

# *Advent Lessons and Carols*

*Church of St. John the Evangelist, Elora*

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and lo,  
I see the power  
of God coming.



*Sunday, November 27, 2022*

*4:00pm and 7:00pm*

Congregation is invited to stand for Procession.

## MATIN RESPONSORY

Sarah MacDonald

*(congregation may be seated)*

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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.

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## Opening Sentences and Prayer

Beloved in Christ, the season of Advent bids us prepare ourselves both for the celebration of Christ's nativity and also for that Day when he shall come to judge the hearts of all people. So, in sorrow and penitence, let us confess our failures and shortcomings, and renew in ourselves the vision of God's perfect kingdom, which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes for us.

In words and music we will give voice to the hope set forth in the Scriptures, that God's kingdom will come; with John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will prepare for its coming, celebrating its dawning in the birth, life, and death of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

But first, let us pray for those who, by reason of adversity, yearn especially for its coming: the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowful, the lonely and the unloved, those who sit in the darkness of despair or who walk in the shadow of death. Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and all who strive for the establishment of justice, righteousness, and peace; and, that it may bear witness to this hope in a world divided by wrath and sorrow, let us pray for the well-being and unity of Christ's body, the Church.

*Silence is kept*

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

*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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

May the Lord when He comes find us watching and waiting. Amen.

## HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. 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.*

2. 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.*

3. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine Advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4. 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.*

5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, from Sinai's height,  
In ancient time didst give the law  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## LESSON I Genesis 3.1-15 The Fall of Adam and Eve

*Read by Ian Hornsby at 4 pm*

*Read by Nancy Scott at 7pm*

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."

**ANTHEM Adam Lay Ybounden**

June Nixon

*Adam lay ybounden  
Bounden in a bond  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long*

*Nay had the apple taken been  
The apple taken been  
Nay had never our lady  
Abeen heavene queen*

*And all was for an apple  
An apple that he took  
As clerkes finden  
written in their book*

*Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was  
Therefore we moun singen  
Deo gracias, Deo gracias!*

**LESSON II Isaiah 6.1-8 God reveals his glory to the prophet.***Read by Colin Fox 4 pm**Read by Peter Barr 7 pm*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

**ANTHEM Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Picardy, arr. John Rutter

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling,  
And lift itself above all earthly thought.  
For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,  
Cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be giv'n for Food to the faithful.  
Before him come the choirs of angels, with ev'ry principality and pow'r;  
the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,  
Who veil their faces as they shout exultingly, the hymn,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**Hymn 624 O Thou Who Camest From Above**

1.O thou who camest from above,  
the pure celestial fire to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.

3.Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and speak and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up thy gift in me.

2.There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

4.Ready for all thy perfect will  
my acts of faith and love repeat,  
till death they endless mercies seal  
and make the sacrifice complete.

**LESSON III**     Jeremiah 31.31-34   A new covenant is promised.

*Read by Susan Fox 4 pm*

*Read by Sharon Rice 7 pm*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**ANTHEM**     **E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**

Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins  
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 within  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ 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!*

**LESSON IV:**   Baruch 4.36-5.9     God will redeem all of creation.

*Read by Dinah Bristowe 4 pm*

*Read by Rod Murray 7 pm*

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.

## ANTHEM Christ Hath a Garden

Eleanor Daley

*Christ hath a garden walled around,  
A Paradise of fruitful ground,  
Chosen by love and fenced by grace  
From out the world's wide wilderness.*

*Like trees of spice his servants stand,  
There planted by his mighty hand;  
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow  
To feed their beauty where they grow.*

*Awake, O wind of heaven and bear  
Their sweetest perfume through the air:  
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,  
Till the beloved Master come:*

*That he may come, and linger yet  
Among the trees that he hath set;  
That he may evermore be seen  
To walk among the springing green.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 91 People Look East

*(You are invited to make an offering to support the ministry of St. John's)*

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled; even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

4. 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.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who bring 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.

## LESSON V Zephaniah 3.14-18 The Lord will be among us.

*Read by Charlotte Logan 4pm*

*Read by Colleen Murray 7pm*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

**ANTHEM****O Nata Lux**

Morten Lauridsen

*O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptory saeculi,  
Dignare Clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.*

*O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, remeemer of the world,  
With loving-kindness deign to receive  
Suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Qui came quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.*

**LESSON VI** Isaiah 65.17-25 God promises a new heaven and a new earth.*Read by Susan Edwards 4pm**Read by Chris Rynberk 7pm*

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

**ANTHEM** **O Thou the Central Orb**

Charles Wood

*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.*

*The 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.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall fell eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

VESPER RESPONSORY (stand) (sung by choir)

Sarah MacDonald

*Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;  
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.  
Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.  
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.  
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.*

BLESSING

HYMN 116 “Your Kingdom Come” – on Bended Knee

1. “Your kingdom come” on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth the kingdom’s day.
2. The day in whose clear shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed.
3. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

Postlude Chorale Prelude on Sleepers Wake

J S Bach

**Choir:** Lesley Bouza, Audrey Coates, Rebecca McKay, Marlys Newfeldt, Janelle Santi, Emily Burnett, Autumn Debassige, Caroline Schmidt, Christina Stelmacovich, Jerome Chang, Quade Nielsen, Arieh Sacke, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Luke MacLean, Alan Macdonald

**Crucifer** 4:00 pm Ken Reid; 7:00 pm Thomas Littlewood  
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