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VIRTUAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Introduction and Prayers

HYMN

Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

(Introductory Fanfare and Hymn from Plymouth Church Lincoln, Nebraska)

***Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"***

***Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.***

***Lo, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon down from heaven.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiven;***

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

***Honour, glory, might, dominion
to the Creator and the Son,
with the ever lasting Spirit
while eternal ages run. Amen***

***Reading 1 Isaiah 11 v1-5
"I will send my messenger"***

***1 And there shall come forth a rod out of
the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow
out of his roots:***

***2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon
him, the spirit of wisdom and
understanding, the spirit of counsel and
might, the spirit of knowledge and of the
fear of the Lord;***

***3 And shall make him of quick
understanding in the fear of the Lord: and
he shall not judge after the sight of his
eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of
his ears:***

***4 But with righteousness shall he judge
the poor, and reprove with equity for the
meek of the earth: and he shall smite the
earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with
the breath of his lips shall he slay the
wicked.***

***5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of
his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his
reins.***

HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptists cry

(Canto Deo, Washington)

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

***Then cleansed be every sinful breast:
make straight the way for God within,
Yea let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.***

***For Thou art our Salvation, Lord
our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.***

***All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent sets Thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.***

Reading 2 Isaiah 40 v1-8
“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people”

1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:

7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel
(With Kings College Cambridge Choir)

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed in awe,
Gavest thy folk the elder Law.

Reading 3 Isaiah 9 v2, 6-7
“The people that walked in darkness”

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be on his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

HYMN

Blest are the Pure in Heart
(Choir of Guildford Cathedral)

***Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.***

***The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;***

***Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.***

***Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.***

Reading 4 Isaiah 35
"The desert will rejoice"

*1 The wilderness and the solitary place
shall be glad for them; and the desert shall
rejoice, and blossom as the rose.*

*2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice
even with joy and singing: the glory of
Lebanon shall be given unto it, the
excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they
shall see the glory of the Lord, and the
excellency of our God.*

*3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and
confirm the feeble knees.*

*4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart,
Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will
come with vengeance, even God with a
recompence; he will come and save you.*

*5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be
unstopped.*

*6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,
and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in
the wilderness shall waters break out, and
streams in the desert.*

*7 And the parched ground shall become a
pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:
in the habitation of dragons, where each
lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.*

*8 And an highway shall be there, and a
way, and it shall be called The way of
holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it;
but it shall be for those: the wayfaring
men, though fools, shall not err therein.*

*9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous
beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be
found there; but the redeemed shall walk
there:*

*10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall
return, and come to Zion with songs and
everlasting joy upon their heads: they
shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow
and sighing shall flee away.*



HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came
(Kings College Cambridge)

***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 favoured lady,” Gloria!***

***“For known a blessed mother thou shalt
be,
All generations laud and honour thee;
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers
foretold,
Most highly favoured 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 favoured 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 favoured lady,” Gloria!***

Reading 5 Luke 1 v5-16
“The birth of John the Baptist is foretold”

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

⁷ And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

⁸ And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

⁹ According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

¹¹ And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

¹² And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

¹³ But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

¹⁴ And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

¹⁵ For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

¹⁶ And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.



HYMN

Come thou long expected Jesus

***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.***

***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.***

Reading 6 Luke 1 v26-38 "The Annunciation"

²⁶ *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*

²⁷ *To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*

²⁸ *And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*

²⁹ *And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.*

³⁰ *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*

³¹ *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.*

³² *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:*

³³ *And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

³⁴ *Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*

³⁵ *And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

³⁶ *And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.*

³⁷ *For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.*

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.***

***Reading 7 Mark 1 v1-8
“The Ministry of John the Baptist”***

***1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus
Christ, the Son of God;***

***2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I
send my messenger before thy face, which
shall prepare thy way before thee.***

***3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight.***

***4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and
preach the baptism of repentance for the
remission of sins.***

***5 And there went out unto him all the land
of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and
were all baptized of him in the river of
Jordan, confessing their sins.***

***6 And John was clothed with camel's hair,
and with a girdle of a skin about his loins;
and he did eat locusts and wild honey;***

***7 And preached, saying, There cometh one
mightier than I after me, the latchet of
whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop
down and unloose.***

***8 I indeed have baptized you with water:
but he shall baptize you with the Holy
Ghost.***

HYMN

***Lo He comes with clouds descending
Fanfare and the Cambridge Singers)***

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

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

***Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly, O come quickly;
alleluia! come, Lord, come.***