



ADVENT PROCESSION

*A Service of Lessons & Carols
sung by the Christ Church Schola Cantorum
on the Second Sunday of Advent.*

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
Greenville, South Carolina

WELCOME

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal.

Known as the “Parish in the Heart of the City,” Christ Church is blessed by the beauty of its church, chapel, and setting, which have been preserved and expanded by the energy and vision of faithful stewards, both past and present.

For more than two centuries, we have been gathering to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to be *a joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ.*

We hope you will experience God’s blessings during this service as we have been blessed by your presence.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector
The Rev. Kellie Wilson, Senior Associate Rector
The Rev. Scott Fleischer, Associate for Pastoral Care
The Rev. Lindy Bunch, Associate for Parish Life
The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley, CCES Chaplain

ORDER OF SERVICE

In preparation for the service, we invite your quiet prayers and ask that you please silence your cell phone.

This evening's service is a form of Lessons & Carols intended to mark the beginning of the Advent season. This unique and inspiring service, based on similar services at Durham Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral, and Liverpool Cathedral, includes beautiful music sung in various locations of the church. The service begins in darkness, and as the flicker of candlelight fills the church, the story of God's salvation history unfolds in word and music. The singing from various locations in the church (West, East, North and South), as well as the growing illumination of the church, recalls the coming of Jesus as the Light of the World. Our prayer is that this time of worship will offer a measure of God's peace and quietude during this holy season of the year.

The Organ Voluntary

*Prelude on "Christe, Redemptor Omnium"
Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

*At the sound of the tower bell the congregation stands and turns to face the West End
for the Candlelighting Liturgy.*

The Candlelighting Liturgy

It is not ourselves that we proclaim;
we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord,
and ourselves as his servants.
For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine,"
has caused his light to shine within us,
to give the light of revelation - the revelation of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6 (alt.)*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"
darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalms 139:10-11*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord,
the lamp of charity which never fails,
that it may burn in us
and shed its light on those around us,
and that by its brightness
we may have a vision of that holy City,
where dwells the true and never-failing Light,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The congregation's candles are now lighted.

These candles should remain lighted until after the Fifth Lesson is read.

As you are offered the light, please tip your unlighted candle to receive the flame.

As you pass the light to your neighbor, be careful not to tip a lighted candle.

The congregation remains standing for the Bidding.

The Bidding

The Reverend Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector

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 Holy Scripture how the prophets of Israel
foretold that God would visit and redeem the 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 peoples 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 that 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 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 that Christ himself taught us.

The Lord's Prayer *(In unison)*

Our Father, 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.

The Officiant alone continues:
The 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 congregation is seated for the reading of the First Lesson.
The congregation's candles remain lighted throughout the reading of the first five lessons.*

+ THE FIRST LESSON +

God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.

Sung from the Galilee Porch:

The Carol

Jesus Christ the Appletree
Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

*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 toll, 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.*

The Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature:
Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son
Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Organ Meditation

Watchman, tell us of the night
Gerald Near (b. 1942)

+ THE SECOND LESSON +

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the garden of Eden

Sung from the Nave:

The Carol

Adam lay ybounden
John Ireland (1879-1962)

*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 the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
ne had never Our Lady a-been heavené queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen: Deo gratias!*

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Organ Meditation

Comfort, comfort, ye my people
Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

+ THE THIRD LESSON +

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Sung from the North Transept:

The Carol

Comfort, comfort, ye my people
Claude Goudimel (c. 1514–1572)

*Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.*

*Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.*

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Organ Meditation

Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us
Johann Walther (1684–1748)

+ THE FOURTH LESSON +

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

Sung from the South Transept:

The Carol

The Lamb

Sir John Tavener (1944–2013)

*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 wooly 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.*

The Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Organ Meditation

Creator of the stars of night
Raymond Weidner (b. 1949)

+ THE FIFTH LESSON +

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

At the conclusion of the reading of the Fifth Lesson the congregation may extinguish their candles.

Sung from the Sanctuary:

The Carol

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come
Paul Manz (1919–2009)

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all.*

The Collect

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ THE SIXTH LESSON +

John the Baptist prepares the way for Christ.

Sung from the Quire:

The Carol

O come, O come, Emmanuel
John Rutter (b. 1945)

*O Come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy shades of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, thou Lord of Might who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The Collect

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.**

+ THE SEVENTH LESSON +

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Sung from the Quire:

The Carol

Ave Maria
Jacques Arcadelt (1507-1568)

Translation of Latin text:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*This evening's offering will be directed to the Christ Church Music Ministry
in support of special liturgy and music offerings.*

The Offertory Anthem

O come, Divine Messiah!
Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

*O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.*

*Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, Divine Messiah,
The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.*

*You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be:
All clothed in human weakness shall we your God-head see.*

*O come Desired of nations, whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come break the captive fetters, redeem the long-lost fold.*

The congregation stands for the Concluding Versicles and Responses.

The Concluding Versicles & Responses

- V. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed,
R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
- V. Stir up thy strength, O Lord,
R. And come to reign over thy people, Israel.
- V. Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
R. And let the skies pour down righteousness.
- V. We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
R. In the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.

The Blessing

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Hymn In Procession, No. 58

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

The Organ Voluntary

Prepare the Way, O Zion
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Serving In Worship This Evening

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The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector

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UPCOMING LITURGY & MUSIC EVENTS FOR THE SEASON

Cocoa, Carols, and Christmas Jammies!

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 4:00 PM

*Join us in the church for a casual family-friendly carol sing-a-long with cocoa and cookies provided.
Don't miss a special visit from Saint Nicholas as well as other surprise guests!*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Saturday, December 24, 2022

*10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church with Organ, Harp, Violin, Schola & Hymns
2:00 PM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church with Organ, Violin, Schola & Hymns
4:00 PM - Children's Christmas Pageant & Eucharist in the Church
4:30 PM - Casual Christmas Eucharist in Markley Chapel with the Markley Chapel Musicians
6:00 PM - Festal Eucharist, Rite II in the Church with Choir, Organ, and Brass Quintet
10:00 PM - Choral Prelude to the Solemn Eucharist in the Church
10:30 PM - Solemn Midnight Eucharist (Incense) in the Church with Choir, Organ, and Brass Quintet*

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church with Organ, Harp, Soloist & Hymns



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