SAINT PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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Advent Procession

with Lessons & Carols

Sunday, November 27 - 5:00 p.m.

Sung by the Cathedral Schola Cantorum

Order of Service

The service begins in darkness. A bell is rung and all stand.

Matin Responsory *Aspiciens a longe* *G. Palestrina (1525-1594)*
Sung by the choir as hand candles are lighted.

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: Stir up thy strength, and come To reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Hymn *Veni, Redemptor gentium*
Verses 1-4, Sung by the Choir.

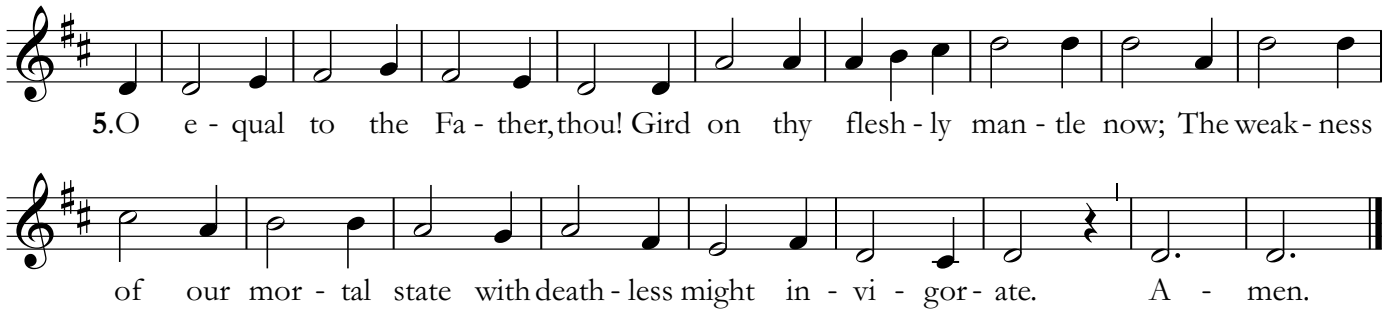
1. Come thou, redeemer of the earth,
   And manifest thy virgin birth:
   Let ev'ry age adoring fall,
   Such birth befits the God of all.

2. Begotten of no human will,
   But of the Spirit, thou art still
   The Word of God in Flesh arrayed,
   The promised one to all displayed.

3. From God the Father he proceeds,
   To God the Father back he speeds;
   Defeating both the cross and grave,
   At God's right hand he lives to save.

4. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
   And darkness breathe a newer light,
   Where endless faith shall shine serene,
   And twilight never intervene.

All sing.



THE BIDDING PRAYER

Said by the Dean.

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

The People.

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Congregation is Seated and candles are extinguished.

The Advent Prose

Sung by the Choir.

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

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

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

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.

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

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 Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

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

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.

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

First Lesson Jeanise Wynn, A Chorister

Zecharaiah 2: 10-13

The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all people, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Hymn 60 "Creator of the stars of night" *Conditor alme siderum*
Sung by all, standing.

All are seated.

Second Lesson Joseph Ripka, Canon Musician
Isaiah 11: 1-10

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Carol Howard Skempton (b. 1947)
Sung by the Choir.

Adam 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 clerkës finden written
In their book.

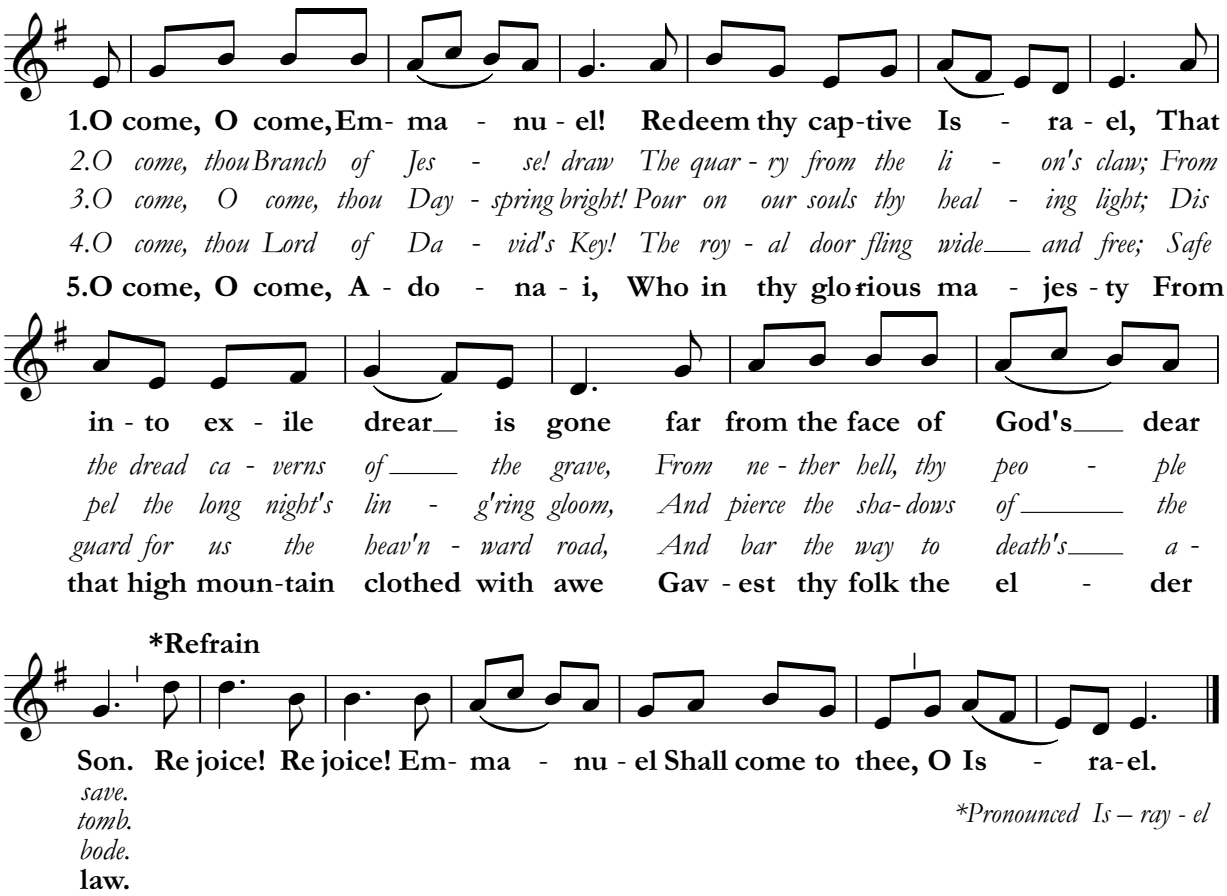
Ne had one apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady
A-been heaven's queen.
Blessed be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!

~Anonymous English Carol, (C. 1450).

Hymn

Veni, veni Emmanuel

The Congregation stands and sings verses 1 & 5.
The Choir sings verses 2-4. All sing the refrain for each verse.



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The congregation is seated.

Third Lesson Caroline Dennis, Liturgical Ministries Coordinator

Isaiah 40: 108

The Prophet proclaims good news to the people in exile.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Hymn 76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" *Winchester New*
Sung by all, standing. The choir processes to the chancel.

The congregation is seated.

Fourth Lesson
Baruch 4: 36—5: 9

The scribe Baruch urges the people to look east because salvation is at hand..

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 for ever 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 towards 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.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Carol John Tavener (1944-2013)
Sung by the Choir.

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild,
He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

~William Blake (1757-1827)

Hymn 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding" *Merton*
Sung by all, standing.

The congregation is seated.

Fifth Lesson Sarah Musler, Junior Warden
Luke 1:26, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 for ever, 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.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Carol *Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)*
Sung by the Choir.

Bogoróđitse Dévo, ráduyšia,
Blagodátnaya Maříye, Ghospód s Tobóyu.
Blagoslovénna Tï v zhenáḫ,
i blagoslovén Plod chřéva Tvoyegó,
yáko Spása rođilá yeší dush náshïḫ.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
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 Savior of our souls.

~Traditional Orthodox Prayer

Sixth Lesson The Reverend Sarah E. Smith, Curate

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt–a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Magnificat *Collegium Regale* Herbert Howells (10892-1983)

Sung by the Choir.

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.

~Luke 1: 46-55

All stand for the seventh lesson.

Seventh Lesson The Very Reverend Katie Churchwell, Dean

Revelation 21: 5-7; 22: 12-13, 20

Saint John unfolds the fulfillment of all creation.

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Reader Here ends the reading.

Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us" *Wachet auf*

Sung by all, standing.

Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Vesper Responsory *G. Palestrina (1525-1594)*

Sung by the choir.

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed; People Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.

The Blessing

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace; send forth thy Spirit from on high, that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee; O Lord, who for our sake wast of a virgin born, make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Congregation stands.

Hymn 57 "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" *Helmsley*

The congregation remains standing during the retiring procession.

Voluntary

Please join us for a reception following the service

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