

# *A Candlelight Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols*



All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Chelmsford, Massachusetts  
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4:00 PM Live Stream

Prelude: *Veni Emmanuel*

Heathcote Statham (1889-1973)

Entrance Hymn 56: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Tune: *Veni Emmanuel*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

**The Bidding Prayer**

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see 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 his 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 the 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 the 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 whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

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

**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.**

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. Amen.

**First Lesson:** Genesis 3:8-15

The Fall

Reader: Addison Collins, Acolyte

**T**hey heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

**Choir:** *Adam lay ybounden*

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

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| 1. Adam lay ybounden<br>Bounden in a bond;<br>Four thousand winter<br>Thought he not too long.             | 2. And all was for an apple,<br>An apple that he took.<br>As clerkès finden,<br>Written in their book. |
| 3. Ne had the apple taken been,<br>The apple taken been.<br>Ne had never our lady<br>A been Heavenè queen. | 4. Blessed be the time<br>The apple taken was.<br>Therefore we moun singen<br><i>Deo gracias!</i>      |

**Second Lesson:** Baruch 4:36-5:9      Jerusalem, arise and look East      Reader: Maya Barry, Chorister

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

**Choir:** *Carol of the Advent (Besançon)*

Traditional French Carol

1. 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.

2. Furrows be glad, tho 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.

3. Angels announce to man and beast,  
Him who cometh from the East,  
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.

**Third Lesson:** Isaiah 64:1-9a

The Potter and the Clay

Reader: Ann Dean, Choir

○ that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

**Organ Introduction:** *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

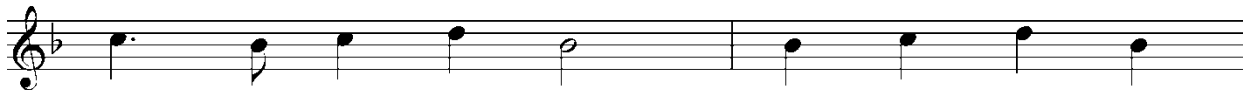
Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

**Hymn 54:** *Saviour of the Nations, Come*

Tune: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

**Fourth Lesson:** Luke 1:26-38 The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary Reader: Bob Friesner, Lector

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Choir:** *I Sing of a Maiden*

Bryan Hesford (1930-1996)

I sing of a maiden that is makeless; King of all kings to her son she ches. He came all to still where his mother was, as dew in April that fall'th on the grass.

He came all so still to his mother's bow'r, as dew in April that fall'th on the flow'r.

He came all so still where his mother lay, as dew in April that fall'th on the spray.

Mother and maiden was never none but she; well may such a lady Godés mother be.

**Fifth Lesson:** Isaiah 7:10-15

God will give a sign

Reader: Joy Chadwick, Bell Choir

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

**Choir:** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (W zlobie letsy)*

Polish Carol, arr. Robert Leaf (1936-2005)

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing; Christ the child is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new; saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free for sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow; Christ the child is Lord of all. Infant holy, Infant lowly, Christ the child was born for you.

**Organ:** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (W zlobie letsy)*

arr. Roy Brunner (20<sup>th</sup> c.)

**Sixth Lesson:** Luke 2:8-12

The Shepherds

Reader: Danielle Wigmore, Vestry

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

**Bells:** *The Angels and the Shepherds*

arr. Jason Krug

**Choir:** *Awake were they only*

Caradog Roberts (1878-1935)

Awake were they only, those shepherds so lonely, on guard in the silence profound; when color had faded, when night-time had shaded their senses from sight and from sound, Lo, then broke a wonder, then drifted asunder the veils from the splendor of God, when light from the holy came down to the lowly, and heaven to earth that they trod.

May light now enfold us, O Lord, for behold us like shepherds, from tumult withdrawn, nor hearing, nor seeing, all other care fleeing, we wait the ineffable dawn, O Spirit all knowing, thou source overflowing, O move in the darkness around, that sight may be in us, true hearing to win us glad tidings where Christ may be found.

**Seventh Lesson:** John 1:1-14 The Mystery of the Incarnation Reader: The Rev. Paul Kolbet, Rector

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Choir:** *On Christmas Night*

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring;  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

2. When sin departs before Thy grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.

3. All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night;  
“Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore. Amen.”

**Prayer**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(The people's response is chanted on a monotone, descending a minor third on the final syllable of each line.)*

Leader: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

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

Leader: Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

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

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

Leader: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

**People: In the midst of thy temple.**





Processional Hymn 57: *Lo, He comes with clouds descending*

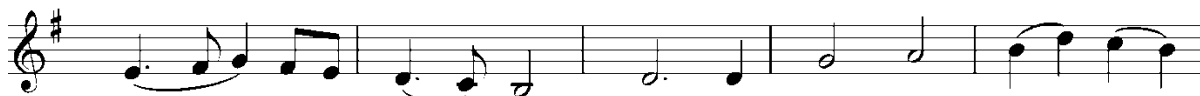
Tune: *Helmsley*



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.

**Blessing**

Christ 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.

**Postlude: *The First Noel/Silent Night***

arr. Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

All Saints' Bell Choir