



ADVENT



Lessons and Carols

December 8, 2024 • 5:00 pm



Welcome



It is my pleasure to welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral for this evening of Advent Lessons and Carols. Founded on May 31, 1822 in what was then a western frontier town, this historic cathedral stands as the oldest house of worship in Louisville. The original structure was completed in 1824. As the Cathedral we are the seat of the Bishop of Kentucky and a resource to its congregations. Christ Church Cathedral embodies Christ by serving our neighbor so that we share together in the power of God's unconditional love.

The Service of Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity and the promise of the Messiah as told in seven short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of carols and hymns.

We hope this evening will be a blessing to you and I invite you to worship with us again as we celebrate Christmas. We will have a festive Christmas Eve service at 10 pm, with a choral and instrumental prelude beginning at 9:30 pm. If you prefer an earlier worship time, Calvary Episcopal Church (821 S 4th St.) will have a service at 4 PM. And you can join us at the Cathedral on Christmas Day for worship at 10:30am.

We pray that Christ's unconditional love comes down to you this holy season and remains with you throughout the year to come.

The Very Reverend Matthew Bradley, Dean

- at the sound of the bells, all stand

HYMN 59 *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

Descant



2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.

Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

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Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven."

- *the officiant then says the Prayer for Light*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN 25 *O gracious Light*

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*

Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

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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 hearts to bring an end to gun violence; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially his Church 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 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 Christ himself hath taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER • *said by all*

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.

- *the bishop blesses the people, saying:*

Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; may the King of Angels bring us all into the fellowship of the citizens above.

Amen

FIRST LESSON



GENESIS 3:1-15

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

ANTHEM *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Howard Helvey

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 apple tree.

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 apple tree.

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

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 apple tree.



SECOND LESSON



ISAIAH 40: 1-11

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

HYMN 67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er
 saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,
 mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry
 ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;
 tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken
 and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: Psalm 42, melody Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

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THIRD LESSON



ISAIAH 11:1-9

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

ANTHEM *Spotless Rose*

Ola Gjeilo

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
Through God's great love and might
The Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night



FOURTH LESSON



BARUCH 4:36-5:9

The scribe Baruch urges the people to look east because salvation is at hand.

HYMN 73

The King shall come when morning dawns

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt.
 Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

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FIFTH LESSON



MICAH 5:2-4

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



*an offering will be received during the singing of the following anthem
which will go to support the music program*

ANTHEM *Estampie natalis*

Vaclav Nelhybel

Puer natus in Bethlehem, alleluia, Unde gaudet Jerusalem, alleluia.
In cordis jubilo Christum natum adoremus sum novo cantico.
Assumpsit carnem Filius, alleluia. Dei Patris altissimus, alleluia.
In cordis jubilo Christum natum adoremus sum novo cantico.
Per Gabrielem nuntium, alleluia. Virgo concepit Filium, alleluia.
In cordis jubilo Christum natum adoremus sum novo cantico.
Hic jacet in praesepio, alleluia. Qui regnat sine termino, alleluia.
In cordis jubilo Christum natum adoremus sum novo cantico.

The boy born in Bethlehem, alleluia, Rejoice Jerusalem, alleluia.
In joy of heart Let us adore the newborn Christ with a new song.
The Son has assumed flesh, alleluia. The Father most high, alleluia.
In joy of heart Let us adore the newborn Christ with a new song.
Per Gabriel's greeting, alleluia. The virgin conceived a Son, alleluia.
In joy of heart Let us adore the newborn Christ with a new song.
He lies in the manger, alleluia. He who rules without end, alleluia.
In joy of heart Let us adore the newborn Christ with a new song.

SIXTH LESSON



ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-18

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

HYMN 68 *Rejoice! rejoice believers*

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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SEVENTH LESSON



LUKE 1:26-38

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

HYMN *Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!*

• *found on the bulletin insert*

ANTHEM *Ave Maria*

Michael John Trotta

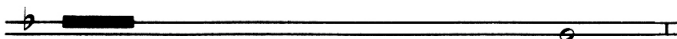
Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Maria, gratia plena,
Maria, gratia plena,
Ave, Ave, Dominus,
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris (tui),
Ventris tui, Jesus.
Ave Maria!

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Ora, ora pro nobis;
Ora, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora mortis,
In hora mortis nostrae.
In hora, hora mortis nostrae,
In hora mortis nostrae.
Ave Maria!

Hail Mary, full of grace,
Mary, full of grace,
Mary, full of grace,
Hail, Hail, the Lord
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed,
Blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Thy womb, Jesus.
Hail Mary!

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Pray, pray for us;
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death,
The hour of our death.
The hour, the hour of our death,
The hour of our death.
Hail Mary!

- *all stand*



officiant Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dis / mayed.

all **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with / you.**

Stand still, and ye shall see the salvation of the / Lord.

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with / you.

Glory 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 moment of silence is kept*

We wait for thy loving kindness, O / Lord

In the midst of thy tem / ple.

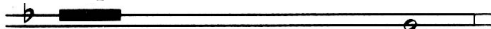
CLOSING PRAYER

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;
and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful
grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and
glory, world without end.

Amen.

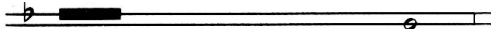
EPISCOPAL BLESSING

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.



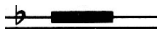
The maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.



From this time forth for evermore.

... the blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.



Amen.

HYMN 57 *Lo! He comes with clouds descending*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778)

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POSTLUDE *Farandole*

Georges Bizet/arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace & John Head

HYMN *Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!*

1. *Hail! Bless-ed Vir-gin Ma-ry!* For so when
 2. *A-ve, a-ve Ma-ri-a!* To glad-den
 3. *Arch-angels chant O-san-na,* And Ho-ly,

he did meet thee, Spake migh-ty Ga-bri-el, And thus we greet
 priest and peo-ple, The an-ge-lus shall ring from ev-'ry stee-
 Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Be-fore the In-fant born of thee, thou low-

thee. Come weal, come woe, Our hymn shall nev-er va-ry.
 -ple, To sound his Vir-gin-birth, Al-le-lu-i-a!
 -ly, Aye-mai-den child of Jo-a-chim and An-na;

Hail! Bless-ed Vir-gin Ma-ry! Hail! Bless-ed Vir-gin Ma-ry!
A-ve, a-ve-Ma-ri-a! A-ve, a-ve-Ma-ri-a!
Arch-angels chant O-san-na. Arch-angels chant O-san-na.

Words by
 G. R. WOODWARD
 (1848-1934)

17th-century Italian carol
 arranged by CHARLES WOOD
 (1866-1926)



The Right Reverend Terry Allen White, *officiant*

The Reverend Canon Amy Real Coultas, *chaplain*

The Very Reverend Matthew Bradley, *dean*

The Reverend Doctor Eva Markham, *deacon*

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Charlotte Roth, *piccolo*

Stacy Simpson, *trumpet*

Chase Edwards, Lani Lesch, Justin Loudermilk, *percussion*

Graham Whatley, *acolyte*

Bobbie Fritton, Suson Torok, Jim Monin, *greeters/ushers*

John Kiesel, *bell ringer*

Tim Tice, *live stream*



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Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.



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