



Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Ottawa

# First Sunday of Advent

Sunday | December 3<sup>rd</sup> | 2023

4 pm | Advent Lessons and Carols with Procession

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## Welcome

The service of Advent Lessons and Carols with Procession is a particularly Anglican rite. Using liturgical material developed over a period of centuries, it offers a distinctive form of worship that helps to prepare people for the feast of Christmas. During the service, a procession moves to the points of the compass, symbolizing the ongoing work of spreading the light of God's reconciling love to every corner of the world.

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# Order of Service

**Prelude** | *Prélude (Suite, op. 5) | Maurice Duruflé*

**Matin Responsory** | *Michael McCarthy*

*I look from afar, 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 ledest Joseph like a sheep, stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

**Hymn** | *Come, thou Redeemer of the earth*

*Please join in singing verses 3-8.*

- 3. *The virgin womb that burden gained  
with virgin honour all unstained;  
the banners there of virtue glow;  
God in his temple dwells below.***
- 4. *Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
that royal home of purity,  
a giant in twofold substance one,  
rejoicing now his course to run.***
- 5. *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 thy 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, eternal Son, to thee  
whose Advent sets thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

## A Bidding Prayer

**First Lesson** | *Isaiah 6:1-8* | *God seeks a prophet to announce his everlasting love*

**Carol** | *A Thin Place* | *Jonathan Wikeley*

*This is a thin place: Where earth reaches up to heaven, and heaven reaches down to earth.*

*This is a thin place: Where God stretches out his hand, and we but need to take it.*

*This is a thin place: Where Jesus Christ is born, and everything changes.*

**Second Lesson** | *Isaiah 40:1-8* | *The prophet Isaiah proclaims assurance to Zion*

**Carol** | *Rorate cæli* | *Matthew Larkin*

*Rorate cæli desuper et nubes pluant justum* | *Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Comfort my people, comfort them; and my salvation shall not be delayed. I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, I will save you. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer.*

**Hymn** | *Hark! A herald voice is sounding*

***Hark! A herald voice is sounding;  
"Christ is nigh!" it seems to say;  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!"***

***Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.***

***Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us all, with tears of sorrow,  
pray that we may be forgiven.***

***That when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.***

***Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the Everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.***

**Third Lesson** | *Malachi 3:1-4, 12; 4:1-2* | *The prophet Malachi foretells the herald  
of Christ the Lord*

**Carol** | *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* | *Edward Bairstow*

*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 given for Food to the faithful. Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!*

**Fourth Lesson** | *Philippians 4:4-7* | *Saint Paul tells the Church to rejoice in the  
Lord's reign of peace*

**Carol** | *Rejoice greatly* | *Healey Willan*

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.*

**Hymn** | *"Thy kingdom come" – on bended knee*

***"Thy kingdom come" – on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.***

***But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong,  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.***

***And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear.  
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:***

***The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;***

***When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad,  
the day of perfect righteousness  
the promised day of God.***

**Fifth Lesson** | *Luke 1:26-38* | *The Angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary*

**Carol** | *The Cherry Tree Carol* | *June Nixon*

*Joseph was an old man, and an old man was he, when he married Mary in the land of Galilee. And as they were walking through an orchard so good, where were cherries and berries as red as any blood. O then bespoke Mary, with words both meek and mild, 'Pluck me one cherry, Joseph; for I am great with child.' 'Go to the tree then, Mary, and it shall bow to thee; And you shall gather cherries by one, by two, by three.' Then bowed down the highest tree unto our Lady's hand; 'See,' Mary cried, 'see Joseph, I have cherries at command.' 'O eat your cherries, Mary, O eat your cherries now; O eat your cherries, Mary, that grow upon the bough.' Then Mary plucked a cherry, as red as any blood, Then Mary went she homeward all with her heavy load.*

**Sixth Lesson** | *John 1:19-34* | *John the Baptist prepares the way for the Messiah*

**Carol** | *This is the record of John* | *Orlando Gibbons*

*This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked*

*him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou that we may give an answer unto them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.*

**Hymn** | *On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry*

***On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.***

***Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.***

***For thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
our Refuge, and our great Reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.***

***To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.***

***All praise, Eternal Son, to thee  
whose Advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.***

**Seventh Lesson** | *Matthew 1:18-23* | *Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus*

**Carol** | *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day* | *John Gardner*

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my*

*love; this have I done for my true love. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor, this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance, My Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.*

## **Offertory Hymn | *Lo! He comes with clouds descending***



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***Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.***

***Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.***

***Those dear tokens of his Passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars.***

***Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.***

# Advent Thanksgiving

## Collect for Advent

### The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Blessing

**Hymn | *O come, O come Emmanuel***

***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 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.***

***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.***



***O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on 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.***

**Postlude | *Final - Allegro deciso (Sonata 5) | Raymond Daveluy***

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## **Advent, Christmas, New Year's Day at the Cathedral**

**Wednesday | December 6<sup>th</sup>**

12.05 pm Eucharist

**Second Sunday of Advent | December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist | Noon Bible Study  
4 pm The O Antiphons

**Wednesday | December 13<sup>th</sup>**

12.05 pm Eucharist

**Third Sunday of Advent | December 17<sup>th</sup>**

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist  
4 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas

**Wednesday | December 20<sup>th</sup>**

12.05 pm Eucharist

**Fourth Sunday of Advent | Christmas Eve | December 24<sup>th</sup>**

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist  
7 pm Choral Eucharist | 10 pm Festal Eucharist

**Christmas Day | Monday | December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Choral Eucharist with Children's Story

**The Epiphany of the Lord | Sunday | December 31<sup>st</sup>**

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

**The Naming of Jesus | Monday | January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Noon Choral Eucharist with the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

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