

The Church of the Advent

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

November 27, 2022

The First Sunday of Advent The Feast of Title & Dedication

Organ Prelude Recital

4:30pm

Owen Reid, Organist

Rorate cœli desuper, op 8, nº 1

Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, BuxWV 191

Dietrich Buxtehude (c 1637–1707)

Ave Maria — Ave Maris Stella, op 5, nº 1

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

Chorale Fantasia: 'Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland'

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent Sunday

5:00pm

¶ All stand as the choir sings the following Responsory.

Matin Responsory Aspiciens a longe

- \mathbb{R} . and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
- \dot{V} . Go ye out to meet him and say:
- \mathbb{R} . Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
- \dot{V} . High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
- \vec{R} . Go ye out to meet him and say:
- \mathbb{R} . Tell us, art thou he that should come?
- \mathbb{R} . to reign over thy people Israel.
- \dot{V} . Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- R. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
- \dot{V} . Go ye out to meet him and say:
- \mathbb{R} . Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Words: First Responsory at Matins of Advent Sunday

Music: adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c 1525–1594)

¶ The choir sings verses one and two alone.



- From God the Father He proceeds, To God the Father back He speeds; His course He runs to death and hell, Returning on God's throne to dwell.
- 6 O equal to the Father, Thou! Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now; The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.
- 7 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, And darkness breathe a newer light, Where endless faith shall shine serene, And twilight never intervene.
- 8 All laud to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To God the Holy Paraclete.

Words: attr to Ambrose of Milan (340–397); tr John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Music: Melody, Trier, 15th cent; adapt Michael Praetorius (1571–1621) harm George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

¶ The Officiant then offers

The Bidding Prayer

Belovèd 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 men 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. And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and goodwill upon the earth: that we may be a sign of the age to come.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us: Our Father...

¶ The people say

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.

May 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.**

¶ The people sit.

Invitatory Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the King of Israel. Blessed be the Kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens.

Words: Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19 Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Reader: Erin Shea Hogan, choir member

Reader: Noah Karger, student

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Carol

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: four thousand winter thoght he not too long. And all was for an appil, an appil that he took, as clerkes finden wreten in their book.

Ne hadde the appil taken ben, ne hadde never our Lady a ben heavene quene. Blessed be the time that appil taken was: therefore we moun (*) singen *Deo gracias*. (*) = must

Words: London: British Library Sloan MS 2593, 15th cent

Music: Howard While Skempton (born 1947)

The Second Lesson Isaiah: 6:1–8

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Motet

Duo Seraphim clamabant alter ad alterum, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, plena est omnis terra gloria eius Two Seraphim called one to another, Holy is the Lord God of Hosts, all the earth is full of his glory.

Words: Isaiah 6:3

Music: Jakob Handl (1550–1591) in his Opus Musicum, vol 2, 1587

Hymn *Vox clara ecce intonat*



Words: Latin, c 6th cent; tr *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, & Edward Caswall (1814–1878) alt Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

¶ The people sit.

The Third Lesson Isaiah 40: 1–11

Reader: Lily Roberts, teacher

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 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 voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Motet

Lætentur cœli, et exsultet terra. Jubilate montes laudem, quia dominus noster veniet, et pauperum suorum miserebitur. Orietur in diebus tuis justitia et abundantia pacis.

Sing O ye heavens, and be joyful O ye earth, and break forth into singing, O ye mountains, for our Lord will come and will have mercy upon his afflicted. In your time shall justice flourish, yea, and the abundance of peace.

Reader: Paul Roberts, Liturgical Minister

Words: Processional Responsory for Advent Sunday, Sarum Rite; cf Isaiah 49:13, Ps 72:7

Music: William Byrd (1540–1623) in Liber primus sacrarum cantionum quinque vocum, Thomas East Press, London, 1589

Chorus

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.

Music: George Frederick Handel (1685–1759) from Messiah, HWV 56, 1741

Words: Isaiah 40:1-8

The Fourth Lesson Micah 5:2–4

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

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.

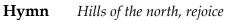
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.

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 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.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) for The Oxford Book of Carols, 1928

Music: Besançon carol, arr Barry Ferguson (born 1942)





Music: Little Cornard, Martin Edward Fallas Shaw (1875–1958)

Words: Charles Edward Oakley, (1832–1865) alt, as in The New English Hymnal, 1986

¶ The people are seated.

The Fifth Lesson Isaiah 7:10–15

Reader: Stephanie Krein, Vestry member

Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear

ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

Carol

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

For in that rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space. *Res miranda*. [Wondrous thing] By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three. *Pares forma*. [One in form] Then leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus*. [Let us go]

Words: There is no rose of swich vertu, Anon, 15th cent English

Music: John Joubert (1927–2019), op 14

Hymn Jordanis oras prævia



Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749) in his *Hymni Sacri*, 1736; tr Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

Music: Winchester New, melody from Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690; harm William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

Carol

Angelus ad Virginem sub intrans in conclave, Virginis formidinem demulcens, inquit: "Ave! Ave Regina virginum; cæli terræque Dominum concipies et paries intacta salutem hominum; tu porta cæli facta, medela criminum".

"Quomodo conciperem quæ virum non cognovi? Qualiter infringerem quod firma mente vovi?" "Spiritus Sancti gratia perficiet hæc omnia; ne timeas, sed gaudeas, secura quod castimonia manebit in te pura Dei potentia."

Ad hæc virgo nobilis respondens inquit ei: "Ancilla sum humilis Omnipotentis Dei. Tibi cælesti nuntio, tanti secreti conscio, consentiens, et cupiens videre factum quod audio; parata sum parere, Dei consilio." When the angel came secretly to the Virgin in her room, soothing the maiden's fear, he said: "Hail! Hail, Queen of virgins. While yet untouched by man you shall conceive and bear the Lord of heaven and earth, salvation for mankind. You have become the gate of heaven, a remedy for sins."

"How can I conceive, since I have not known a man? How can I break the vow I made with firm intent?" "The grace of the Holy Spirit shall bring all this to pass. Fear not, but rejoice, secure in the knowledge that pure chastity shall remain yours through God's mighty power."

To this the noble Virgin replied, saying: "I am the lowly handmaiden of Almighty God. I bend my will to you, O celestial messenger, who shares so great a mystery, and I long to see performed what I now hear. I am ready to yield myself to God's design."

Eia, mater Domini, quæ pacem redidisti angelis et homini, cum Christum genuisti: tuum exora filium ut se nobis propitium exhibeat, et deleat peccata: præstans auxilium vita frui beata post hoc exsilium.

Words: Anonymous French, 18th cent Music: arr Andrew Carter (born 1939) Ah, mother of the Lord, who gave back peace to angels and mankind when you bore Christ, pray your son to be gracious to us, and wipe away our sins, granting us aid to enjoy a blessed life after this exile.

Reader: Fr Thompson, Parochial Vicar

¶ The people stand for

The Seventh Lesson Luke 1:26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

¶ The people are seated.

Anthem

O thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the Most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith; hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move as stars about thy throne set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Organ Voluntary and Offering

Prelude on 'Conditor alme siderum'

Gerald Near (born 1942)

Vesper Responsory *Judea et Jerusalem*

- ℣. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
- \mathbb{R} . Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
- \dot{V} . Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
- R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
- . Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- \mathbb{R} . Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Words: Responsory at the Vigil of the Nativity Office of Lauds Music: adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c 1525–1594)

¶ All keep silence for a time, and there is sung

Hymn Lo! he comes, with clouds descending



Words: John Cennick, 1752; as altered by Charles Wesley, 1758; then altered by Martin Madan, 1760
 Music: Helmsley, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710–1778); harm Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Collect



V. We wait for thy loving kindness O Lord, R. In the midst of thy tem - ple.

Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming: Grant that we who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; even thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace. May he give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to the Church, the nation and the world peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting light and glory. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Postlude Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet (1878–1967)

¶ All are invited to a festive Reception which follows downstairs in Moseley Hall.

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Owen received his early musical training in Weatherford, Oklahoma, then earned a Bachelor's degree of Music and Musical Arts from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, in 2017. He went on to earn the Master of Music degree from the University of Cambridge (St John's College) where he served as graduate organ scholar of St. Catharine's College. Following Cambridge, he moved to Dallas to study with Stefan Engels at Southern Methodist University, where he earned the Master of Music degree in 2020.

In addition to his work as an organist and choral director, he is active as a composer and arranger. Recent compositions have been performed as far afield as Cambridge and London in the UK and Dallas, TX, including his *St Catharine's Evening Service* which was premiered by the Church of the Incarnation Choir under the direction of Scott Dettra.

In his spare time, Owen enjoys exploring local nature, hiking, reading, regular ensemble singing, playing tennis, and traveling.