



THE FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ADVENT

LESSONS AND
CAROLS IN
WITH
EUCCHARIST
AND
SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION

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CHRIST'S CHURCH
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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

As sojourners on this land, we acknowledge the heritage and history of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. As partners with them and with all of God's Creation, we honour and respect these nations. We walk together with all whom we meet here justly, mercifully and humbly.

The Gathering of the Community

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

GATHERING MUSIC
Magnificat primi toni

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

INTROIT – Lo how a rose

Text German 15th.

Music: Melody *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln 1599. ES IST EIN ROS

*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 flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone 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 men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.*

*This Flower, 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*

CANDLE LIGHTING FOR ADVENT 4

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child bearing of blessed Mary.

Blessed be God for ever.

Grant that we who have seen your glory may daily
be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and saviour of all

Blessed be God for ever.

**Light a candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,
now fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may embrace your will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

*Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
and usher in the morning;
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,
but bear the angel's warning.
This Child, now weak in infancy,
our confidence and joy shall be;
the pow'r of Satan breaking,
our peace eternal making.*

The Proclamation of the Word

LESSON -

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

MOTET – Virga Jesse

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*Virga Jesse floruit:
Virgo Deum et hominem genuit:
pacem Deus reddidit,
in se reconcilians ima summis.
Alleluja.*

*The rod of Jesse hath blossomed:
a Virgin hath brought forth God and man:
God hath restored peace,
reconciling in Himself the lowest with the highest.
Alleluia.*

LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-3, 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

MOTET – There is no rose

Anon, c.1420. edited John Stevens

*There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.*

*By that rose we may well see
That He is God in persons three,
Pari forma.*

*For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda.*

*The angels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo:
Gaudeamus.*

*Now leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.*

LESSON

Luke 2: 8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

*I saw a maiden sitten and sing;
She lulled a child, a sweete Lording.*

*There was mickle melody at that childes birth:
And all in heaven's bliss, they made mickle mirth.*

*Lullay, lullay, my dear son, my sweeting.
Lullay, lullay, my dear heart, my own dear darling.*

*Angels sang that night and saiden to that child:
Now blest be thou and she, both meek and mild.*

*This very Lord he made alle thing:
Of lordes the Lord, of kinges the King.*

*Pray we to that child and to His mother dear,
His blessing to them that maken now cheer.*

LESSON

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,^[a]
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

CAROL

Torches

Brian Emery

Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and now lies sleeping; Come and sing your song to Him! Torches, torches, run with torches All the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and now lies sleeping;

Come and sing your song to Him!

Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby

Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;

Sleep you well, my heart's own darling

While we sing you our Rorro

*Sing, my friends, and make you merry
joy and mirth and joy again;*

Lo, He lives, the King of heaven now and evermore. Amen

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 into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he 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 into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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 I was 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:*

*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:*

*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:*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ. Please respond as directed by the Intersessor.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution) and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and service only your will. Amen.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church.

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

MOTET – Adam lay ybounden

Words: anon 15th c. Music: Boris Ord

*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 clerkès finden
Written in their book.*

*Nè had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
Abeen heavenè queen.*

*Blessèd be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias!*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God,
by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts in adoration

We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to the Living God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of salvation
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Now with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
we lift our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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 for ever. Amen.**

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

MOTET – In dulci jubilo

Words: traditional English; Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

*In dulci jubilo [In quiet joy]
Now sing with hearts aglow!
Our delight and pleasure lies
in praesepe; [in a manger]
Like sunshine is our treasure
matris in gremio. [in the mother's lap]
Alpha es et O [Thou art Alpha and Omega]*

*O Jesu parrule [O tiny Jesus]
For thee I long alway;
Comfort my heart's blindness,
O puer optima [O best of boys]
With all Thy loving kindness,
O princeps gloriae, [O Prince of glory]
Trahe me post te. [draw me unto thee]*

*O patris caritas [O love of the Father]
O nati lenitas [O gentleness of the Son]
Deeply were we stained
Per nostra crimina [through our sins]
But Thou for us hast gainèd
Coelorum gaudia [the joy of heaven]
O that we were there!*

*Ubi sunt gaudia [where are joys]
In any place but there?
There are angels singing
Nova cantina [new songs]
And there the bells are ringing
In regis curia [in the king's court]
O that we were there!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.
May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Toccata on God rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Alfred Fedak

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