



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday December 12, 2021
The 3rd Sunday of Advent

A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Reflection

The Advent season should come as a reminder to us that we can never be, and should not be, adjusted to the world. We are here to proclaim the reality and the imminence of a wholly other world, a world in which different powers rule and different standards operate. We are here to make it possible for ordinary men and women really to believe this, and therefore to live in hope and readiness.

-Lesslie Newbigin, *The Good Shepherd*

Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

Advent is a season of hopeful expectation and preparation, as the Church anticipates the coming of Christ – both at his birth in Bethlehem many years ago, and at his future, final coming to judge the world at the end of time. During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Lord, so that when he comes, he may find us watching and waiting.

Preparation

Opening Song *(please stand)*

Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken

For you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait, for you, O Lord, our
souls in still-ness wait, tru-ly our hope is in you, tru-ly our hope is in you.
O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, your rad - iance shines on all who
O Joy a - bove all o - ther loves, in you we find more than e -
look to you in the dark; Em - ma - nu - el, come, come light our hearts.
nough. We come as we are, O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.

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Opening Prayer

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God tells Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his offspring will strike the serpent's head.

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel..."

¹⁷And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

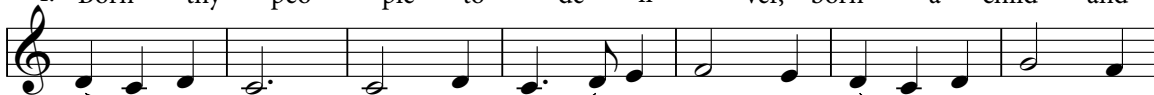
Carol *(please stand)*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, Rowland Pritchard



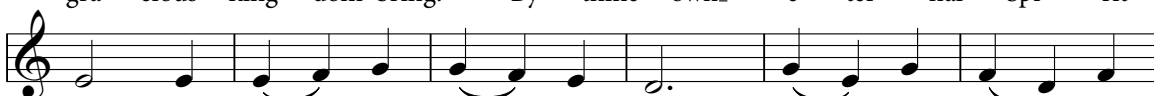
1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Joy to those_ who long to see_ thee, Day - spring from on
3. Come to earth_ to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and



peo - ple free; from our fears_ and sins re - lease us; let us
high, ap - pear; come, thou pro - mised Rod of Jes - se, of thy
knew no end; by his life_ he brings us glad - ness, our Re -
yet_ a king, born to reign_ in us for - e - ver, now thy



find our rest_ in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
birth we long to hear! O'er the hills_ the an - gels sing - ing
dee - mer, Shep - herd, Friend. Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,
gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own_ e - ter - nal Spi - rit



hope of all_ the earth thou art, dear_ De - sire_ of
news, glad ti - dings of_ a birth; "Go_ to him,_ your
born with - in_ a cat - tle stall; this_ the e - ver -
rule in all_ our hearts a - lone; by_ thine all - suf -



ev - ry na - tion, joy of ev - ry long - ing heart.
prai - ses bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
las - ting won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
fi - cient me - rit, raise us to_ thy glo - rious throne.

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to bless the earth through Abraham's offspring.

¹⁵The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Carol *(please stand)*

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor Alme Siderum, Latin 9th century



Choir 1. Cre a - tor of the stars of night, thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
All 2. **When this old world drew on toward night, thou came, but not in splen - dor bright,**
Choir 3. *Thou cam est, Bride groom of the bride, as drew the world to eve - ning - tide,*
All 4. **At thy great Name, ex - alt - ed now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,**
All 5. All praise e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free,



O Je - sus Sav - ior of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
not as a mon - arch but a child of Ma - ry, gen - tle, mo - ther mild.
pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine, the Son of Man, yet Lord di - vine.
and things in heav'n and earth shall own that thou art Lord and King a - lone.
whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, and Spir - it blest, for - ev - er - more.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

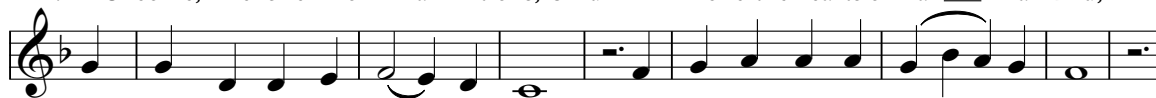
Carol *(please stand)*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

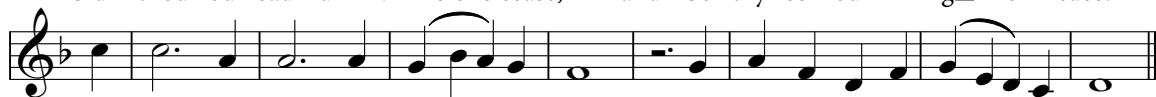
12th C. Latin, John Mason Neale, Thomas Helmore



1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny;
3. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;



that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
from depths of hell thy peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mi - se - ry.
bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Carol *(please stand)*

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius Prudentius, John Mason Neale, Henry Baker



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the world be - gan to be,
2. Oh, that birth for - e - ver bless - ed when the vir - gin, full of grace,
3. This is he whom heav'n - taught sin - gers sang of old with one ac - cord;
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prai - ses sing;
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the en - ding he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the sa - vior of our race,
whom the scrip - tures of the pro - phets pro - mised in their faith - ful word.
all do - mi - nions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King.
hymn and chant and high thanks - gi - ving and un - wea - ried prai - ses be,



of the things that are, that have _____ been,
and the babe, the world's re - dee - - mer,
Now he shines, the long - ex - pect - - ed;
Let no tongue on earth be si - - lent,
ho - nor, glo - ry, and do - mi - - nion,



and that fu - ture years shall see e - ver - more and e - ver - more...
first re - vealed his sa - cred face e - ver - more and e - ver - more...
let cre - a - tion praise the Lord e - ver - more and e - ver - more...
ev' - ry voice in con - cert ring e - ver - more and e - ver - more...
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry e - ver - more and e - ver - more...

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel greets Mary.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵The 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..."

³⁸Then 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.

Musical Response *(please remain seated)*

Swaddling - Joshua Stamper

Jesus held by Mary held by God

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol *(please stand)*

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Traditional English carol, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams



All 1. On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the an-gels bring;
 Choir 2. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-dee-mer made us glad:
 All 3. When sin de-parts be-fore your grace, then life and health come in its place;
 All 4. All out of dark-ness we_ have light which made the an-gels sing this night;



on Christ mas night all Chris tians sing, to hear the news the an-gels bring;
 then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-dee-mer made us glad:
 when sin de-parts be-fore your grace, then life and health come in its place;
 all out of dark ness we_ have light which made the an-gels sing this night:



news of great joy, news of great mirth,
 when from our sin he set us free,
 an-gels and men with joy may sing,
 "Glo-ry to God and peace to men,



news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
 all for to gain our li-ber-ty.
 all for to see the new-born king.
 now and for - e-ver-more. A-men."

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Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Carol *(please stand)*

Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French carol, arr. Edward Barnes



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply e cho back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the ti - dings be which in spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on ben - ded knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o,



glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men seek Jesus.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Carol *(please stand)*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade, Frederick Oakeley



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
2. God of__ God,__ Light of__ light,__ lo, he ab - hors not the
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye ci - ti zens of
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning; Je - sus, to thee be all



Beth - le - hem. Come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;
vir - gin's womb. Ve - ry__ God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted
heav'n. a - bove; glo - ry to God__ in__ the__ high - est
glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, late in flesh ap - pear - ing



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him,__ Christ__ the Lord.

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reflection

Rev. Chris Currie

Musical Response *(please remain seated)*

In the Bleak Midwinter - Christina Rossetti, Gustav Holst, arr. Joshua Stamper

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold Him, nor the earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim throng'd through the air;
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a gentle kiss.

Snow on snow...

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: I will give my heart.

Snow on snow...

Sending Carol *(Please stand)*

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn



1. Hark! The he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ the e - ver - las - ting Lord;
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous-ness!



peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"
late in time, be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God head see; hail th'in - car - nate de - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die.



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus our Em - ma - nu - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them se - cond birth.



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Benediction

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Let us go forth to serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

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Musicians

Christopher McDonald: piano, banjo, voice

Sarah Long: voice

Alec Spiegelman: bass clarinet

Cole Kamen-Green: trumpet

Andy Thierauf: vibes, percussion

Chris Parker: guitar

Jeremy McDonald: bass

Sean Mullins: drums

Guest vocalists: Eliza Jones, Rachel Allison

Arrangements by Christopher

McDonald, Sarah Long, Jeremy

McDonald, Alec Spiegelman, Bethany

Danel Brooks, and Joshua Stamper

Choir: Kimberlee Dengler, Elizabeth

Littauer, Katie Burrows-Stone, Ryan

Dougherty, Abigail Sparrow, Mary

Thompson, Bill Russell, Emily Evilsizor,

Megan Dougherty, Jonathan Bassett,

Allison Sparrow, Sarah Kleinschmidt,

Kari Sexauer, Ted Voboril

Announcements

Carols, Cocoa + Cookies on Sunday, Dec 19 at 4 pm Join us for a family-friendly time of singing, enjoying cookies and a campfire at the Woodland Lawn on Sunday, December 19 at 4 pm. This is an outdoor event (on the lawn at the Woodland building), so dress warmly!

Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 5 pm Join us for a candlelight Christmas Eve Service at the Center City building on Friday, December 24 at 5 pm. A reception with cocoa and cookies will follow.

Winter Coat Collection for Emmanuel We're gathering men's and women's gently used winter coats, hats and gloves to distribute to the community members who take part in the Emmanuel meals (served from our Center City building). Please drop items in the box in the entry lobby in Center City. Coats will be distributed on a rolling basis.

Bartholomew Mailing Address 'Tis the season for Christmas cards! If you'd like to send one to Tuck and Stacy Bartholomew, you can send it to their VA address: 1602 Hardwood Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: _____



Prayer Requests

Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.

Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

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