

Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols



*November 30, 2014
Five O' Clock in the Evening*

*St. John's Cathedral
The Episcopal Diocese of Florida*

Welcome to Saint John's Cathedral!

It is our privilege and joy to offer quality choral services like this one. Please help us continue this great tradition through your generous offering. An offering will be collected during the singing of the carols after the reading of the Third Lesson. During this service, we ask that all cell phones and audible pagers be turned off, and that no flash photography is used. There is a nursery available for small children. Ask an usher to direct you. If you are in need of an assisted listening device, please see an usher.

The Advent service in the old English liturgies provided vivid preparation for the coming of our Lord to earth. Much of this carol service is drawn from these sources. Throughout the service, the choir moves in procession from the West to East, "from darkness into light." As the procession moves toward the East End, prophetic readings alternate with carols. Finally, in the Sanctuary, the Gospel replaces the Prophets.

ADVENT PRELUDES

Prelude on the Chorale, "Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles"	Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude on the Chorale, "Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles"	Dietrich Buxtehude
Prelude on the Advent Chorale, "Behold a Rose Bursts into Bloom"	Johannes Brahms

ORDER OF SERVICE

Advent Matins Responary *from the West End*

Aspicens a Longe G.P. 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. Go ye out to meet him and say: "Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Tell us, art thou he that should come?" Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar.

Paul Fisher & Michele Holt, cantors

Hymn 57 "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" *Helmsley*

The People are seated.

First Lesson God commissions Isaiah to be the Prophet of the Advent. *Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Carol *in the Crossing* "Twas In The Year *G.R. Woodward*

'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died, a vision by Isaiah was aspied:
A lofty throne, the Lord was set thereon; and with his glory all the temple shone.
Bright Seraphim were standing round about. Six wings had every of that quire devout.
With twain he awesome veil'd his face, and so with twain he dreadful veil'd his feet below.
With twain did he now hither, thither fly: and thus aloud did one to other cry:
'Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth, full of his glory are earth and heaven both.'
And at their cry the lintels moved apace, and clouds of incense filled the Holy Place.

The People stand and sing.

Hymn 59

“Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”

Merton

The People sit.

Second Lesson

The Prophet proclaims the good news to a people in exile.

Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Carol

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!

Third Lesson

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Lord and the increase of his kingdom.

Zechariah 2:10-13

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the LORD. Many nations shall join themselves to the LORD on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all people, before the LORD; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

The Offering is collected.

Carol

Advent Calendar

Peter Hallock

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

-Rowan Williams

Aaron Brask, horn

The People stand and sing.

Hymn 76

“On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry”

Winchester New

The People are seated.

Fourth Lesson

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Carol *sung antiphonally*

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Basque Carol

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 favoured lady Gloria!
 "For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee,
 Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold. Most highly favoured 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 favoured lady Gloria!
 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
 And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Fifth Lesson

The Blessed Virgin Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth

Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Carol *sung antiphonally*

A tender shoot

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; our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

The choir moves into the Sanctuary as the melody of "Wachet auf!" sounds from the organ in the version by J.S. Bach.

Carol *sung by the choir in the Sanctuary*

Wachet Auf!

Phillip Nicolai

"UP! awake!" from highest steeple, the watchmen cry, "Awake, ye people; O Salem, from thy slumber rise! Hear those clarion voices knelling, the hour of midnight loud forthtelling; Say, where are ye, O virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes awake! Up! Lamp and lantern take; Alleluia! With ready light ye must tonight go forth to join the marriage rite."

Sixth Lesson

St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Carol

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!

Carol

Rorate coeli

G.P. da Palestrina

Rorate coeli desuper,
Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above
et nubes pluant justum:
and let the clouds pour down righteousness:
aperiatur terra et germinet Salvatore.
let the earth open and bring forth the Saviour.

Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam,
Show us thy mercy, O Lord,
et salutare tuum da nobis
and grant us thy salvation:
veni Domine, et noli tardare.
come, O Lord, and do not delay.
Alleluia.

Carol

A spotless rose

Herbert Howells

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 winder,
And in the dark midnight.

The rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary purest maid;
For through our God's great love and might,
The Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.

*Paul Fisher, baritone**The People stand.***Vesper Responsory**

Priest Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
People Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Priest Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
People Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
People Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Hymn 462

"The Lord will come and not be slow"

St. Stephen

The People kneel.

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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

Response: In the midst of thy temple.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon 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 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, now and forever. *Amen.*

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace: send forth thy Spirit from on high that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee. O Lord, who for our sake was of a virgin born, make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. *Amen.*

The People stand and sing.

Hymn 72

“Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes!”

Richmond

At the Procession

Prelude on the Advent Chorale
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Paul Manz

Concluding Voluntary

Prelude on the Advent Chorale
“Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles”

Johann Sebastian Bach

As at all Services of Music, the People are encouraged to remain in their pews to listen to the closing organ Voluntary.

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Season's Blessings
Advent and Christmas at St. John's Cathedral

Saturday, December 6

Jacksonville Masterworks Chorale Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m.

This concert features a wide variety of festive music for the season.

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday in Advent

Advent Healing Service: When Christmas Hurts, 4 p.m.*

This service is a time for anyone experiencing feelings or situations that make these holy seasons difficult.

Wednesday, December 17

Las Posadas Advent Celebration, 6 p.m.

Latin American re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for a room on the first Christmas Eve. Join us afterwards for a delicious Mexican dinner.

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Christmas Pageant, 9 a.m.

Celebrate the coming of Christ through story and art from our talented cathedral children.

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4 p.m., Family Service with Holy Eucharist*

6 p.m., Holy Eucharist with brass and tympani*

11 p.m., Holy Eucharist with brass and tympani -
incense will be used at this service.

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist in celebration of the birth of Christ.

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 5 p.m.*

A candlelight service of Christmas scripture and traditional carols sung by the Cathedral Choir.

**Nursery available*

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