

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Prelude

Come Thou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven Johann Sebastian Bach
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Henry Woodward

Introit

“Matin Responory” Giovanni Pierluigi da 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.

Call to Worship

*Hymn 104 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

First Lesson: ISAIAH 40:1–11 Old Testament, page 627

Anthem

“People, Look East” Besançon carol
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.
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: love, the star, is on the way.
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
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.

Second Lesson: JEREMIAH 31:31–34 Old Testament, page 691

Anthem

“Come, Come, Emmanuel” Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo
Come, come, Messiah; come, Emmanuel; come, promised one.
Prophets of old have told of your coming; long have we waited;
long have we prayed. Kingdoms and kings will bow down before you.
Come, Emmanuel, today. We are your children; you are our Savior.
Lovingly guide us, we pray. Help us to follow; help us to listen.

**Stand as you are able.*

Third Lesson: ISAIAH 35:1-10. Old Testament, page 623

Anthem

“Qui sedes” Josef Rheinberger
O thou who art enthroned over cherubim, stir up thy power, O Lord,
quickly, and help us. Thou King of Israel, hear our plea, thou who leadest
Joseph like a shepherd. Alleluia. Stir up thy power, O Lord, and quickly
come. Come forth now and save us, O Lord. Alleluia.

Fourth Lesson: MICAH 5:2-4. Old Testament, page 815

*Carol 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Fifth Lesson: ISAIAH 11:1-9 Old Testament, page 602

Anthem

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” Michael Praetorius
Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage
coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came afloweret bright, amid the cold of
winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have
in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love
aright she bore for us a savior, when half spent was the night.

Sixth Lesson: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18. Old Testament, page 826

*Hymn 93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Seventh Lesson: LUKE 1:26-38 New Testament, page 53

Anthem

“Nova, Nova” Michael Bedford
The angel Gabriel by name unto the virgin Mary came with joyful news
unto the same. Nova, nova, tidings of salvation. Then said the angel,
“Do not fear. I bring glad news for you to hear: you will bring forth God's
Son so dear.” Then Mary looked unto the sky, “Be as it pleases God on
high, whose name my soul shall magnify.” By her the Christ child comes to
earth, in Bethlehem to have his birth; let all the world be filled with mirth!

Eighth Lesson: LUKE 1:39-56. New Testament, page 53

*Hymn 100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

Ninth Lesson: JOHN 1:1-18. New Testament, page 86

Anthem

“The Word Was God” Rosephanye Powell
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the
Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were
made by him that have been made. Nothing was made he has not made.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee” Jean Berger
The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desires of every living thing.

*Carol 123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Aaron David Miller

Worship Leaders

Readers Hannah Kershner, Brad Pierce, Jeff Doane, Travis Hank,
John Dallas, Elana Aavik, Anne Stelle, Wydetta Carter

Liturgist Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor

Music The Children's Choir; The Youth Choir;
The Chancel Choir; The Morning Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth
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