



*Virtual
Advent
Lessons & Carols*

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Prelude

Wait for the Lord

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Wait for the Lord, His day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Opening Song

Now Come in Splendid Glory Bright

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We listen to the angel's voice

With Joseph, good and upright man

And Mary, faithful, full of grace

Who bring fulfillment to God's plan.

Rejoice! Rejoice! In joyful hope your people wait.

Rejoice! Rejoice! In you, O Lord, we lift our praise.

One candle makes us strong with hope,

Two lights proclaim "Prepare the way!"

Three luminaries sing with joy,

Four flames announce "Christ comes to save!"

O come, Lord Jesus, God's own Son!

O come, Lord Jesus, Light from light!

O come, Lord Jesus, Prince of peace!

Now come in splendid glory bright!

Greeting, Introduction & Opening Prayer

First Lesson - Genesis 3:9-15

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: Where are you? He answered, “I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid.” Then God asked: Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat? The man replied, “The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it.” The LORD God then asked the woman: What is this you have done? The woman answered, “The snake tricked me, so I ate it.” Then the LORD God said to the snake: Because you have done this, cursed are you among all the animals, tame or wild; On your belly you shall crawl, 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; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel.

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

Creator of the Stars of Night

Tune: Chant, Mode IV, Liber Hymnarius

Text: Conditor Alme Siderum, 7th c. Latin; Tr. John M. Neale, alt.

Creator of the stars of night,
Your people’s everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear your servants when they call.

In pity, lest the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
O Lord, you came in truth and grace
To save and heal a ruined race.

You came, the Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to eveningtide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The spotless Victim all divine.

At whose high name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,

And things celestial you shall own,
And things terrestrial Lord alone.

O thou whose coming is with dread,
To judge the living and the dead,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From every insult of the foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

Prayer

Second Lesson - Isaiah 7:10-14

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as Sheol, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then he said: Listen, house of David! Is it not enough that you weary human beings? Must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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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 Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide Thy Heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

Prayer

Third Lesson - Isaiah 11:1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide. But he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide fairly for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall graze, together their young shall lie down; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the viper's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. They shall not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Tune: 16th c. German

Text: Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, 15th c. German; Tr. Theodore Baker

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,

Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

This Flow'r whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us, and lightens every load.

Prayer

Fourth Lesson - Isaiah 40:1-11

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak to the heart of Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service has ended, that her guilt is expiated, that she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain and hill made low; The rugged land shall be a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. A voice says, "Proclaim!" I answer, "What shall I proclaim?" "All flesh is grass, and all their loyalty like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower wilts, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it." "Yes, the people is grass! The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God stands forever." Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of good news! Cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Cry out, do not fear! Say to the cities of Judah:

Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, Carrying them in his bosom, leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

Make Straight the Way

Tom Conry

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat

Make straight the way, make straight the way, make
straight the way of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses 1, 2, 4: Cantor

1. E-ven as now the world is turn-ing, e-ven as now is still with-in,
2. E-ven as love, whose small-est ges-ture, e-ven as love does love re-call;
4. E-ven as God's own in - vi - ta - tion, e-ven as God has called us here;

to Refrain

1. e-ven as now the fire is burn-ing, e-ven as now the burn-ing be-gins.
2. e-ven as love in win-ter ves-ture, e-ven as love the mea-sure of all!
4. e-ven as God's own new cre - a - tion, e-ven as God's own sta - tion is near.

Verse 3: Cantor

3. Now is the dance, now is the jour-ney, come to call the lost, the least;

to Verse 4

3. God who is grace, God of our yearn-ing, Em-man-u-el, the Prince of Peace!

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Prayer

Fifth Lesson - Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from book of Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on forever the splendor of glory from God: Wrapped in the mantle of justice from God, place on your head the diadem of the glory of the Eternal One.

For God will show your splendor to all under the heavens; you will be named by God forever: the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Rise up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from east to west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you carried high in glory as on royal thrones.

For God has commanded that every lofty mountain and the age-old hills be made low, That the valleys be filled to make level ground, that Israel may advance securely in the glory of God. The forests and every kind of fragrant tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command;f For God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with the mercy and justice that are his.

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

People Look East

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.

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.

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.

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Sixth Lesson - Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter Zion! sing joyfully, Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart,
daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has removed the judgment against you, he has turned away your enemies; The King
of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, Zion, do not be discouraged! The LORD,
your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew
you in his love, who will sing joyfully because of you as on festival days.

The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

O Come, Divine Messiah

Tune: 16th c. French

Text: Venez, divin Messie, M. l'abbé Pellegrin; Tr. Sister Mary of St. Philip

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.

O You, Whom nations sigh for, Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Will break the captive fetters, redeem the long-lost fold.

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

Prayer

Seventh Lesson - Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah

But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah least among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, Then the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel.

He shall take his place as shepherd by the strength of the LORD, by the majestic name of the LORD, his God; And they shall dwell securely, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth: he shall be peace.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Clear the Voice

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Clear the voice and clear the warning,
Clear for all with ears to hear;
Voice resounding through the darkness,
"Tremble, Earth! The Christ appears!"

"Stir from sleep, and heed the warning!
Look again with keener eye!
In the dark a new star flashes,
Promise of the morning sky."

O come, O King of Kings!
O come, O Lord of Lords!
O come, O Prince of Peace!
O tremble Earth, the Christ appears!

"See, the Lamb from Jordan's waters
Comes to pardon and forgive.
Turn from sin, and mark the Gospel
That forgiven, you may live."

"Christ the King comes robed in glory,
Scatters night and every fear.
Run to meet the King of glory,
Christ whose mercy draws us near."

Honor, glory, praise, and power,
Kingship, might, and majesty,
To the Father, Son and Spirit
Blessings for eternity.

Prayer

Eighth Lesson - Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "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 called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived* a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gabriel's Message

Tune: Trad. Basque carol; Arr. F. Melville

Text: Birjina gaztetto bat zegoen, trad. Basque; Tr. Sabine Barine-Gould

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came; his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold, most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head. "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy Name." Most highly favored lady! Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn.
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady! Gloria!"

Prayer

Ninth Lesson - John 1:1-14

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

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 to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but 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 to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gaudete

Anonymous; 15th c.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Christ is born of the Virgin Mary!

The time of grace has come for which we have prayed;

Let us devoutly sing songs of joy.

God is made man, while nature wonders;

The world is renewed by Christ the King.

The closed gate of Ezekiel has been passed through;

From where the Light has risen; salvation is found.

Therefore, let our assembly sing praises now at this time of purification;
Let it bless the Lord: greetings to our King.

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Tenth Lesson - Revelation 22:12-14; 16-17; 20

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star.”The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let the hearer say, “Come.” Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

The one who gives this testimony says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

Even So Come

Songwriters: Jess Cates / Jason Ingram / Chris Tomlin

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All of creation, All of the earth
Make straight the high way
A path for the Lord, Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, Wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of your fame yes, Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for the groom
We'll be a Church ready for you
Every heart longing for our King
We sing "Even so come", Oh Jesus come
"Even so come," Oh Jesus come

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, Faithful and true, Jesus is soon

So we wait, we wait for you, God we wait you're coming soon
So we wait, we wait for you, God we wait, you're coming soon

Prayer

The Three Comings

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, He will be called Emmanuel, God with us, When half the night had passed, a light shone forth at last.

Maranatha, Come to us, Don't delay Lord Jesus, Maranatha, come to us, make haste to see us.

Rend the heavens apart and come down, let the glory that fills the earth resound, but we can't know the hour, so come show us your power

After the manger and before the end, God advents to our hearts again, So come make your home in us, Come Lord Jesus

Closing Prayer

Closing Song

Come, thou long expected Jesus

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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

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high appear,

Come thou promised Rod of Jesse, Of Thy birth we long to hear,
O'er the hills the angels singing, News glad tidings of a birth,
Go to him your praises bringing, Christ the Lord has come to earth,

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness, Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend
Leaving riches without number, Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born Lord of all

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