

Advent Lessons and Carols
All Saints Episcopal Church – Fulton, NY

The Prelude: Johannes Brahms - Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Announcements

The lighting of the Advent Candle

All stand as the choir sings

Matin Responsory:

*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?*

*Words: Matin Responsory of Advent Sunday Music from a Magnificat by Giovanni Pierluigi da
Palestrinia adapted by David Willcocks*

Processional Hymn: Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

(The choir sings Stanzas 1-3)

- Stanza 1* Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
 and manifest thy virgin birth:
 let every age adoring fall;
 such birth befits the God of all.
- Stanza 2* 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.
- Stanza 3* The virgin womb that burden gained
 with virgin honor all unstained;
 the banners there of virtue glow;
 God in his temple dwells below.
- Stanza 4* Forth from his chamber goeth he,
 that royal home of purity,
 a giant in twofold substance one,
 rejoicing now his course to run.
- Stanza 5* 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.

Stanza 6 O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

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

Stanza 8 All laud to God the Father be,
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Who with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

Bidding Prayer

My brothers and sisters, we gather to celebrate Advent: the time beyond time in which we wait in hope for the fullness of what we have seen in the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we wait in this hope, let us prepare ourselves by opening the Holy Scriptures to hear the prophets of Israel tell the news of God's coming in the Messiah --- the anointed One --- and his kingdom that shall never end.

As we wait in this hope, let us fill this place with our carols and hymns of praise, rejoicing in the promise that the suffering, pain and tears that remain will be transformed by God's judgement and mercy.

Let us pray for all people divided and enslaved by oppression and hatred. Let us pray for the suffering and the sick, the imprisoned and the lonely, that they may be freed from the bonds of discord and brought into the harmony of a world being made new.

As we wait in this hope, let us pray for peace among the nations, remembering all who work for peace, that they may be strengthened to stand against all that chains us to the realm of evil and darkness.

And finally, let us remember all those who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, that multitude which no one can number, and with whom in Christ Jesus we shall evermore be made one.

Filled with this hope and vision, let us gather our prayers and praises in the words our Lord has taught us:

(Officiant and people kneeling)

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.

All sit

First Lesson – Genesis 3:1-15

In the saga of the Garden of Eden we hear of that destructive pride and selfishness that afflict the human race.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Carol: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree – Philip Rice (Sung by choir)

*The tree of life my soul hath seen Laden with fruit and always green
The tree of life my soul hath seen Laden with fruit and always green
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree
His beauty doth all things excel By faith I know but ne'er can tell
His beauty doth all things excel By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought And pleasure dearly I have bought
For happiness I long have sought And pleasure dearly I have bought
I missed of all but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

Second Lesson – Isaiah 6:1-11a

God commissions Isaiah to be the prophet of the advent.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Carol: Let all mortal flesh keep silence – French Carol (Sung by choir)

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord Most High!"*

Hymn 76 – On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry (Sung by all) *Winchester New*

Third Lesson – Isaiah 35:1-10

The Prophet Isaiah proclaims that God will come and save us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Carol: Remember O Thou Man – Thomas Ravenscroft (Sung by choir)

*Remember, O thou Man, O thou Man, O thou Man, Remember, O thou Man, Thy time is spent.
Remember, O thou Man, How thou camest to me then, And I did what I can. Therefore repent.
Remember God's goodness, O thou Man, O thou Man, Remember God's goodness And promise
made. Remember God's goodness, How his only Son he sent Our sins for to redress. Be not
afraid. The Angels all did sing, O thou Man, O thou Man, The Angels all did sing On Sion hill.
The Angels all did sing Praises to our Heavenly King, And peace to man living, With right good
will. To Bethlehem did they go, O thou Man, O thou Man, To Bethlehem did they go This thing to
see. To Bethlehem did they go To see whether it was so, Whether Christ was born or no, To set us
free. In Bethlehem was he born, O thou Man, O thou Man, In Bethlehem was he born For
mankind dear. In Bethlehem was he born For us that were forlorn. And therefore took no scorn
Our sins to bear.*

Fourth Lesson – Baruch 4:36-5:9

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Carol: People Look East – Besancon Carol (Sung by choir)

*People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are
able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the
way. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there: Give up your
strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing
today: Love, the rose, is on the way. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest
that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People,
look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon
together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way. Angels, announce with
shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming With the
word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Hymn 59 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding (Sung by all)

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Fifth Lesson – Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Carol: The angel Gabriel from heaven came – Traditional (Sung by choir)

*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 favored lady," Gloria!
"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored 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 favored 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 favored lady," Gloria!*

Sixth Lesson – Luke 1:39-45

St. Luke tells of the coming birth of Jesus

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Carol: King Jesus Hath a Garden – Charles Wood (Sung by choir)

*King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers,
Where I rejoice with great delight, all times and hours.
There naught is heard but Paradise bird, Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal, trump and tymbal, And the tender, soothing flute.
The Lily, white in blossom fair, is Chastity:
The Violet, with sweet perfume, Humility.
The bonny Damask-rose is known as Patience:
The blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience.
The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place,
'Tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace.
Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize may claim
The Star of Bethlehem — Jesus — bless'd be his Name!
Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,
Make thou my heart thy garden-plot, fair, trim and neat.*

Seventh Lesson – Revelation 21:1-7

Blessed John the Divine gives us a vision of the advent of Christ at the fulfillment of time.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Carol: My Lord What A Morning – Spiritual (Sung by Choir)

*My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning! O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars
begin to fall. You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall. You will hear the sinner cry,
To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.
3 You will hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right
hand, When the stars begin to fall.*

Offertory Hymn -56 (vs 1-2) - O come O come Emmanuel (Sung by all)

Veni Veni Emmanuel

(The offering is collected during this hymn)

Officiant: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not nor be dismayed.

People: *Tomorrow go forth and the Lord will be with you.*

Officiant: Stand still, and you shall see the salvation of the Lord

People: *Tomorrow go forth and the Lord will be with you.*

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: *Tomorrow go forth and the Lord will be with you.*

Officiant: We wait for your loving kindness, O Lord.

People: *In the midst of your temple.*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 57 – Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

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Mission Statement

The mission of All Saints Church, Fulton, is to be a welcoming congregation to all who come seeking the passionate presence of the living Christ. And to then be willing to join with the other members of the parish to reach out as the living passionate presence of Christ to the wider community which He calls us to serve.

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December 3rd - 7:00 PM - Vestry - All are welcome!

December 8th - 9:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

December 11th - 10:30 AM - Study Group & 12 Noon Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

December 15th - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer

December 22nd - 9:00 AM - Holy Eucharist & Fellowship Breakfast

December 24th - 5:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service