

# A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

# The Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020 5:00 PM

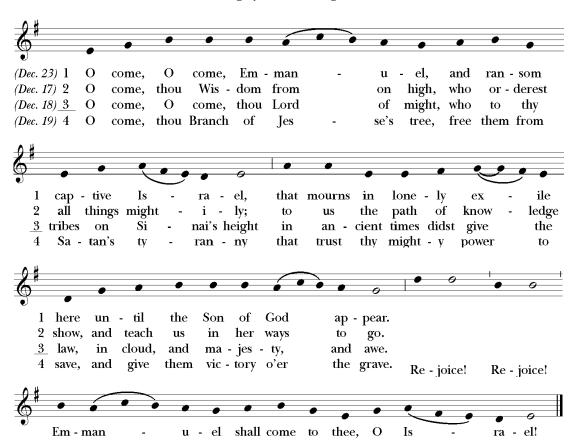
The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor, Officiant

# A Program of Harp Music

Wendy Kerner, Harp\*

The Hymn in Procession

Sung by all, standing.



Text: Latin, ca. 9th cent; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode I, adapt. Th. Helmore (1811—1890)

# The Bidding Prayer

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, to see 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 town.

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 and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those 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, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one 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:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in 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.

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



The First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Reader: Dougal Munro

Carol

Sung by the CAYA Band.

Jason Ingram & Leslie Jordan

You've come to bring peace To be love, to be nearer to us You've come to breathe life To be light, to shine brighter in us

Oh Emmanuel, God with us

[CHORUS]:
Our Deliverer
You are Savior
In Your presence
We find our strength
Over everything
Our redemption
God with us

You are God with us

You've come to be hope To this world For Your honor and name You've come to take sin To bear shame And to conquer the grave

Oh Emmanuel, oh God with us

[CHORUS]

You are here You are holy We are standing In Your glory [x4]

[CHORUS]

The Second Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.

Reader: Fletcher MacMahon

Carol Sung by the Quartet.

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

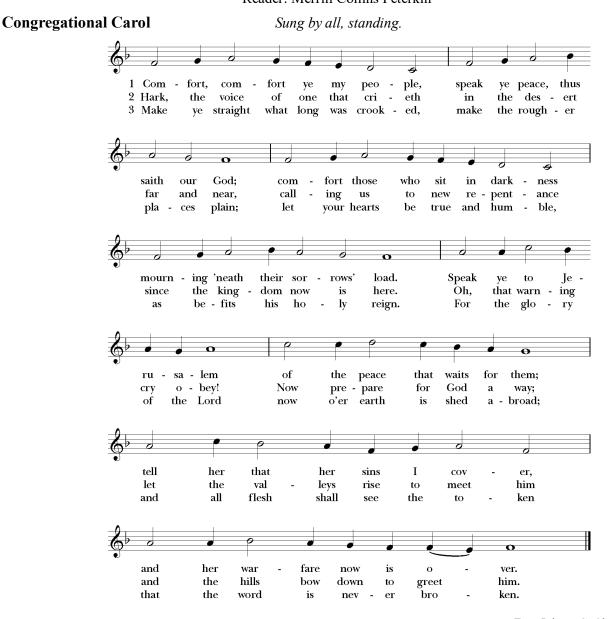
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their all!

Paul Manz

The Third Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Reader: Merrill Collins Peterkin



Text: Johann G. Olearius (1611–1684) Music: Psalm 42, Claude Goudinel (1514–1572) The Fourth Lesson Baruch 4:36-5:9

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Reader: Bill Bowman

Carol Sung by the Quartet. Barry Ferguson

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.

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.

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.

Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East. 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.

The Fifth Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

Reader: Annika Nelson

**Carol** Sung by the CAYA Band.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
(x2)

Our God, You reign forever Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

The Sixth Lesson Micah 5:2-4

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

Reader: Brian Van Elslander

Carol Sung by the Quartet. Otto Goldschmidt

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.

It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring. The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.

God of endless might, gave her this child to save us,

Thus turning darkness into light.

The Seventh Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Reader: Frances Vandervoort

Carol Sung by the CAYA Band. Tune: Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand Ponder nothing earthly minded For with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descendeth Our full homage to demand

King of kings, yet born of Mary As of old on earth He stood Lord of lords, in human vesture In the body and the blood He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph Cherubim with sleepless eye Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Please stand.

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.

A brief period of silence is kept.

Officiant

We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord,

ΑĬΙ

In the midst of thy tem-ple.

## The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Please stand.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

# The Greeting

At the Offertory

Aria in Classic Style

Marcel Grandjany

Wendy Kerner, *Harp* \* William Roslak, *Organ* 

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Please kneel.

#### **Closing Prayers**

#### **An Advent Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.* 

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen*.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.* 

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.* 

#### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# The Closing Hymn

Sung by all, standing.



Text: Charles Wesley (1707—1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1719—1778)

### The Closing Voluntary



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Wendy Kerner, Harp
Bob Leinbach, Keyboard/Vocals
Daniel McGrew, Tenor
Robert Orbach, Alto
David Pulliam, Director of Music
William Roslak, Organ
Ellen Sisson, Soprano

#### **ACOLYTES AND LAY READERS**

THE ALTAR GUILD

THE FLOWER GUILD

Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dale Edward Miller by his family; and in loving memory of Andrea Dickson Wells by her loving husband and family.

The Columbarium is decorated for Advent and Christmas in loving memory of Bertram T. Blake, Jr., Margaret O. Blake, and Margaret Blake Mills by the Blake Family

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