



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 4.00 pm



Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Assisting: The Reverend Jennifer Matthews, The Reverend Michael Perry
*Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.
Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the church.*

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein."
Psalm 24.1.*

Introit *Advent Responsory*

DEREK HOLMAN

V: I look from afar

R: And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

V: Go ye out to meet him and say:

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

V: High and low, rich and poor, One with another,

R: Go ye out to meet him and say:

V: Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

R: Tell us, art thou he that should come?

V: Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come

R: To reign over thy people Israel.

V: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R: I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

V: Go ye out to meet him and say:

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

Hymn 628 *Come, Thou Redeemer*

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

All **Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.**

Women Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.

All **Forth from his chamber goeth he, that royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run.**

Men O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.

All **All laud to God the Father be, all praise, eternal Son, to thee:
All glory, as is ever meet, to God the Holy Paraclete.**

Text: Saint Ambrose, transl. J.M. Neale et al.

Bidding Prayer – Remain Standing.

Officiant We are gathered together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God’s Kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his Kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope. As we seek to renew our allegiance to God’s loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his love and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death. May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise, world without end. Finally let us offer up our prayers for the coming of Christ’s Kingdom, in the words he himself has taught us, saying:

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 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.**

Officiant May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting, now and at all times. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Choir *Adam Lay Ybounden*

PHILIP LEDGER

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| 1. Adam lay ybounden
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter,
Thought he not too long. | Ne had the apple taken been,
the apple taken been,
ne had never our Lady
a been heavenly Queen. |
| 2. And all was for an apple
An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden,
Written in their book. | 4. Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen.
Deo gracias! |

First Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8

Read by the Reverend Greg Carpenter

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!’

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 103 *On Jordan’s Bank* (Men v. 2/Women v.4)

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

Second Reading Isaiah 40.1-11

Read by Vanessa Scott

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

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. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

All Thanks be to God.

Third Reading *Isaiah 65:17-25*

Read by Paul Faulkner

Reader The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Choir *Thou Shalt know Him when He comes*

MARK SIRETT

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.

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

Fourth Reading *Jeremiah 23:5-8*

Read by Nancy Nourse

Reader The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’ Therefore, the days are surely coming says the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, “As the Lord lives who brought the

people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt,” but “As the Lord lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the land of the north and out of the lands where he had driven them. Then they shall live in their own land.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 91 *People Look East*

Tune: BESANCON

Fifth Reading *Ezekiel 36:22-28*

Read by Spencer Higgins

Reader The Prophet foretells a new spirit of unity between God and humanity.

Say to the house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

All Thanks be to God.

Choir *Angelus ad Virginem*

ANDREW CARTER

Angelus ad Virginem
subintrans in conclave
Virginis formidinem
demulcens inquit
Ave, Regina virginum,
caeli terraeque Dominum
concipies et paries intacta
salutem hominum,
tu porta caeli facta
medela criminum.

Gabriel, from heaven's king
Sent to the maiden sweet,
Brought to her blissful tiding
And fair 'gan her to greet.
'Hail be thou, full of grace aright!
For so God's Son, the heaven's light,
Loves man, that He | a man will be | and take
Flesh of thee, maiden bright,
Mankind free for to make
Of sin and devil's might.'

Quomodo conciperem
quae virum non cognovi?
Qualiter infringerem
quod firma mente vovi?
Spiritus Sancti gratia
perficiet haec omnia;
ne timeas, sed gaudeas, segura
quod castimonia
manebit in te pura
Dei potentia.

Ad haec virgo nobilis
respondens inquit ei:
Ancilla sum humilis
omnipotentis Dei.
Tibi caelesti nuntio,
tanti secreti conscio
consentiens et cupiens videre
factum quod audio;
parata sum parere
Dei consilio

Eia Mater Domini,
quae pacem reddidisti
Angelis et homini,
cum Christum genuisti:
tuum exora Filium
ut se nobis propitium
exhibeat et deleat peccata:
praestans auxilium
vita frui beata
post hoc exilium.

Gently to him gave answer
The gentle maiden then:
'And in what wise should I bear
Child, that know not man?'
The angel said: 'O dread thee nought.
'Tis through the Holy Ghost that wrought
Shall be this thing | whereof tidings | I bring:
Lost mankind shall be bought
By thy sweet childbearing,
And back from sorrow brought.

When the maiden understood
And the angel's words had heard,
Mildly, of her own mild mood,
The angel she answered:
'Our Lord His handmaiden, I wis,
I am, that here above us is:
And touching me |fulfilled be | thy saw;
That I, since His will is,
Be, out of nature's law
A maid with mother's bliss

O Mother of the Lord,
who restored peace
to angels and men
when you gave birth to Christ,
beg of your son
that he may show himself
favourable to us
and wipe away our sins,
offering help to enjoy the blessed life
after this exile. Deo Gratias!

Gospel of the Salutation *Luke 1: 26-38*
Read by The Reverend Michael Perry

The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

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, favoured 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 favour 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 forever, 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae
et concepit de Spiritu sancto.*

*The angel of God visited Maria
and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus.

Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, Jesus.

*Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini.
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.*

*Maria said: See the servant of the Lord.
May it happen to me according to your word.*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus.

Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, Jesus.

*Et Verbum caro factum est
et habitavit in nobis.*

*And the Word became flesh
and lived among us.*

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Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus.

Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis
peccatoribus,
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis, nunc et in hora mortis
nostrae.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Holy Mary, pray for us now and in the hour of our
death.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn *Creator of the Starry Height*

Tune: CONDITE ALME SIDERUM

Creator of the starry height, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eventide;
proceeding from a virgin shrine, the spotless Victim all divine.

At thy great Name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow;
al things in heaven and earth adore, and own thee King for evermore.

To thee, O Holy One, we pray, our Judge in that tremendous day,
ward off, while yet we dwell below, the weapons of our crafty foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honour, might and glory be from age to age eternally.

Please remain standing.

Gospel of the Advent *Matthew 21:1-11*

Read by The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

All **Thanks be to God.**

Choir *Virga Jesse Floruit*

ANTON BRUCHNER

Virga Jesse floruit:
Virgo Deum et hominem genuit:
pacem Deus reddidit,
in se reconcilians ima summis.
Alleluja.

The rod of Jesse hath blossomed:
a Virgin hath brought forth God and man:
God hath restored peace,
reconciling in Himself the lowest with the
highest.
Alleluia.

Hymn 89 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv 1-4)*

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

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We are grateful for your generosity.*

All **O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

Men O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

All **O come, thou Rod of Jesse stem, from every foe deliver them that trust
thy mighty power to save, and give them victory over the grave. *Refrain***

Concluding Responses

Officiant We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

All **In the midst of Thy temple.**

Officiant 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 Spirit, one
God, world without end. **Amen.**

Choir *Vesper Responsory*

PALESTRINA

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

The Blessing *Please stand.*

Officiant Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 114 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

Tune: HELMSLEY

Postlude *Marche Religieuse*

EUGENE GIGOUT

Thank you to our Choir, Organist, Music Director, Clergy, Readers and Servers for crafting and leading this carol service as we prepare again for a holy and blessed Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour.