of the world before the Incarnation. This movement is heavily indebted to Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*, a ballet which had premiered about a decade before Dupré *Symphonie-Passion*. Both pieces belong to an aesthetic school called "Primitivism," which, as the name suggests, seeks to create or recreate the experience of a more primitive time. In the case of these two works, the "primitivism" comes from liberal use of dissonance (when combinations of notes are unstable) and the eschewing of regular or predictable meters. The quiet central section introduces the Advent plainsong *Jesus redeptor omnium*, which returns triumphantly at the end of the movement, this time in strict canon to communicate that Christ's arrival will bring order to a disordered world.



# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2024

Check the weekly emails for streaming schedule.

## Dec. 8 Advent II

**Holy Eucharist** 8 a.m. (spoken)

**Holy Eucharist** 10:30 a.m. (choral)\*

Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Alexander

**Choral Evensong** 4 p.m.

## Dec. 15 Advent III

**Holy Eucharist** 8 a.m. (spoken)

**Holy Eucharist** 10:30 a.m. (choral)\*

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

**Choral Evensong** 4 p.m.

## Dec. 22 Advent IV

**Holy Eucharist** 8 a.m. (spoken)

**Holy Eucharist** 10:30 a.m. (choral)\*

Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Alexander

**Christmas Lessons & Carols** 4 p.m.

## Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

**Holy Eucharist** 10:30 a.m. (choral)

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

**Christmas Eve Family Eucharist** 4 p.m. (sung by Trinity Choristers)

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

**Musical Prelude** 10:30 p.m.

**Holy Eucharist** 11 p.m. (choral)

Preacher and Celebrant: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

## Dec. 25 Christmas Day

**Offices Closed**

**Holy Eucharist** 10:30 a.m. (with hymns)

Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Alexander

## Dec. 26 Thursday after Christmas

**Offices Closed**

## Dec. 29 The Holy Name

**Holy Eucharist** 10:30 a.m. (with hymns)

Preacher: The Rev. Rob Leacock

**No Choral Evensong**

## Jan. 5

**Holy Eucharist** 8 a.m. (spoken)

**Holy Eucharist** 10:30 a.m. (choral)\*

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

**Twelfth Night Lessons & Carols** 4 p.m.

Burning of the Greens and S'mores follows

## Jan. 6

**Feast of the Epiphany** (choral) 7 p.m.

\*Childcare will be provided for these events

