
Advent Procession

Sunday, November 30 | 4 pm



ADVENT PROCESSION

Welcome to Christ Church Grosse Pointe

In this Advent season of quiet anticipation, we are delighted to have you join us as we retell the story of Christ's coming.

As you enter the church, you will see the Advent Wreath in the Crossing. The candles on the wreath symbolize the four weeks of Advent, and the candle in the middle symbolizes the nativity of Christ. We are told by John that Christ is the light who comes into the world to lighten our darkness.

Our hope is that through the poetry of the ancient prophets you will experience the joyous expectancy and longing given voice by the Church from its earliest days.

***Our King and Savior now draws near:
Come let us adore him!***

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Nicolaus Bruhns
(1665-1697)

THE GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

INTROIT

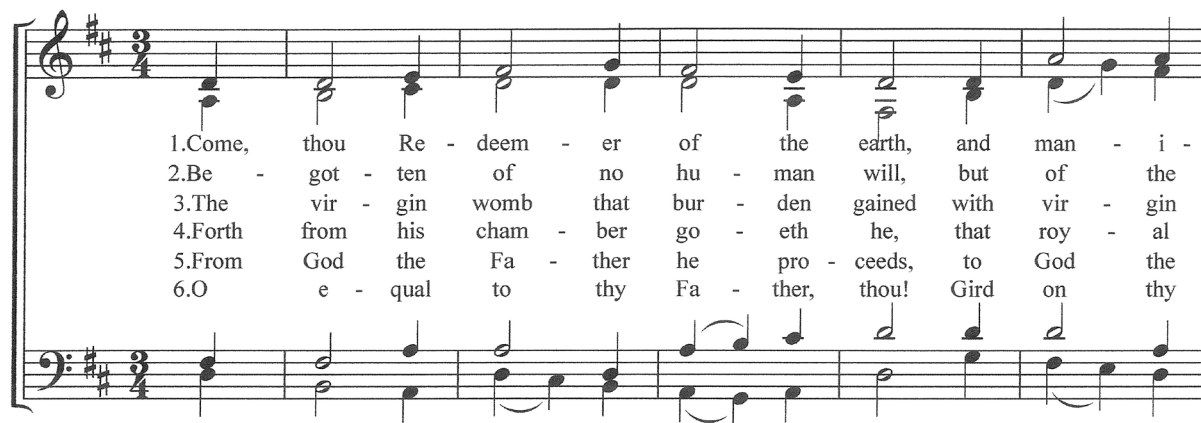
ADVENT RESPONSORY

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525-1594)

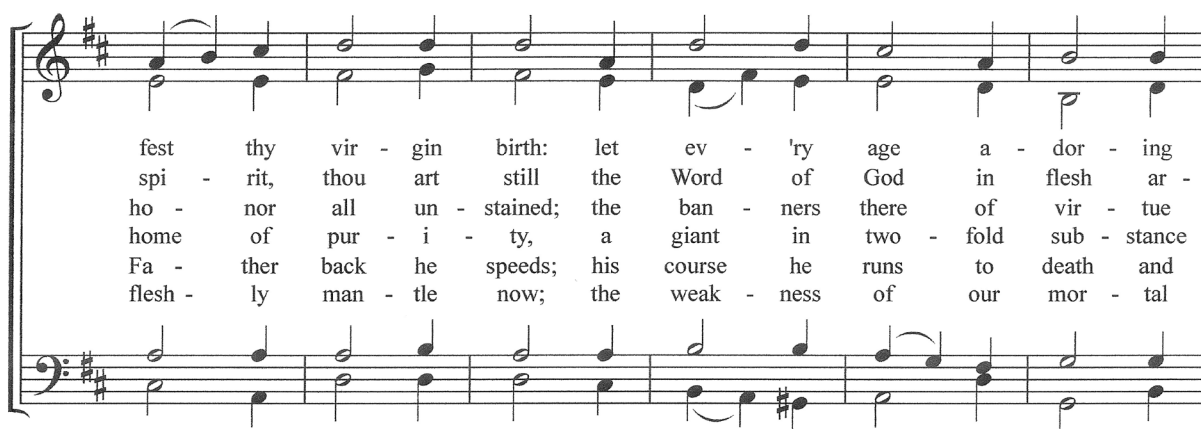
I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
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: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins (early medieval Roman rite)

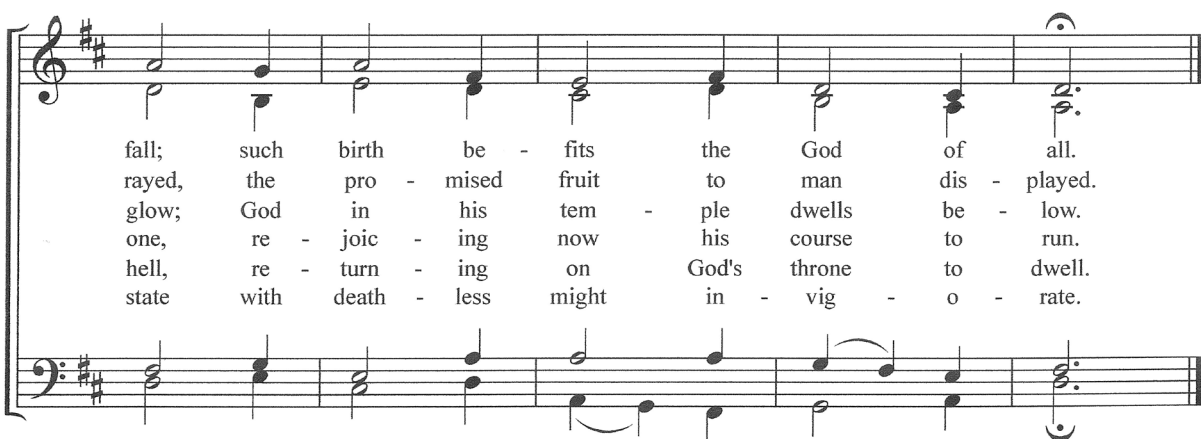
The people stand for the hymn as the choir processes to the aisles.



1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and man - i -
 2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but of the
 3. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained with vir - gin
 4. Forth from his cham - ber go - eth he, that roy - al
 5. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the
 6. O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird on thy



fest thy vir - gin birth: let ev - 'ry age a - dor - ing
 spi - rit, thou art still the Word of God in flesh ar -
 ho - nor all un - stained; the ban - ners there of vir - tue
 home of pur - i - ty, a giant in two - fold sub - stance
 Fa - ther back he speeds; his course he runs to death and
 flesh - ly man - tle now; the weak - ness of our mor - tal



fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.
 rayed, the pro - mised fruit to man dis - played.
 glow; God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.
 one, re - joic - ing now his course to run.
 hell, re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.
 state with death - less might in - vig - o - rate.

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

8. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
 whose advent sets thy people free,
 whom with the Father we adore,
 and Holy Ghost for evermore.

THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

Officiant You, O Lord, are my lamp:

People **You turn our darkness into light.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

People **In your light shall we see light.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet:

People **And a light upon our path.**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

People **A light no darkness can quench.**

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lighted.

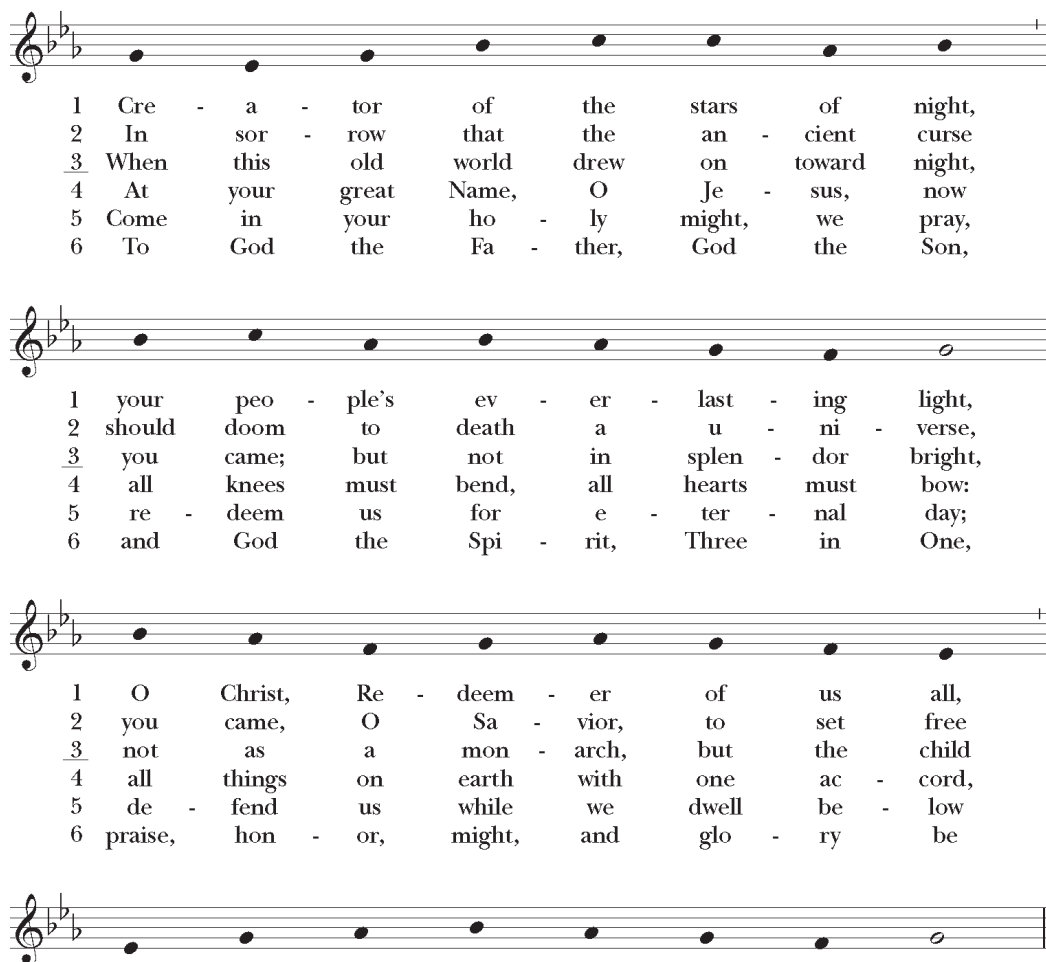
The Officiant continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, eternal creator of day and night. Now, as darkness is falling, hear the prayer of your faithful people. Wash away our transgressions, cleanse us by your refining fire, and make us temples of your Holy Spirit. May we live in watchfulness as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, who shall judge the world and all its works. Rouse us from the sleep of sin and make us ready to enter your Kingdom where songs of praise for ever sound. For you are the true light, who lightens everyone, and the new heavens and the new earth join to sing your praise now and for evermore.

People **Amen.**

The people remain standing for the hymn as the choir processes to the South Transept.

Choir sings verses 1 and 2. Choir and the Congregation sing verses 3 through 6 together.



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

GREAT O ANTIPHON

O SAPIENTIA

O wisdom, coming forth from the Most High,
 filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth;
 come and teach us the way of truth.

The people are seated.

LESSON

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-9

Jesus, son of Sirach, extols the nature of wisdom.

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar

of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting-place; in whose territory should I abide? Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.' Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be."

ANTHEM

THIS IS THE TRUTH SENT FROM ABOVE

*arr. Philip Moore
(b. 1943)*

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run:
That he would redeem us by his Son.

The first thing that I do relate,
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.

And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear,
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

The people stand as the Officiant stands.

GREAT O ANTIPHON

O ADONAI

O Lord of Lords, and ruler of the House of Israel,
you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and gave him the law of Sinai:
come with your out-stretched arm and ransom us.

The people are seated.

LESSON

Exodus 3:1-6

Moses encounters God in the burning bush.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

The people stand for the hymn as the choir processes to St. Margaret's Chapel.

Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All

barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

GREAT O ANTIPHON

O RADIX JESSE

O root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations;
 kings will keep silence before you for whom the nations long;
 come and save us and delay no longer.

The people are seated.

LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 10

Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The 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. His 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; but 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. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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 people stand as the Officiant stands.

GREAT O ANTIPHON

O CLAVIS DAVID

O key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and none can shut;
you shut and none can open:
come and free the captives from prison, and break down the walls of death.

The people are seated.

LESSON

Jeremiah 23:5-6

The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.

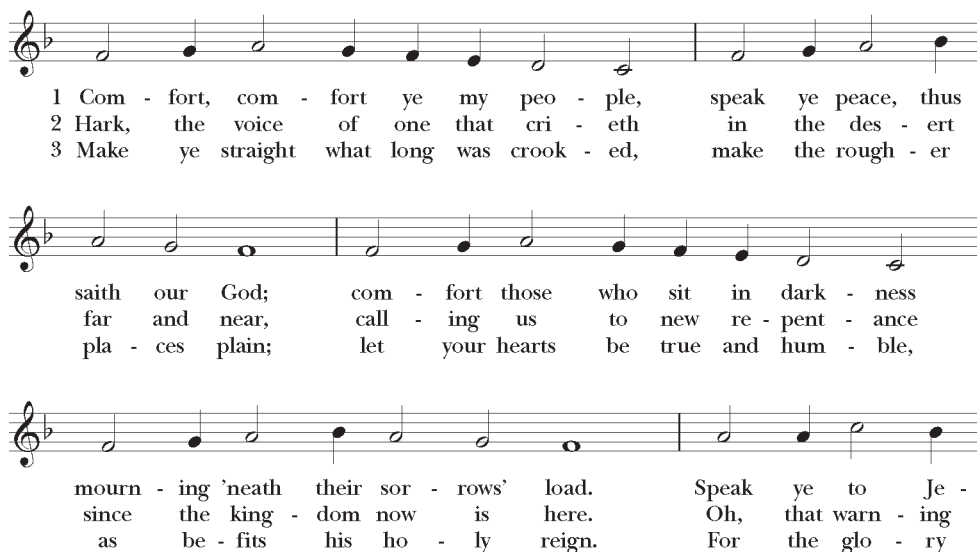
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The people stand for the hymn as the choir processes to the Chancel steps.

HYMN

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

Psalm 42



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.

GREAT O ANTIPHON

O ORIENS

O morning star, splendor of the light eternal and bright sun of righteousness:
 come and bring light to those who dwell in darkness and walk in the shadow of death.

The people are seated.

LESSON

John 1:19-28

John the Baptist testifies to the Jewish authorities.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jewish authorities sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'", as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

ANTHEM

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS

P. Moore

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of His servant David.
 As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
 That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;
 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;
 To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;
 That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear;
 In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
 And thou child shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins;
 Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
 To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
 Glory be to the Father: and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The people stand as the Officiant stands.

GREAT O ANTIPHON

O REX GENTIUM

O king of the nations, you alone can fulfill their desires:
 cornerstone, binding all together:
 come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust of the earth.

The people are seated.

LESSON

Revelation 15:2-4

The heavenly hosts sing praises to the Lamb.

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: "Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments have been revealed."

The people stand for the hymn as the choir processes to the Chancel.

HYMN

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

GREAT O ANTIPHON

O EMMANUEL

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, hope of the nations and their savior:
come and save us, O Lord our God.

The people are seated.

LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

An angel of the Lord tells Joseph that Mary will give birth to the Messiah.

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 fulfil 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."

ANTHEM

THE CHERRY TREE CAROL

*arr. Stephen Cleobury
(1948-2019)*

Joseph was an old man, and an old man was he,
When he wedded Mary in the land of Galilee.

Joseph and Mary walk'd through an orchard good,
Where was cherries and berries so red as any blood.

O then bespoke Mary, so meek and O so mild,
'Pluck me one cherry, Joseph; for I am with child.'

O then bespoke Joseph, with words most unkind,
Let him pluck thee a cherry that brought thee with child.'

O then bespoke the baby within his mother's womb:
'Bow down then the tallest tree for my mother to have some.'

Then bowed down the highest tree unto his mother's hand;
Then she cried, 'See Joseph, I have cherries at command.'

O then bespoke Joseph, 'I have done Mary wrong;
But cheer up my dearest and be ye not cast down.'

Then Mary plucked a cherry as red as any blood,
Then Mary went she homewards all with her heavy load.

Jesus tells us to await his coming.

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

During the anthem an offering is received to support the ministries of Christ Church.

ANTHEM

ANGELUS AD VIRGINEM

*arr. Matthew Martin
(b. 1976)*

*Angelus ad Virginem
subintrans in conclave,
Virginis formidinem
demulcens inquit: ‘Ave!
Ave, Regina virginum:
coeli terraeque Dominum
concupies et paries intacta
salutem hominum,
tu porta coeli facta
medela criminum.’*

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

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

The angel stealing
into her chamber,
mollifying the Virgin’s fear,
said to her, ‘Hail!
Hail, Queen of virgins:
you will conceive the Lord of heaven
and earth and give birth, while
still a virgin, to the salvation of
humankind; you will be made the gate
of heaven, the cure of sins.’

‘How could I conceive,
who have never known a man?
How could I break
what I with firm mind have vowed?’
‘The grace of the Holy Spirit
shall carry out all these things.
Be not afraid, but rejoice, free from
care since your chastity
will remain unstained in you
through the power of God.’

To this, the noble Virgin,
replying, said to him:
‘I am the lowly maidservant of
almighty God.
To you, heavenly messenger,
privy to so great a secret,
I give my consent, and I desire to see
done what I hear;
I am ready to obey
God’s plan.’

*Angelus disparuit,
et statim puellaris
uterus intumuit
vi partus virginalis.
Qui circumdatus utero
novem mensium numero;
hinc exit, et iniit conflictum,
affigens humero
Crucem qua dedit ictum
hosti mortifero*

*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.*

The angel disappeared,
and immediately the girl's
womb swelled with the force of the
maiden's pregnancy.
He, after being wrapped in the womb
for nine months in number,
left it and began the struggle,
fixing to his shoulder
the Cross, with which he dealt a blow
to the deadly enemy.

Hail, Mother of our Lord,
who brought back peace
to angels and to humankind
when you gave birth to Christ!
Pray your son
that he may show us favour
and destroy sin,
giving us help
to enjoy the blessed life
after this time of exile.

The people stand for the hymn. The acolytes light the candles of the congregation during the hymn.

HYMN

LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Helmsley

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 tok - ens 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 ly 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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant Let us pray.

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.
Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.
We pray for Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie our bishop.
Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your Kingdom.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations.
We pray for Donald, our president, J. D., our vice president, and Gretchen, our governor.
Before you, rulers will stand in silence.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and Comforter.
We pray for the sick, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.
Break in to our lives where we struggle with sickness and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as a shepherd and guardian of our souls.
We remember those who are dying and those who have died.
Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you,
that, with the blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints and angels,
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 BLESSING OF ADVENT

Officiant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in
great humility, sanctify us with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await,
make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People **Amen.**

May we, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer,
at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

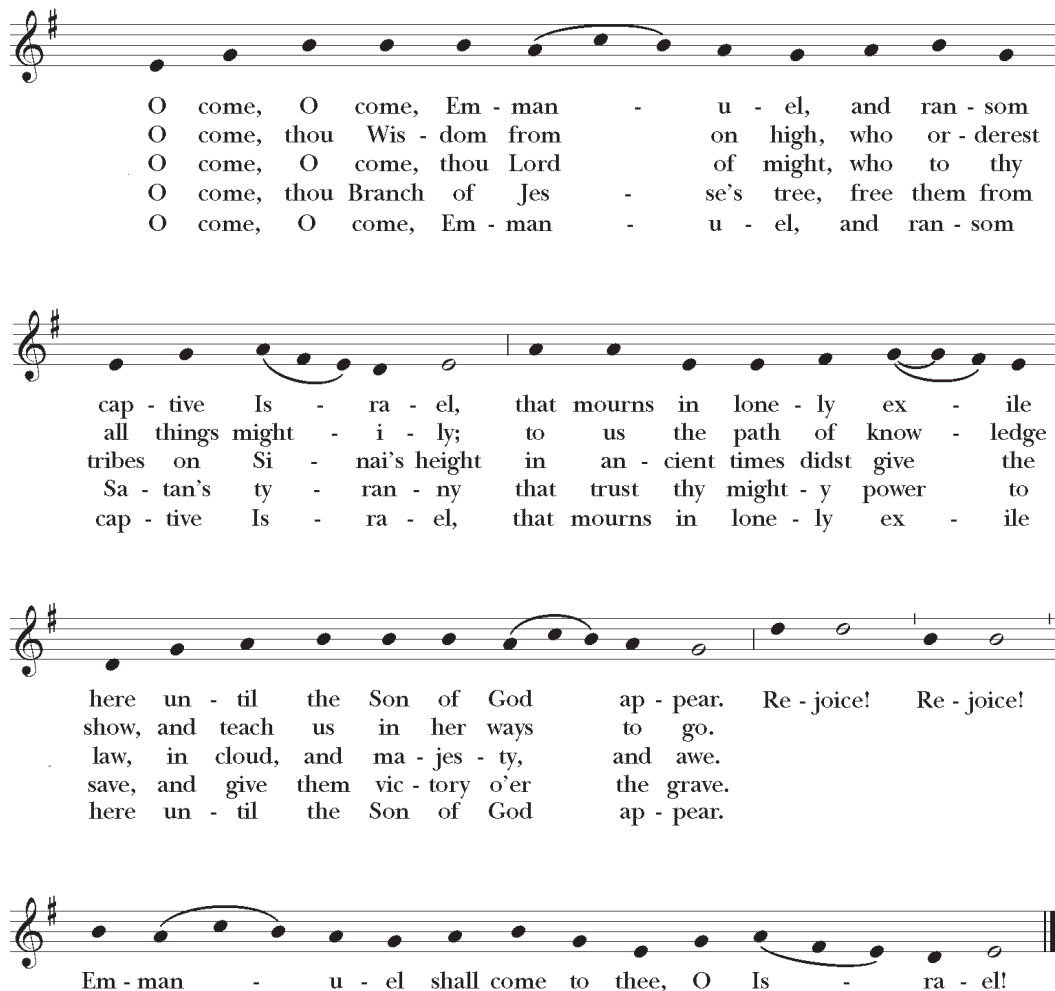
The Officiant dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
show, and teach us in her ways to go.
law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The people extinguish their candles during the voluntary.

The people exit after the voluntary.

VOLUNTARY

MAGNIFICAT PRIMI TONI, BUXWV 203

*Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)*

❧ *Please join us for a reception in the Lobby* ❧



Christmas at Christ Church

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

Wednesday, December 24

4 pm | Festival Eucharist & Crèche Procession
with Choir (childcare provided)

8 pm | Festival Eucharist with Alumni Choir

11 pm | Festival Eucharist with Choir (incense is used)

The Nativity of Our Lord

Thursday, December 25

10 am | Festival Eucharist with Choir





WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.

WORSHIP

The worship of God lies at the center of all that we do at Christ Church and forms the foundation of our Christian community. Each week, each day even, we gather in prayer to offer our gratitude to God from who all life proceeds. And it is from this great well of gratitude that our lives and ministries—our hospitality and fellowship, our service to the poor within our community, and our formation as Christians—collectively flow.

MUSIC

Music is at the heart of our Christ Church community and is one of the primary ways in which we worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our choirs sing at over 100 choral worship services every year. The choirs also sing at special liturgies, including the Advent and Epiphany Processions, Christmas and Easter Lessons and Carols, and the triduum liturgies in Holy Week.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Christ Church is a place where children are loved and valued, and we strive to provide fertile ground for our children to grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially. The Church School offers a variety of regular classes and activities for children and youth. We work together to lead our children through age-appropriate lessons, crafts, and interactive discussions as they explore a new theme each week.

LEARN

Christian Formation is a multi-faceted and life-long process of transformation. Christian Education gives language to our experiences of the Holy and provides us a place to explore the deep questions and implication of our faith. It is our profound hope that the Educational programs offered at Christ Church—for children, youth, and adults—will aid you and your children in your journey of faith.

CONNECT

Many people find the anonymity of a large parish safe when they first begin attending. At some point, however, most seek a community, a way to join with a group of people sharing the same journey. We gather all the time in different kinds of groups: for prayer, study, to help others, and just for fun. Whether you don't know what a Nave is or you are an expert at navigating Coffee Hour, there is a community here for you.

SERVE

At Christ Church we believe that the expression of our Christian faith and life is made complete in the life of service. Throughout the year our Outreach Ministries provide opportunities for members to bring God's love into the our community and world through acts of compassion and service. In partnership with area agencies we build homes, feed the hungry, visit the sick and homebound, and clothe the poor.



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