ADVENT

Lessons & Carols

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2020 at 3:00 PM
The Cathedral Basilica 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* Johann Sebastian Bach
*Veni, Veni Emmanuel* Gerald Near

Marian Motet [sung in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel] G. P. da Palestrina
*Alma Redemptoris Mater*

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia coeli porta manes, et stella maris, succure cadenti, surgere qui curat populo; Tu quae genuisti natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem, Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, you remain the gateway to heaven and star of the sea. Rise up to help the falling, and care for your people. You who gave wondrous birth to your Creator, Virgin first and last, by the "Ave" from Gabriel’s mouth, have mercy on us sinners.

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.

Creator of the stars of night, You came when old world drew towards night, Your people’s everlasting light, Appearing not in princely might, Jesus, Redeemer, save us all, But born of Mary, mother mild, And hear your servants when they call, Became the victim undefiled.

Now grieving that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, At your great name majestic now, You heal all those who need your grace, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow; And come to save our fallen race, All things in heaven and earth adore, And own you king forever more.

Advent Versicle and Response

Presider: Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
All: **Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
All: **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**
1. Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
   once for our salvation slain;
   those who set at nought and sold him, 
   swell the triumph of his train;
   Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 
   Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
   Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the
   Lord returns to reign. 
   true Messiah shall see. 
   reign, and thou alone. 

2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
   robed in dreadful majesty;
   Savior, take the power and glory;
   pierced, and nailed him to the tree, 
   Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 
   deep - ly wailing, deep - ly wailing, 
   deep - ly wailing, shall the
   true Messiah see. 
   reign, and thou alone. 

3. Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
   high on thine eternal throne;
   thou-sand, thou-sand saints attending 
   claim the kingdom for thine own: 
   Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 
   Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 
   Al - le - lu - ia! 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 prodisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviter disponesque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.

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.

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  Paul Manz

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!
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.


Carol: Blow Out the Trumpet

Blow out the trumpet in Sion, and sound the alarum in my holy mountain.

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand, and sound the alarum in my holy mountain.

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

Carol: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hark, the voice of one that crieth
In the desert far and near;
Bidding all men to repentance
Since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God away;
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That his word is never broken.

O root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to the peoples; before you kings shall keep silence, all nations bow in worship: Come and save us and do not delay.

O Key of David, Scepter of the house of Israel. You open and no one closes; you close and no one opens: Come and deliver us from the chains of prison, we who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
Prayer

Antiphons


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

Chant

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

Carol  I Look from Afar  Adapted from a Magnificat by Palestrina

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?"

Prayer  Stand

Antiphon  Chant

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: Drop Down, Ye Heavens  Richard Lloyd

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness:
let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Savior.

Be not very angry, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity forever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation;
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned and are as an unclean thing. And we all do fade as a leaf:
our iniquities like the wind have taken us away;
Thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us because of our iniquities.

Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.
Angelus ad Virginem
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
exhibeat et deleat peccata:
praestans auxilium
vita frui beata
post hoc exsilium.
Deo Gratias.

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 childbearing,
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.
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.

Fifth Lesson: Matthew 1: 18-25
Saint Matthew tells of the coming birth of Jesus.

The assembly stands for the fifth lesson and remains standing for the hymn

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, O Lord!

after the gospel
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Be seated

Carol: Virga Jesse
Anton Bruckner

Virga Jesse floruit;
Virgo Deum et hominem genuit:
Pacem Deus reddit,
In se concilians ima summis.
Alleluia.

A flower from Jesse blooms;
A Virgin bears God and man:
God aids peace,
Acquiescing the lowest with the highest.
Alleluia.

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

\[ All \] 1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el,  
2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free  
3. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer  
4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come,  
5. O come, thou Lord of Might,  

[Men] And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
[Women] Thine own from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny;  
[Choir] Our spi - rits by thine ad - vent here;  
[All] And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;  

Who to thy tribes on Si - - na's height,  

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
From depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
In an - cient times did give the law  

[All] Un - til the Son of God ap - pear: Re - joice! Rejoice!  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave:  
And death's dark sha - dows put to flight:  
And close the path to mi - se - ry:  
In cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe:  

Em - ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Text: Veni, Veni Emmanuel: Latin 9th C.  
Tune: VENI, VENI EMMANUEL; Mode 1; arr. Andrew Carter

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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Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica

Thursday, December 24
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS: Masses at 3:00 PM  5:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Carol prelude for woodwinds and organ

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

Friday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY: Masses at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Carol prelude for organ, trumpet & cantor