

St. Alban's Westwood, Christ Church Redondo Beach

Advent Lessons and Carols

December 13, 2020

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

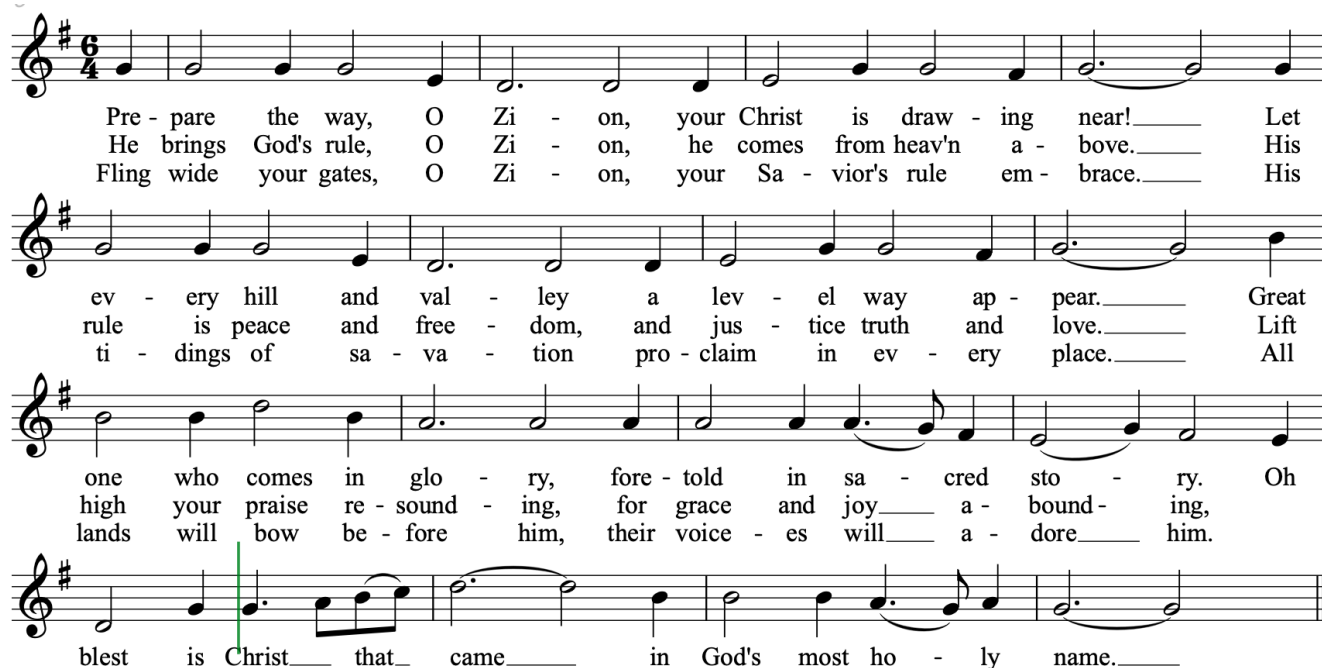
Veni, veni Emmanuel Plainsong

Hannah Yim, violin, Kevin Wood, piano

Opening Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran



Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near! Let
He brings God's rule, O Zi - on, he comes from heav'n a - bove. His
Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on, your Sa - vior's rule em - brace. His
ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. Great
rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice truth and love. Lift
ti - dings of sa - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place. All
one who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry. Oh
high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing,
lands will bow be - fore him, their voice - es will a - dore him.
blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Revs. Yein Kim & Nicholas Griffith

First Lesson:

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

Philip Rollinson

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

Carol

Deo gracias!

Benjamin Britten

Deo gracias!
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 clerkes finden, written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our ladie, abeen heav'ne queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen.
Deo gracias!

Second Lesson:

Isaiah 40: 1-8

Carole Dessel

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

Carol

Every Valley

John Ness Beck

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted and ev'ry mountain and hill made low,
the crooked straight, rough places plain and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen

Third Lesson:

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Chris Mason

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

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 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.

Fourth Lesson:

Baruch 4:36, 5:9

The Rev. Bonnie McNaughton

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Carol

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King

Kevin Wood, Vocals and Piano, Hannah Yim, Violin

Fifth Lesson:

Micah 5: 2-5

Dyan Sublett

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

Carol

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As seers 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.

Sixth Lesson:

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Arnie Zimmerman

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

Carol

Magnificat

John Michael Talbot

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age
And hoy, holy, holy is his name

He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembered His promise to our fathers
And holy, holy, holy is His name.

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Louis H. Redner

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! a - bove thy deep and
 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend on us, we pray; cast out our sin and
 dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by; yet in they dark street shin - eth the
 en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the
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The Collects

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The Blessing

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Closing Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Claude Goudimel

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Postlude

Lo! He comes with Clouds Descending

Augustine Arne

Participants

St. Alban's Choir

Soprano

Mariana Rodriguez*
 Dyan Sublet

Alto

Emily Kerrigan*
 Patricia Snyder

Tenor

Ed Gauld
 Ben Read*

Bass

Duane Bindschadler
 Finn Sagal*

*section leaders

Christ Church Choir

Soprano

Marge Cooley
 Pam Iorio
 Melissa Dagodag

Alto

Carol Porter-Jurado
 Carole Dessel
 Ann Doebler
 Amy Sisson
 Jennifer Byrd

Tenor

Kevin Wood
 Bonnie McNaughton
 Maurice Suhre

Hannah Yim, *Violin*

Donald Caldwell, *Music Director*
 Wendy Caldwell, *Organist*

Kevin Wood, *Music Director*

John Hirning, *Videographer*