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*The Annunciation, 1910.*

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## *From Darkness to Light*

8 December 2024

An Advent Procession with Carols

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “Nun komm’ der Heiden Heiland”

(BWV 659)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chorale Prelude on “Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen” (Op. 122)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*The Service begins in darkness.*

MATIN RESPONSORY

music by G.P. da Palestrina

Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause:

**For all the earth is full of darkness.**

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

***Veni Redemptor Gentium***

**descant: D. Willcocks**

*Verse 1 is sung by the Choir as the congregation’s candles are lit.*

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now his course to run.

<sup>4</sup> From God the Father he proceeds,

To God the Father back he speeds;  
His course he runs to death and hell,  
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

<sup>5</sup> O equal to the Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now:  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

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

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

#### THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, the season of Advent bids us prepare ourselves both for the celebration of Christ's nativity as also for the day when he shall come to judge the hearts of us all. So, in sorrow and penitence, let us confess our failures and shortcomings, and renew in ourselves the vision of God's perfect kingdom, which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes for us.

In word and music we will give voice to the hope set forth in the scriptures, that God's kingdom will come; and, with John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will prepare for its coming, celebrating its dawning in the birth, life and death of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

But first let us pray for those who, by reason of their adversity, yearn especially for its coming: the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowful, the lonely and the unloved; those who sit in the darkness of despair or who walk in the shadow of death. Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and for all who strive for the establishment of justice, righteousness and peace; and, that it may bear witness to this hope in a world divided by wrath and sorrow, let us pray for the well-being and unity of Christ's body,



the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, and the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

ANTIPHON: O ADONAI (O OUR LORD)

CAROLS

Lo, in the time appointed

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

HYMN

**5**      ***Hark! A herald voice is calling***

**Merton  
descant: W. Warren**

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-8

Read by Diane Roussel

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make

straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

ANTIPHON: O RADIX (O ROOT OF JESSE)

CAROL

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come                      Paul Manz (1919-2009)

THIRD LESSON

Zechariah 2: 10-13    Read by Joshua Riddoch

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Lord and the increase of God's kingdom

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

ANTIPHON: O CLAVIS DAVID (O KEY OF DAVID)

CAROL

Adam lay ybounden    Boris Ord (1897-1961)

***There's a voice in the wilderness crying*****Ascension**

*As the Procession moves to the Shrine of Our Lady, the people's candles are relit. Please turn towards the Shrine.*

<sup>1</sup> There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
 A call from the ways untrod:  
 Prepare in the desert a highway,  
 A highway for our God!  
 The valleys shall be exalted,  
 The lofty hills brought low;  
 Make straight all the crooked places,  
 Where the Lord our God may go!

<sup>2</sup> O Zion, that bringest good tidings,  
 Get thee up to the heights and sing!  
 Proclaim to a desolate people  
 The coming of their King:  
 Like the flowers of the field they perish,  
 The works of men decay,  
 The power and pomp of nations  
 Shall pass like a dream away.

<sup>3</sup> But the word of our God endureth,  
 The arm of the Lord is strong;  
 He stands in the midst of nations,  
 And he will right the wrong:  
 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,  
 And fold the lambs to his breast;  
 In pastures of peace he'll lead them,  
 And give to the weary rest.

<sup>4</sup> There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
 A call from the ways untrod:  
 Prepare in the desert a highway,  
 A highway for our God!  
 The valleys shall be exalted,  
 The lofty hills brought low;  
 Make straight all the crooked places,  
 Where the Lord our God may go!

GOSPEL OF THE SALUTATION

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Read by Fr Dn Andrew Bennett

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

*Please be seated.*

ANTIPHON: O REX GENTIUM (O KING OF THE NATIONS)

CAROL

Gabriel's Message

Basque Carol, arr. E. Pettman

HYMN

**74**     ***Hail to the Lord's Anointed***

**Crüger**



GOSPEL OF THE ADVENT

Matthew 1: 18-23

Read by The Rev. Canon David Rath

St Matthew tells of the coming of the birth of Jesus

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

*Please be seated and extinguish candles.*

ANTIPHON: O EMMANUEL (GOD WITH US)

CAROLS

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)

English trad., arr. P. Ledger

OFFERTORY HYMN

**11**     *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

**Helmsley**

VESPER RESPONSORY

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
**Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

The Lord be with you;  
**And with thy spirit.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*Please kneel.*

**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.**

We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord;  
**In the midst of thy temple.**

COLLECT

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

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 wast 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 forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

**14**     *O come, O come, Emmanuel!*

**Veni Emmanuel**  
**descant: P. Ledger**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fuga sopra il Magnificat (BWV 733)

J.S. Bach

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NOTES AND NOTICES

A sincere welcome is extended to all newcomers and visitors joining us this evening.

Join us Christmas Eve at 10pm for Procession, Blessing of the Crèche with Devotions, and Solemn High Mass. A Solemn High Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 10:30am.

Copies of St. Barnabas Choir's CD recording "Exsultate Deo" will be available for purchase at a cost of \$20 in the Narthex following this evening's service.

An Anglican Church Calendar, published by St. Peter Publications and sponsored by the PBSC, is available from Wesley Warren at a cost of \$10.

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