

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

Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Prelude

- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French melody
arr. Sandra Tucker
- Come Thou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven Johann Sebastian Bach
- Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Henry Woodward

Introit

- “Matin Responsory” Thomas Foster
- 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?” 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
Anthem text: Hymnal 105

- 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

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel; by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil; here I will sit and rest awhile;
under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive,
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

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

Anthem text: Hymnal 129

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

“Corde Natus Ex Parentis” Plainsong; arr. R. R. Rossi

Anthem text: Hymnal 108

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

“Veni, Veni, Emmanuel” Plainsong; arr. Richard Robert Rossi
Anthem text: Hymnal 88

*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 Mackintosh Barker, Roberta Dawson, Lillian Gray, Judy Kerch,
Hannah Kershner, Luke Meyer, Thomas Schemper, Roger Wilson

Liturgist Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor

Music The Children’s Choir; The Youth Choir;
The Chancel Choir; The Morning Choir; The Handbell 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
Hsing-Huei Huang, Children and Youth Choir Accompanist
Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir
Hannah Nelson, flutist

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