



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
ESTABLISHED MARCH 16, 1839

AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF

*Lessons  
and Carols*

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*"I am the light  
of the world:  
they that follow  
me will not walk  
in darkness, but  
will have the  
light of life."*

*- John 8:12*

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Sunday, the third of December, 2023  
at five o'clock in the afternoon



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# *Advent*

## *2023*

This Advent, Christ Church Cathedral invites you to explore the many ways we celebrate this season of expectation, anticipation, and reflection.

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# An Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

THE REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*  
Officiant

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8                      Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

## MATIN ADVENT RESPONSORY AT THE WEST DOOR

*Cantor* 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:

*Choir* Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

*Cantor* High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

*Choir* Go ye out to meet him and say:

*Cantor* Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

*Choir* Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*Choir* 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?

*Text: First Responsory for Advent Sunday: "Aspiciens a longe"*

*Music: From a Magnificat by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525–1594);  
adapt. David Willcocks (1919–2015)*

## AT THE PROCESSION

### HYMN

*Veni, Redemptor gentium*

*The Congregation stands as the Choir sings the first two stanzas.*

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| 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,<br>And manifest thy virgin birth;<br>Let ev'ry age adoring fall;<br>Such birth befits the God of all. | 2 Begotten of no human will,<br>But of the Spirit, thou art still<br>The Word of God in flesh arrayed,<br>The promised fruit to man displayed. |
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*The Congregation joins in singing the remainder of the hymn.*

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| 3 Forth from his chamber goeth he,<br>That royal home of purity,<br>A giant in twofold substance one,<br>Rejoicing now his course to run. | 4 From God the Father he proceeds,<br>To God the Father back he speeds;<br>His course he runs to death and hell,<br>Returning on God's throne to dwell. |
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5 O equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

6 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.

7 All laud, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Text: St. Ambrose (340–397)*

*Music: Trier Manuscript, 15th c.; arr. David Willcocks*

*The Officiant begins the service with these sentences of Scripture:*

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for God. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

— *Isaiah 40:3, 5*

*The Officiant follows with*

## A 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 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 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, 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 Officiant continues*

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 2:4b–9, 15–25

*God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.*

Read by an Acolyte

**CHOIR CAROL I**

The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay,  
And in his nostrils breathed life e'en as the scriptures say.  
And then in Eden's paradise He placed him to dwell,  
That he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well.

*Now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live,  
And to rejoice and merry be, for near is Christmas Eve.*

Now mark the goodness of the Lord, which he to mankind bore;  
His mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore;  
And then, for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall,  
He said his own dear Son should be the Savior of us all.

Now for the blessings we enjoy, which are from Heav'n above;  
Let us renounce all wickedness, and live in perfect love:  
Then shall we do Christ's own command, e'en his own written word,  
And when we die, in Heaven shall enjoy our living Lord.

*Text: From "Some Ancient Christmas Carols" (1822)  
Music: English traditional; George Guest (1924–2002)*

*Adam and Eve rebel against God.*

Read by the President of the Cathedral Choir

CHOIR CAROL II

Adam lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden  
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been,  
Ne had never our Ladie  
Abeen heav’ne queen.

Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen,  
Deo gracias! (Thanks be to God!)

*Text: Anonymous 15th century English found in the Sloan Manuscript 2593*

*Music: Howard Skempton (b.1947)*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*Merton*

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.  
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
O ye children of the day.”

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
from earth’s bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven.

4 So when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
May he with his mercy shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
With the everlasting Spirit  
while unending ages run.

*Text: Latin, ca. 6th c.; tr. “Hymns Ancient and Modern,” 1861, alt.*

*Music: William Henry Monk (1823–1889)*

THE THIRD LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14–18

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

Read by a Sunday School teacher

## CHOIR CAROL III

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance:

*Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance;  
Thus was I knit to man's nature,  
To call my true love to my dance:

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,  
So very poor this was my chance,  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,  
To call my true love to my dance:

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard from above,  
To call my true love to my dance.

*Text: Anon, first appearing in William B. Sandys' "Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern", 1833*

*Music: John Gardner (1917-2011)*

## THE FOURTH LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31–34

*The Prophet promises a new covenant will be written on our hearts.*

Read by a Lay Eucharistic Minister

## CHOIR CAROL IV

Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by any din of drums,  
Nor his manners, nor his airs,  
Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by his crown or by his gown,  
But his coming known shall be  
By the holy harmony  
Which his coming makes in thee. Amen.

*Text: anon. 15th c. poem*

*Music: Mark Sirett (b.1952)*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art:  
Dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

*Music: From "Psalmodia Sacra," 1715;*

*adapt. and harm. William H. Havergal (1793–1870), alt.*

THE FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1–9

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

Read by the Cathedral Organist

CHOIR CAROL V

There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
*Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space;  
*Resmiranda.*

By that rose we may well see  
There be one God in persons three,  
*Pares forma.*

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
*Gaudeamus.*

Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth;  
*Transeamus.*

*Text: anon., 13th c.*

*Music: arr. Philip W.J. Stopford (b.1977)*

THE SIXTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

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

Read by the Director of the Altar Guild



## CHOIR CAROL VI

Remember, O thou man,  
Thy time is spent:  
Remember, O thou man,  
How thou cam'st to me then,  
And I did what I can,  
Therefore repent.

Remember God's goodness,  
And promise made:  
Remember God's goodness,  
How his only Son he sent,  
Our sins for to redress:  
Be not afraid.

In Bethlem was he born,  
For mankind dear:  
In Bethlem was he born  
For us that were forlorn,  
And therefore took no scorn,  
Our sins to bear.

Give thanks to God always  
With hearts most jolly;  
Give thanks to God always  
Upon this blessed day:  
Let all men sing and say,  
Holy, holy.

*Text and Music: Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1582–1635)*

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*Richmond*

- 1 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.
- 2 He comes, the prisoners to release  
in Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure;  
And with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim;  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
with thy beloved Name.

*Text: Philip Doddridge (1702–1751)*

*Music: Thomas Haweis (1734–1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740–1843)*

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 1:26–38

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

Read by the Senior Warden

## CHOIR CAROL VII

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

“For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.  
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.  
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.”  
Most highly favored lady; Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel the Christ was born  
In Bethl’em, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

*Text: The Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924)*

*Music: Eleanor Daley (b.1955)*

## THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18–23

*An angel appears to Joseph and foretells the birth of Jesus.*

Read by a Canon of the Cathedral

## CHOIR CAROL VIII

As Joseph was a-walking,  
he heard an angel sing:  
“This night there shall be born  
on earth our heav’nly King.”

“He neither shall be clothed  
in purple nor in pall,  
But all in fair linen  
As wear the babies all.”

“He neither shall be born  
in housen nor in hall,  
Nor in the place of Paradise,  
but in an ox’s stall.

“He neither shall be rocked  
in silver nor in gold,  
But in a wooden cradle  
that rocks upon the mould.”

*Text: anon. English, c.1400;*

*Music: Fred Gramann (b.1950)*

*Jesus comes, proclaiming the Kingdom of God.*

Read by the Dean of the Cathedral

CHOIR CAROL IX

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,  
for Christ 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!

*Text: Revelation 22; adapt. Ruth Manz (1919–2008)*  
*Music: Paul O. Manz (1919–2009)*

AT THE OFFERTORY

HYMN 56

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

*All:* O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Women:* O come, thou wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

*All:* Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Men:* O come, thou branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*All:* Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Pulpit side:* O come, thou key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;

*Lectern side:* Make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*All:* Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*All:* O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.

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

*Text: Latin, ca. 9th c.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)*

*Music: Plainsong, Mode I, Franciscan 15th c. adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890)*

## THE VESPER RESPONSORY

*Cantor* Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.

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

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

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

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

*Cantor* We wait for thy loving kindness, O God.

*Choir* In the midst of thy temple.

*Text: 2 Chronicles 20:17; Exodus 14:13; Psalm 48:8;*

*translated from an early medieval Advent Sunday responsory*

*Music: Adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

## THE ADVENT COLLECT

*Officiant* 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.**

## COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE 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.**

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*Winchester New*

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

*Text: Charles Coffin (1676–1749);  
tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944) after John Chandler (1806–1876)  
Music: "Musicalishes Hand-Buch," 1690; harm. William Henry Monk*

## PROCESSION

### VOLUNTARY

Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

Andrew Carter (b.1939)

*After the Voluntary is concluded, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the High Altar of the Cathedral. Those who wish to stay for Holy Communion, please come forward into the choir stalls. The Eucharist will be celebrated beginning on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

ROBERT L. SIMPSON

*Canon for Music*

Thomas Marvil

*Cathedral Organist*

*You are cordially invited to a reception in Reynolds Hall.*



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**There will be a reception following tonight's service** held in Reynolds Hall, which is located through the east transept doors and past the Golding Chapel. Please join us.

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# *Christmas services*

## **The Longest Night, Wednesday, December 20**

6 p.m. In-Person & Livestream in the Cathedral

## **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**

10 a.m. Advent VI, Holy Eucharist Rite II. In-Person & Livestream

4 p.m. Family Service, Holy Eucharist Rite II. In-Person & Livestream (Pageant)\*

6 p.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II, in Spanish. In-Person & Livestream\*

7:30 p.m. Organ Prelude.

8 p.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II. In-Person & Livestream\*

10:30 p.m. Cathedral Choir Prelude.

11 p.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite I. In-Person & Livestream

## **Christmas Day, Monday, December 25**

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I. In-Person & Livestream

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