Advent II Advent Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist

December 4, 2022 • 10 am

OLLOWING THE LIGHTING of the Advent Wreath, our service continues with Advent Lessons & Carols. Lessons and Carols was created by the Dean of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century for their Christmas Eve service. The tradition continues to the present day, with the service broadcast throughout the world. Our service today at St. James' includes many carols by contemporary composers, especially women.

Following the Sixth Lesson and the passing of the Peace, we continue with the Holy Eucharist. The musical setting of the ordinary is Advent Mass by Robert Lehman (b. 1960) based on a traditional French melody. Annunciation (shown above) is an oil on canvas painted in 1895 by Mary Alexandra Bell Eastlake (1864-1951).

> The Rev. Dr. Donald Hamer - Celebrant Sharon Phipps - Minster of Communion

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Conditor alme siderum Chorale Prelude on Merton **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #59** 

Rebecca Groom Tevelde (b. 1956) David Thorne (b. 1950) MERTON

Hymns may be found in the blue hymnal.

St James' Episcopal Church



#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

O God, we light the second candle of Advent.

The second candle is lit.

We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock. This Advent, we seek such a God.

Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.



#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT II

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### A BIDDING PRAYER

EAR PEOPLE OF GOD: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, 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 God's whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this community.

And because Jesus particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God Jesus' pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

#### Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on

earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now

and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CAROL

setting by James Kirkby (b. 1949)

English Traditional; collected by Ralph Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love: Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all, both rich and poor. The first thing which I do relate Is that God did man create, The next thing which to you I'll tell, Woman was made with man to dwell.

Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice To place them both in Paradise, There to remain, from evil free, Except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin, And thus their ruin did begin. Ruined themselves, both you and me, And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, Till God the Lord did interpose, And so a promise soon did run, That he would redeem us by his Son.

# **FIRST LESSON** – Genesis 3:1-15Reader: Cora; CHURCH SCHOOLAdam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the garden of Eden.

NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE CRAFTY than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They 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."

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL

Opus 576; Carson Cooman (b. 1982) Anonymous, circa 16<sup>th</sup> century

A Four thousand winter Thought he not too long. dam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond: And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkès finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never our lady Abeen heav'nè queen. Blessed be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen, *Deo gracias!* (Thanks be to God)

# **SECOND LESSON** – Isaiah 40:1-11 Reader: Jeannette Brown; CONGREGANT God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

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 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. Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

#### Marty Wheeler Burnett (21<sup>st</sup> cent.) Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king, Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Please stand as able to sing the hymn.

Tempus Adest Floridum



# **THIRD LESSON** – Isaiah 35:1-10Reader: Odis Coleman; LAY READERThe prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

THE WILDERNESS AND THE DRY LAND shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able to sing the hymn.

Zenaida Robles (b. 1979) Franz Mikael Franzen; trans. Augustus Nelson; adapted Charles Price (1881-1965)

Hymn printed on next page.

Hymn



**FOURTH LESSON** – Baruch 4:36-5:9 Reader: Erin Perrelli; LAY PREACHER 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 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.

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL

Besançon carol, *arranged by* Craig Phillips (b. 1961) Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

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.

Furrows, be glad. Through earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish

that in course the flow'r may flourish. People, look East and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way. Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen, he for fledging time has chosen. People, look East and sing today: Love the Bird 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.

FIFTH LESSON – Luke 1:26-38

the 1:26-38 Reader: Ralph Urban; VESTRY The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

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.

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL

15<sup>th</sup> century

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space;

Res miranda. (A wonderful thing)

And by that rose we may well see that there be one god in persons three. *Pariforma*. (Of the same form)

The angels sungen the shepherds too: *Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gaudeamus.* (Let us rejoice)

Then, leave we all this wordly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus*. (Let us go)

Please stand as able for the Sixth Lesson.

**SIXTH LESSON** – John 1:1-14 *John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.* 

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.

Thanks be to God.

#### HYMN #104

ANDÚJAR

#### **EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### And also with you.

The Minister and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. God's Jar offering will be received at this time.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** – *from* Messiah

Georg Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Recitativ

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel. *Air* 

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain;O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Chorus

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B – Please stand as able.

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

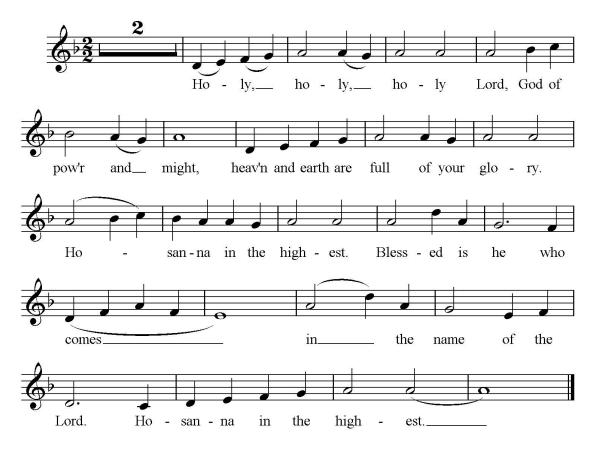
Lift up your hearts.

#### We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

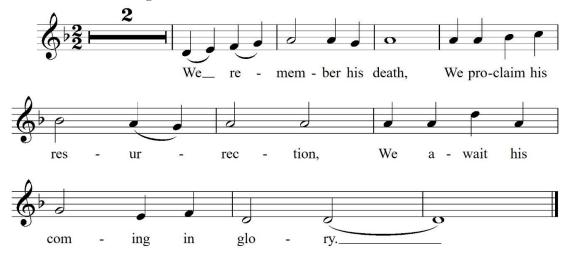
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



#### The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with <u>St. James</u> and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

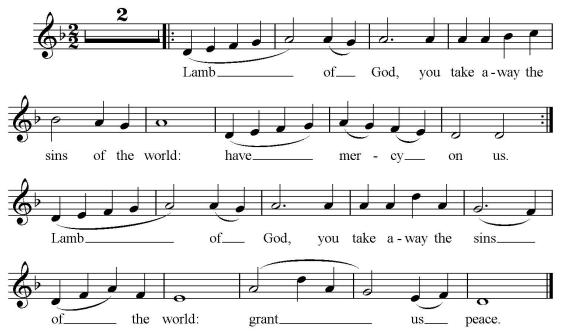
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**FRACTION ANTHEM** 



#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church.

*Gluten-free communion wafers and consecrated grape juice are available upon request of the priest or the Minister of Communion. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to let the clergy know.* 

Please wait for an usher to invite you forward to receive communion. The south side of the sanctuary receives first, followed by the north side, in order to avoid crowding the center aisle. Once you have received the communion wafer from the priest, please step to the side to receive the consecrated wine/grape juice. You may dispose of the small cup in the receptacle toward the end of the altar rail.

#### PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION for those worshipping online

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed BODY and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,

and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN #67**

PSALM 42

#### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

May 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.** 

Please stand as able to sing the hymn.

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN #76**

WINCHESTER NEW



#### **BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his/her days increase; bless and guide him/her wherever he/she may be. Strengthen him/her when he/she stands; comfort him/her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him/her up if he/she fall; and in his/her heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** – Fughetta on People Look East

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

# Please join us for fellowship in the Atrium.

#### **MUSICIANS**

ADULT CHOIR – Barbara Buddington, David Buddington, Janice Davis, Janet Donston, Valerie Huestis, Portia Mendez, Jill Monsarrat, Debbie O'Donnell. *Guest singers*: Stephen Corma, Michael Ersevim, Adam Giroux, Pamela Frigo Johnson INSTRUMENTALISTS – Patrick Boggs, *trumpet*; Eric Johnson, *clarinet* 

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Sunday, December 11 • Advent III
10 am Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 18 • Advent IV
10 am Holy Eucharist
3 pm Pageant at Beacon Woods Stables, South Glastonbury



Saturday, December 24 • Christmas Eve
5 pm Holy Eucharist Harp prelude at 4:45
9 pm Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1
10 am Holy Eucharist with carols