

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

# Advent Lessons and Carols

November 27, 2022 4:30 pm

**T**his beloved Advent liturgy of Scripture readings, prayer, and carols with anthems was created in 1934 by the Anglican priest, church historian, liturgical scholar, and dean of York Cathedral, Fr. Eric Milner-White. A former combat chaplain in the British Army during the First World War, much of Fr. Milner-White's work was focused on promoting peace in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. His creation of Advent Lessons and Carols should be seen in this light: it speaks of the transformation of the nightmare of deceit and conflict into the dream of God - the advent of peace on earth through the life of Jesus Christ.

Hymns and selected anthem texts are found in *Hymnal 1982*.

**PRELUDE**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
BWV 659

*J. S. Bach*

*At the ringing of the bell, all rise as able and turn to face the baptismal font.*

**HYMN**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

*Hymnal 1982 60*

*All are seated.*

**THE LUCERNARIUM**

*O Gracious Light*

Richard Nance

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven.

O gracious Light, O Jesus Christ most holy and blessed!

Now we are come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light,

We sing your praises, O God.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven.

O gracious Light, O Jesus Christ most holy and blessed!

*All rise as able.*

**THE BIDDING PRAYER**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and  
forever. Amen.**

*All are seated.*

# The Lessons

## THE FIRST LESSON • GENESIS 3:1-15

*At the conclusion of each lesson:*

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Praise to the Holiest in the Height*

Text: J. H. Newman  
Tune: Arthur Somervell

The Christ Church Choir

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.  
O wisest love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail.

*All rise as able.*

**COLLECT**

*All are seated.*

**THE SECOND LESSON • ISAIAH 40:1-11**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*The Lord Will Soon Appear*

J. S. Bach, arr. Hal Hopson

The Christ Church Choir

The Lord will soon appear; cast off all fear and sadness.  
O hear the ancient seer; the night will ring with gladness.  
All earth prepare the way; all hills and valleys ring.  
Soon dawns the glorious day.  
God's glory now we sing.

## COLLECT

### THE THIRD LESSON • ISAIAH 35:1-10

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as able.*

### CAROL

*There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying*

Hymnal 1982 75

## COLLECT

*All are seated.*

### THE FOURTH LESSON • ISAIAH 7:10-15

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1, 4, and 7)*

*The text for this anthem is found in Hymnal 1982 56*

The Christ Church Choir

## COLLECT

**THE FIFTH LESSON • ISAIAH 11:1-9**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as able.*

**CAROL**

*O Day of Peace*

Hymnal 1982 597

**COLLECT**

*All are seated.*

**THE SIXTH LESSON • LUKE 1:26-38**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Magnificat*

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

*The text can be found in The Book of Common Prayer, page 50*

The Christ Church Choir

*Silence and stillness*

*All rise as able.*

## THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT

### THE SOLEMN BLESSING FOR ADVENT

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, [+] the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Hark the Glad Sounds*

*Hymnal 1982 72*

### POSTLUDE

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
BWV 661

*J. S. Bach*

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## **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGIES AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **Sunday, December 4: Advent II**

The Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am in Trinity Chapel; 10:30 am in the church,  
the Rev. Jen Rude, preacher

### **Sunday, December 11: Advent III**

The Holy Eucharist, 10:30 am, the Most Rev. Melissa Skelton, Provisional  
Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, presider and preacher

### **Sunday, December 18: Advent IV**

The Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am in Trinity Chapel; 10:30 am in the church,  
the Rev. Samuel Torvend, presider and preacher

### **Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve**

The Holy Eucharist, 4:00 pm, in the church, the Rev. Samuel Torvend,  
presider and preacher  
Carols and Anthems with choir and organ, 9:00 pm in the church  
Festive Holy Eucharist, 9:30 pm, the Rev. Samuel Torvend, presider and  
preacher

### **Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day**

The Holy Eucharist, 10:30 am, in the church, The Rev. Samuel Torvend,  
presider and preacher



**For information on Advent and Christmas at Christ Church Parish:  
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