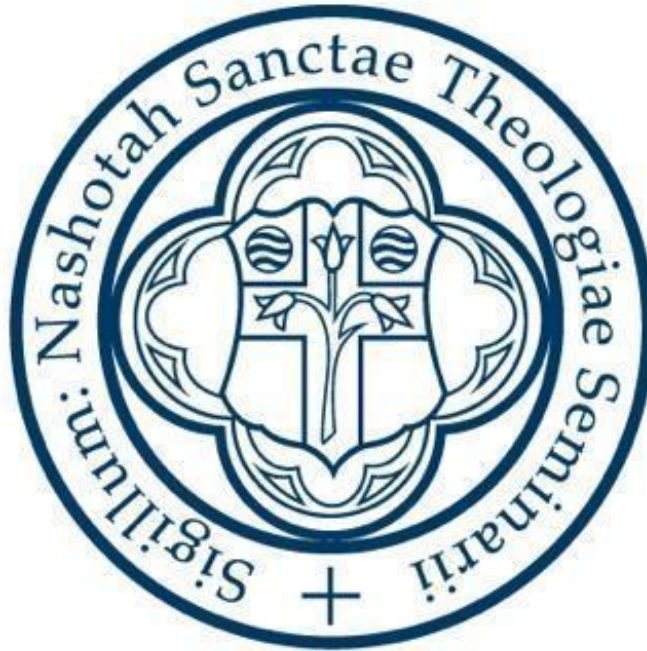


Advent Lessons and Carols



The Eve of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, December 7, 2023, A.D. 5 p.m.

NASHOTAH HOUSE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Prelude

Dr. Thomas Heidenreich, Organist-in-Residence

Selections from *Orgelbüchlein*, BWV 599-608

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn

Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott

Puer Natus in Bethlehem

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her

Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar

In dulci jubilo

The Angelus

All stand at the ringing of the Angelus. The following memorial of the incarnation may be prayed silently:

V. [ring] The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,

R. [ring] And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

[ring] Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. [ring] Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. [ring] Be it unto me according to thy Word. *Repeat "Hail Mary".*

V. [ring] And the Word was made flesh.

R. [ring] And dwelt amongst us. *Repeat "Hail Mary".*

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: [ring 9x]

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and ✠ passion be brought unto the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

All remain standing while the choir sings from the Chapter Room:

Carol: *Jesu, Thou the Virgin-born*

Jesu of a maiden Thou wast born,
To save mankind that was forlorn,
All for our sins.

Jesu fili virgine, miserere nobis.

(Jesus, son of the Virgin,
have mercy on us.)

Within a cradle He was laid;
Both ox and ass with Him played
With joy and bliss.

Jesu fili...

Then for a us he shed His blood,
And also died He on the rood,
All for our sins.

Jesu fili...

And then to hell he took the way
To ransom them that there did lay,
With joy and bliss.

Jesu fili...

Text: Anonymous

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

All remain standing and sing the following carol:

Hymn 69

Merton

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

The Bidding Prayer & Lord's Prayer

All remain standing as the Dean gives the Bidding Prayer; he concludes:

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Invitatory Carol: *People, look East*

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.

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 flow'r may flourish.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the rose is on the way.

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.

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.

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.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Music: Besançon Carol

Harmonization: John Hooker (b. 1944)

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 40:1-8

The Prophet Proclaims Good News to a People in Exile.

Read by a Choral Scholar

The People remain seated as choir sings:

Carol: *Corpus Christi Carol*

He bare him up, he bare him down,
He bare him into an orchard brown.
Lully, lullay, lully, lullay!
The falcon hath borne my mate away.

And in that bed there lieth a knight,
His wounds bleeding day and night;
By that bed's side there kneels a maid,
And she weeps both night and day;
Lully, lullay,...

In that orchard there was an hall
That was anged with purple and pall;
And in that hall there was a bed:
It was anged with gold so red;
Lully, lullay,...

And by that bed's side there standeth a stone,
"Corpus Christi" written thereon.

Text: Anonymous

Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

The Second Lesson:

Jeremiah 23:5-6

The Lord promises to send his people a righteous king.

Read by a Junior

All stand and sing:

Hymn 66

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The People are seated.

The Third Lesson:

Zachariah 9:9-10

The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.

Read by a Middler

All stand and sing:

Hymn 82

Divinum mysterium



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

The People are seated.

The Fourth Lesson:

Haggai 2:6-9

The prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations

Read by a Senior

All stand and sing:

Hymn 56

Veni Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The People are seated.

The Fifth Lesson:

Isaiah 35:1-6

The Prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God

Read by a member of the Staff

The People remain seated as the choir sings:

Carol: *Creator of the stars of night*

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Savior of us all,
regard thy servants when they call.

Thou camest bridegroom of the bride
that drew the world to eveningtide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
the Son of Man yet Lord divine.

To Thee, O holy One, we pray,
our judge in that tremendous day,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every onslaught of the foe.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heavenly grace

At Thy great name, majestic now,
all knees must bend all hearts must bow,
and things in heav'n and earth shall own,
that thou art Lord and King alone.

O praise, eternal Son to Thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Text: Latin attr. Ambrose (c. 339- 397)

Music: John Scott (1956-2015)

The Sixth Lesson:

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Read by The Director of Chapel Music

The People remain seated as the choir sings:

Carol: *A spotless Rose*

A spotless Rose is blowing,
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
Of Jesse promis'd fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and
might the
Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.

Text: German tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: The Students of CM501, Fall 2022

Harmony: Geoffrey Williams (b. 1976)

All stand. As the following Canticle is sung, incense is offered:

Magnificat

Evening Service in C minor, George Dyson (1883-1964)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All remain standing.

The Seventh Lesson:

Mark 1:1-15

Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.

Read by the Dean

Vesper Responory

Priest: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be *dismayed*;

People: **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be *with you*.**

Priest: Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of *the* Lord.

People: **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be *with you*.**

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be *with you*.**

All shall keep silence for a time.

Collect & Blessing:

Priest: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord

People: **In the midst of thy temple.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, Grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All remain standing and sing the closing carol:

Hymn 57

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Voluntary: *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*

Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

All are seated after the cross, torches, Officiant, and Dean have departed.

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The Rev. Michael Singer

*Following the service, please join us in Grafton Commons for hot cocoa and treats.
Children are invited to gather for a story and special appearance by St. Nicholas.*

THE PRAYER FOR NASHOTAH HOUSE

Bless, O Lord, this House,
set apart to the glory of thy great name
and the benefit of thy Holy Church;
and grant that thy Name may be worshipped here
in truth and purity to all generations.
Give thy grace and wisdom to all the authorities,
that they may exercise holy discipline,
and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial.

Bless all who may be trained here;
take from them all pride, vanity, and self-conceit,
and give them true humility and self-abasement.
Enlighten their minds, subdue their wills, purify their hearts,
and so penetrate them with thy Spirit and fill them with thy love,
that they may go forth animated with earnest zeal for thy glory;
and may thine ever-living Word so dwell within their hearts,
that they may speak with that resistless energy of love
which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of thee.

Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of thy people,
that they may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities.

Bless the founders and benefactors of this House,
and recompense them with the riches of thy everlasting kingdom,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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