ADVENT
Lessons & Carols

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 1, 2019 at 3:00 PM
The Cathedral of Saint Peter in Chains
Cincinnati, Ohio
The season of Advent is traditionally a time of preparation for Christmas, and its observance dates from the sixth century in Gaul. It stretched from St. Martin’s Day (11th November) to Christmas Eve, and was known as ‘The Lent of St. Martin’. This title suggests the parallel between Advent and the Lenten fast, and meditations on the themes of judgement and our ultimate destiny were developed for each of the four Sundays.

The ancient people of God, the Jews, looked forward to the coming of God’s Kingdom when there would be a new order of justice and righteousness. The early Church saw that this kingdom had been anticipated and experienced through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, but still prayed ‘Thy Kingdom come’, looking forward to a second coming and the final consummation of all things.

The pattern of this Advent service reflects the season’s growing anticipation, both of the first coming of Christ and of that Day when the prayer ‘Thy Kingdom come’ is finally and fully answered.

Out of respect for the solemn nature of this liturgy and those gathered in prayer and worship, kindly silence all mobile telephones and electronic devices while in the cathedral.
ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Voluntary

Kommst Du Nun, Jesu, Vom Himmel Herunter
Ven, Veni Emmanuel

Johann Sebastian Bach
Gerald Near

Marian Motet  [sung in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel]

Alma Redemptoris Mater

G. P. da Palestrina

The Procession

Creator of the Stars of Night

7th century chant, arr. Gerald Near

The congregation stands as the choir proceeds singing the ancient Advent hymn.

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Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
Yea, amen! let all adore thee,

Once for our salvation slain;
Robed in dreadful majesty;
High on thine eternal throne;

Thou-sand, thou-sand saints attending,
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Savior, take the power and glory;

Swell the triumph of his train:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ the
Deeply wailing, shall the
Alleluia! Thou shalt

Lord returns to reign,
True Messiah shall see.
Reign, and thou alone.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Tune: HELMSLEY; Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-1799) from Wesley's Select Hymns, 1765.
3rd stanza organ harmonization and descant by Martin How.
The Bidding Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer
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. Amen.

Following the Lord’s Prayer, all are seated.

Antiphons

O sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodisisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviter disponesque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.

Chant

O Wisdom, You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flamme rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.

Chant

O Adonai, ruler of the house of Israel. You appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; on Mount Sinai you gave him your law; with outstretched arm, come and redeem us.

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1–9 Isaiah foretells the promise of salvation

Carol: E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed His blood That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, who was and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell there in, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!

E’en so Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Paul Manz
Prayer

Antiphons

O radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.


Hymn

The congregation stands and sings the hymn

1. Come, O long expected Jesus, Born to set your people free, From our fears and sins released us, Free us from captivity.
2. Israel’s strength and consolation, You, the dear desire of child and yet a king! Born to reign in every nation, Come, and save us by your birth. May your gracious kingdom bring.
3. Born your people to deliver, Born a all our hearts alone; By your all-sufficient mercy raise us to your glorious throne.
4. By your own eternal Spirit Rule in your land! Oh, now the King is born, In the place of David’s throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Tune: CROSS OF JESUS. John Stainer, 1840-1901; descant by Lindsay Gray, b. 1953.

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption

Carol: Es ist Ein Ros’ Ensprungen

Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen
aus einer Wurzel zart;
Wie uns die Alten sungen
von Jesse kam die Art
Und hat ein Blümelein bracht
Mitten im kalten Winter
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röselein, das ich meine,
davon Jesajas sagt;
Hat uns gebracht alleine Marie,

Michael Praetorius
arr. Donald Cashmore

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming,
From tender root hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
Brought forth a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah told,
In Mary, purest maiden,
Prayer

Antiphons


O Rex gentium, et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.

Die reine Magd:
Aus Gottes ew’gem Rat
hat sie ein Kind geboren
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Blümelein so kleine,
das duftet uns so süß;
Mit seinem hellen Scheine
vertreibt die Finsternis.

Wahr’r Mensch und wahrer Gott,
Hilft uns aus allem Leide
rettet von Sünd’ und Tod.

Who bears the holy child.
As God’s eternal will,
She bore to us a Savior,
Yet stays a virgin still.

O flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

Carol

The congregation stands and sings the refrain of the carol

1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People’s burden,
Freely love and pardon. Refrain

2. God in time, God in man,
This is God’s timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human. Refrain

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, She obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected. Refrain

4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Savior, do not tarry! Refrain

Refrain

Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him wel-come?
Je-sus comes! Je-sus comes!
We will make him wel-come!

Tune: PERSONENT HODIE, from Piae Cantiones, 1582; arr. by Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

Prayer

Stand

Antiphons

O Rising Dawn, brightness of the light eternal,
sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O King of Nations and their desire, you are the cornerstone that binds two into one: Come and save the creature whom you have fashioned from clay.
Carol: Sans Day Carol

Now the holly bears a berry
as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus,
who was wrapped up in silk:
And Mary bore Jesus Christ
our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood,
it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry
as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus,
who died for us all:
And Mary bore Jesus Christ
our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood,
it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry
as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus,
who died on the cross:
And Mary bore Jesus Christ
our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood,
it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry
as blood is it red,
Then trust we our Savior,
who rose from the dead:
And Mary bore Jesus Christ
our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood,
it was the holly!

Third Lesson: Zechariah 11:14-17
The Prophet Zechariah foretells the coming of the Lord and the increase of his kingdom.

Canticle: Magnificat (Collegium Regale) 

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. 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.

Prayer

Antiphon

O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, expectatio gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos Domine Deus noster.

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of the Nations and their salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Carol: There Is No Rose

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia.
For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space. Res miranda.
By that rose we may well see
There be one God in Persons Three: Pares forma.
The angels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gaudeamus.
Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth: Transeamus.

Text: 15th century
Angelus ad Virginem

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subintrans in conclave

Virginis formidinem
demulcens inquit: Ave!

Ave, Regina virginum,
caeli terraeque Dominum
concipies et paries intacta
salutem hominum,
tu porta caeli 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, secura
quod castimonia
manebit in te pura
Dei potentia.

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

Eia Mater Domini,
quae pacem reddidisti
Angelis et homini,
cum Christum genuisti:
tuum exora Filium
ut se nobis propitium
exhibit et deleat peccata:
praestans auxilium
vita frui beata
post hoc exsilium.
Deo Gratias.

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear a son.

Carol: Angelus ad Virginem

Gabriel, from heaven's king
Sent to the maiden sweet,
Brought to her blissful tiding
And fair 'gan her to greet.
'Hail be thou, full of grace aright!
For so God's Son, the heaven's light,
Loves man, that He a man will be and take
Flesh of thee, maiden bright,
Mankind free for to make
Of sin and devil's might.'

Gently to him gave answer
The gentle maiden then:
'And in what wise should I bear
Child, that know not man?'
The angel said: 'O dread thee nought.
'Tis through the Holy Ghost that wrought
Shall be this thing whereof tidings I bring:
Lost mankind shall be bought
By thy sweet childbirthing,
And back from sorrow brought.'

When the maiden understood
And the angel's words had heard,
Mildly, of her own mild mood,
The angel she answered:
'Our Lord His handmaiden, I wis,
I am, that here above us is:
And touching me fulfilled be thy saw;
That I, since His will is,
Be, out of nature's law
A maid with mother's bliss.'

Filled full of charity,
Thou matchless maiden-mother,
Pray for us to him that He
For thy love above other,
Away our sin and guilt should take,
And clean of every stain us make
And heaven's bliss, when our time is to die,
Would give us for thy sake;
With grace to serve him by
Till He us to him take.
Thanks be to God.
Hymn


Tune: VENEZ DIVIN MESSIE; French Noël, 16th century.

1. O come, Divine Messiah, The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing in triumph.
2. O come, Desired of nations, Whom lowly will your cradle be: Though clothed in human fetters, Redeem the long lost fold.
3. O come, in peace and meekness, For world in silence will your God-head see. Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, Divine Messiah, The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph, And sadness flee a-way.

Tune: VENEZ DIVIN MESSIE; French Noël, 16th century.
The Responsory

Presider: Your light will come, Jerusalem;
All: *the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.*

Presider: You will see his beauty within you:
All: *the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.*

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
All: *Your light will come, Jerusalem;*
*the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.*

The Concluding Prayer

The Solemn Blessing

The Hymn

1. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som
2. O come, O Wis-dom from on high, Who or-ders
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your
4. O come, O Rod of Jes-se's stem, From ev'ry
5. O come, O Key of Dav-id, come, And o-pen

The Procession

*Creator of the Stars of Night*  
*7th century chant, arr. Gerald Near*

Please do not leave until the sound of the choir and bells has faded away.

A free-will offering will be accepted as you leave.
Liturgical Ministers

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Acolytes & Torch Bearers
Schwarz & Murphy Families

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The Choir of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
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Michael Pandolfo

Christmas at the Cathedral

Tuesday, December 24
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS: Masses at 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM
Carol prelude for woodwinds, organ & men of the cathedral's choir

CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT: Mass at 10:00 PM
celebrated by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr.
Carol prelude by the cathedral’s choir & orchestra at 9:30 PM

Wednesday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY: Masses at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Carol prelude for organ, trumpet & cantor