



Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, November 27, 2022 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.

Prelude

Fantasy on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Kenneth Leighton

Matin Responsory sung by the choir

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

*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.*

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 Short Lesson of Scripture is read.

The Officiant then says the Prayer for Light.

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Officiant Let us pray.

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candles at the Altar are now lighted, as are other candles and lamps as may be convenient.

Hymn 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

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. But 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

Genesis 3:1-22

Anthem

Jesus Christ the Appletree

Elizabeth Poston

*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.
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 Appletree.
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 Appletree.
I'm weary with my former toil -
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.*

*With great delight I'll make my stay,
There's none shall fright my soul away;
Among the sons of men I see
There's none like Christ the Appletree.
I'll sit and eat this fruit divine,
It cheers my heart like spirit'al wine;
And now this fruit is sweet to me,
That grows on Christ the Appletree.
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 Appletree.*

Text: 18th Century Carol

Soloist: Paige Cullins

Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalms 42

Third Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Anthem

*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.*

The Wilderness

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*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 ransom, d 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)

*Soloists: Paige Cullins, Anna Squire, Carolina
Kipnis, Ruth Hooper, Asher Owen, Josiah Wheeler*

Fourth Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hymn 61***“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us****Wachet auf***Fifth Lesson***Isaiah 11:1-9***Anthem*****How beautiful upon the mountains****John Stainer*

*How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

Text: Isaiah 52: 7

Sixth Lesson*Zephaniah 3:14-18*

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*Isaiah 6:1-11***Anthem*****O Thou, the central orb****Charles Wood*

*O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
 Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
 Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
 Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
 Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
 As stars about thy throne, set in the height
 Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
 Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
 Our nature all shall feel eternal day
 In fellowship with thee, transforming day
 To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

Text by Henry Ramsden Bramley

Hymn 57

People look East

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

Lectors

Evelyn Pittman

Alan Rackley

Grant Wallace

Melissa Whitfield

Colin MacKnight

Mary Hodges

The Rev. Dr. Lisa Corry

The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Director of Music

Dr. Colin MacKnight

Guest Organist

Dr. Stephen Karr

Acolytes

Harper Bennings, Jacob Meaux

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 18th 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 wonderful double fugue for the full choir.

Today's postlude, translating to "the world awaiting the savior", is a brooding piece depicting the chaos and roughness of the world before the Incarnation. Dupré achieves this through his liberal use of dissonance (when combinations of notes are unstable) and irregular meter. The quiet central section introduces the Advent plainsong *Jesus redemptor omnium*, which returns triumphantly at the end of the movement.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022

Check the weekly emails for streaming schedule.

Nov. 27 Advent I

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. (spoken)

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

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Advent Lessons & Carols 4 p.m.

Advent Family Event 5 p.m.

Dec. 4 Advent II

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. (spoken)

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

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lisa Corry

Choral Evensong 4 p.m.

Dec. 11 Advent III

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. (spoken)

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

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Trinity/Bethel AME Covenant Renewal 3 p.m.

Dec. 18 Advent IV

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. (spoken)

Koinonia, 9 a.m.

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

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lisa Corry

Christmas Lessons & Carols 4 p.m.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Offices Closed

Christmas Pagent with Holy Eucharist 4 p.m.*

Pick-up Pagent

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lisa Corry

Musical Prelude 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Holy Eucharist 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

Dec. 26 Monday after Christmas

Offices Closed

Dec. 31 New Years Eve

Offices Closed

Jan. 1 The Holy Name

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

Preacher: The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

*Childcare will be provided for these events

