

A VIRTUAL SERVICE OF  
LESSONS AND CAROLS  
FOR ADVENT



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

4:00 PM

GRACE CHURCH *in* PROVIDENCE

*The following service was recorded following the guidelines for singing in person, limited to 4 singers or households and spaced 14 feet apart, as set by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island. Additionally, there is no Congregation physically present.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645     *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*



*The monogram of chi (X) and rho (P), which appears throughout this leaflet, is based upon the first two letters of the Greek word 'Khristos', meaning Christ.*

*The Matin Responsory, is sung by the Choir from the rear of the Nave.*

## **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?

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.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

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

*Words: from the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins*

*Music: adapted from Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina (1514-1594)*

*Please stand, if able, to sing*

## **HYMN IN PROCESSION**

*The Choir sings stanzas 1 and 2; the Congregation joins for stanzas 3-8.*

1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall; Such birth befits the God of all.
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.

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  
 7. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, and dark - ness  
 8. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose ad - vent

ho - nour all un - stained; the ban - ners there of  
 home of pu - ri - ty, A giant — in two - fold  
 Fa - ther back he speeds; His course he runs to  
 flesh - ly man - tle now; the weak - ness of our  
 breathe a new - er light, where end - less faith shall  
 sets — thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

vir - tue glow; God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.  
 sub - stance one, Re - joic - ing now his course to run.  
 death and hell, Re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.  
 mor - tal state with death - less might in - vi - go - rate.  
 shine se - rene, and twi - light ne - ver in - ter - vene.  
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

*Words: St. Ambrose (340-397); tr. J.M. Neale and others*  
*Music: Puer nobis, Traditional melody, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);*  
*Arranged: Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*



## THE BIDDING PRAYER

**B**ELOVED IN CHRIST, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died; and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**O**UR 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.

*Officiant* The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

*All* Amen.

*Please be seated.*



## THE BIDDING CAROL

**R**ORATE CAELI desuper et nubes pluant iustum.

Aperiatur terra et germinet salvatorem.  
Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei, et opera manuum  
ejus annuntiat firmamentum.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:  
let the earth open, and let it bring forth a Saviour.*

*The heavens declare the glory of God:  
and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.*

*Nikki Lawrence, Mezzo-soprano*

*Words: Isaiah 45:8*

*Music: Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

*Read by Annabel Weimer*

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden*

## ANTHEM

**A**DAM LAY YBOUNDEN, bounden in a bond:

Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
As clerkès finden written in their book.

Nè had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady abeen heavenè queen.

Blessèd be the time that apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

*Words: Friedrich von Spee (1591-1635)*

*Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)*



## THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

*Read by Frank Ward*

*The Prophet proclaims that God will come and save us*

## ANTHEM

**O**CULI OMNIUM in te sperant, Domine,  
et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportune  
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;  
and Thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.*

*Words: Psalm 145: 15  
Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)*



## THE THIRD LESSON

Baruch 4:36-5:9

*Read by Elfreda Thorpe*

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

## ANTHEM

**E**X SION species decoris ejus, Deus manifeste veniet.  
Congregate illi sanctos ejus  
qui ordinaverunt testamentum ejus super sacrificia.  
Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi, in domum Domini ibimus.  
Alleluia.

*Out of Sion hath God appeared in perfect beauty. Our God shall come:  
Gather my saints together unto me  
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.  
I was glad when they said unto me, let us go in to the house of the Lord.  
Alleluia.*

*Words: Psalms 50 and 122  
Music: Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)*

## THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

*Read by Kenneth Reeves*

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High*

## ANTHEM

**BOGORÓDĪTSE DYÉVO**, ráduisya,

Blagodátnaya Mariye, Gospód s tobóyu.

Blagoslovyéna ty v zhenákh,  
i blagoslovyén plod chryéva tvojevó,  
yáko Spása rodilá yesí dush náshikh.

*Rejoice, O virgin mother of God,  
Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee:  
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
for thou hast borne the Saviour of our souls.*

*Words: The Angelus Prayer, based on Luke 1:28*

*Music: from ВСЕНОЩНОЕ БДЕНИЕ (All-Night Vigil), Op. 37, No. 6. Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1949)*



## THE FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

*Read by Leigh Hubbard*

*Saint Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Saviour*

## ANTHEM

**T**HE 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  
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:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

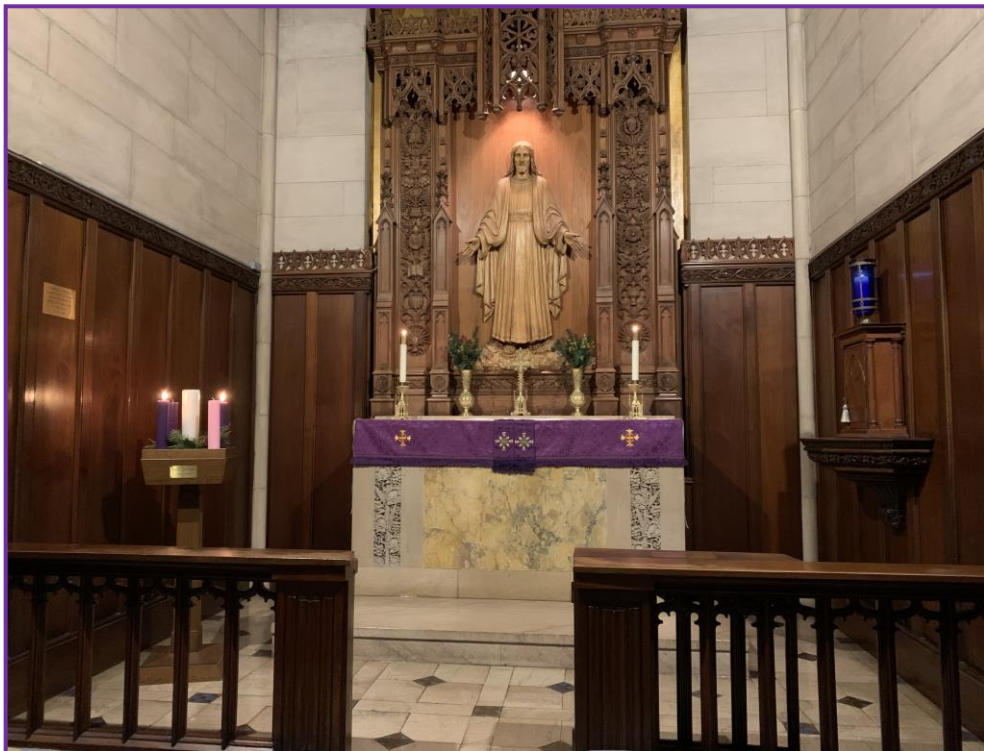
I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Erin Preston ~ Soprano*

*Words: Attributed to Richard Hutchins (1700-1800)*

*Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)*





# THE SIXTH LESSON

Mark 1:1-15

Read by The Rev. Hartwell Hylton, Deacon

*Jesus is baptized by John and proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God*

*The Choir sings from the Baptismal Font, at the rear of the Nave.*

## ANTHEM

**J**ESUS AUTEM HODIE regressus est a Jordane.

*(But today Jesus emerges from the Jordan.)*

When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace;  
the Father's voice was heard in the place.

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. *(This is my Son, listen to him.)*

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord,  
the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in from Jordan,  
At our last end, we pray thee, say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

*Olivia Kleyla, Soloist*

*Words: Medieval text*

*Music: Peter Hallock (1924-2014)*

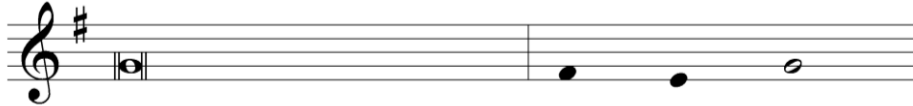
## VESPER RESPONSORY

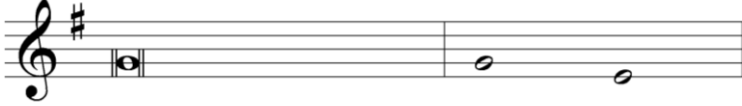
*Cantor* Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed:  
*Choir* Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.  
*Cantor* Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.  
*Choir* Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.  
*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
*Choir* Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

*Words: 2 Chronicles 20:17*

*Music: G. P. da Palestrina (1514-1594); adapt. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)*

*A moment of silence is kept*

*Cantor*   
We wait for Thy loving kind - ness, O Lord:

*People*   
In the midst of Thy tem - ple.

## THE COLLECT

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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.

*All* **Amen.**

## WELCOME

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck, *Rector*

## ANTHEM

**O** THOU, THE CENTRAL ORB of righteous love,

Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright  
awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
as stars about thy throne, set in the height  
of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight  
gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
our nature all shall feel eternal day  
in fellowship with thee, transforming clay  
to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

*Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)*

*Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## THE BLESSING

*The Rector*

**M**AY THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand, if able, to sing the hymn on the following page.*

## HYMN 57



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 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.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: Helmsley, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778);*

*harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.; Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)*

## VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

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## THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

*Officiant:* The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

*Members of the Choir of Grace Church*

Erin Preston & Olivia Kleyla, *Sopranos*

Nikki Lawrence, *Alto*; Brad Kleyla, *Tenor*

Nick Halar, *Bass-Baritone*

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*Associate Director of Music:* David Heinze

*Crucifer:* Charles Carroll

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