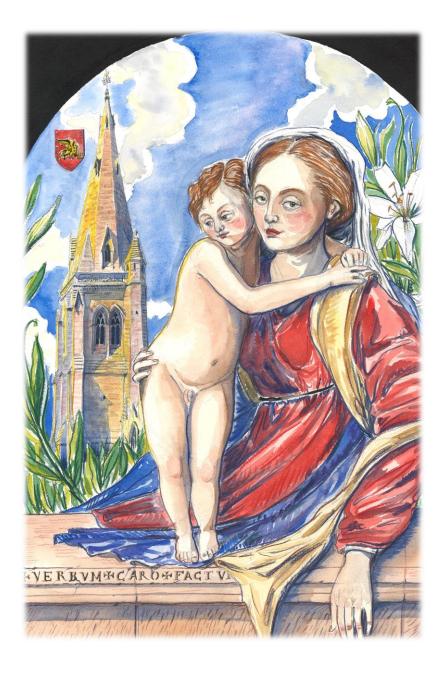
SAINT MARK'S CHURCH PHILADELPHIA



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3 December 2023, 4 p.m. A Procession of Advent Lessons & Carols

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The cover art was painted by John Hager, former member of Servant Year at St. James School, in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the parish.

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Throughout the service, the People say or sing that which appears in **bold print**.

The Choir assembles in the West End of the Church. The People stand as the Choir sings the

MATIN RESPONSORY

Richard Marlow (1939-2013)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming and a could covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him, and say: "Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?" High and low, rich and poor, one with another: Go ye out to meet him, and say: "Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:" Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

The People remain standing as the Rector says

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all men and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These our prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

All say together

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

As the Choir proceeds up the North Aisle, all remain standing to sing the Hymn.





Choir only

- 1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth: let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.
- Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised Fruit to man displayed.

Choir and People

- The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honor all unstained; the banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.
- 4. Forth from his chamber goeth he, that royal home of purity, a giant in twofold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run.

- 5. From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds; his course he runs to death and hell, returning on God's throne to dwell.
- 6. O equal to the Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now; the weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.
- 7. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness breathe a newer light, where endless faith shall shine serene, and twilight never intervene.
- 8. All laud, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Words: Attrib. Ambrose of Milan (340-397)

Music: *Puer nobis,* melody from *Piae Cantiones,* 1582, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. and desc. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The People are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 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. 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. 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: 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. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

The People remain seated; the Choir sings from Saint John's Altar.

CAROL

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.

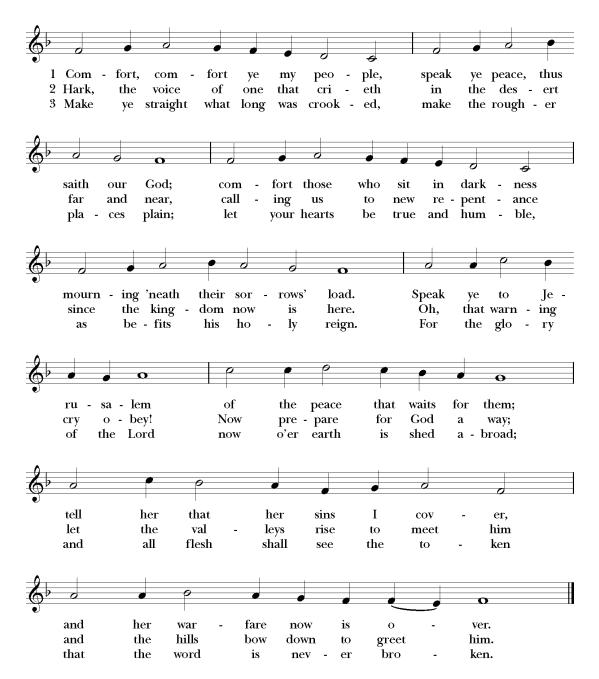
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne. Robert McCormick (b. 1978)

(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788)

As the Choir proceeds to the Lady Chapel, the People stand to sing the Hymn on the following page.

Hymn



Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

The People are seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The People remain seated; the Choir sings from the Lady Chapel.

Ave maris stella, Dei Mater alma, atque semper Virgo, felix cæli porta. Solve vincla reis, profer lumen cæcis; mala nostra pelle, bona cuncta posce. Vitam præsta puram, iter para tutum, ut videntes Jesum, semper collætemur. Sit laus Deo Patri, summo Christo decus, Spiritui Sancto, tribus honor unus. Amen.

Hail, Star of the Sea, kindly Mother of God,
and evermore a Virgin, blissful gate of heaven.
Break the chains of sinners, bring light to the blind,
drive away our evils, and beg for all good things.
Keep our life pure, make our journey safe,
so that, seeing Jesus, we may rejoice together forever.
Let there be praise to God the Father, to Christ the most high,
and to the Holy Spirit; to the Three be one honor. Amen.
(Office Hymn of Our Lady; attributed, tr. John H. Uhrig)

As the Choir proceeds to the South Aisle, the People stand to sing the Hymn on the following page.

Hymn



Words: Greek, trans. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

The People are seated.

THE THIRD LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10

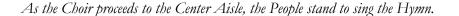
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)

O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness: come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

(Magnificat antiphon)





Words: Charles E. Oakley (1832-1865) Music: Little Cornard, Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

The People are seated.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Haggai 2:6-9

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

The People remain seated; the Choir sings from the Center Aisle.

CAROL

arr. Barry Rose (b. 1934)

People, look East. The time is near for 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 time the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today, Love, the Rose, 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 him 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.

(Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965)

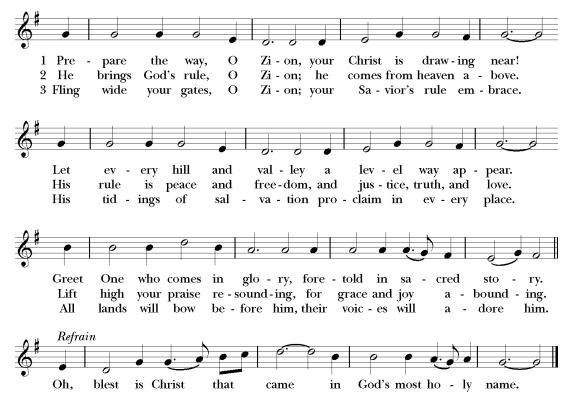
Isaiah 35:1-6

THE FIFTH LESSON

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. 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. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. 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. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 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.

As the Choir proceeds to the Chancel, the People stand to sing the Hymn.

Hymn



Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); trans. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999) Music: Bereden väg för Herran, melody from Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697

The People are seated.

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 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. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 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: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 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 the shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

The People remain seated as a collection is taken; the Choir sings from the Choir Stalls.

CAROL

Angelus ad Virginem subintrans in conclave, Virginis formidinem demulcens, inquit, "Ave! Ave, Regina virginum; coeli terraeque Dominum concipies et paries, intacta, salutem hominum; tu porta caeli facta, medela criminum."

"Quomodo conciperem quae virum non cognovi? Qualiter infringerem quod firma menti vovi?" "Spiritus Sancti gratia perficiet haec omnia; ne timeas, sed gaudeas, secura quod castimonia manebit in te pura Dei potentia."

Ad haec virgo nobilis respondens inquit ei: "Ancilla sum humilis omnipotentis Dei. Tibi caelesti nuntio, tanti secreti conscio, consentiens, et cupiens videre factum quod audio; parata sum parere Dei consilio."

Eia mater Domini, quae pacem reddidisti angelis et homini, cum Christum genuisti; tuum exora filium ut se nobis propitium exhibeat, et deleat peccata: praestans auxilium vita frui beata post hoc exilium.

The angel came to the Virgin in her chamber, dispelling the fears of the Virgin, and said: "Hail! Hail, Queen of virgins; the Lord of earth and heaven you will conceive and bear, chaste, the salvation of men; you have been made the gates of heaven, the cleanser of crimes."

"How shall I conceive when I have known no man? And how shall I break what I have vowed with a firm mind?" "The Holy Spirit by grace will accomplish all these things; do not be afraid, but rejoice, safe because your chastity shall remain untouched within you by the power of God."

To this the noble Virgin replied and said to him: "I am the humble handmaiden of almighty God. With you, the heavenly messenger, I agree, and with so great a mystery, and wish to see accomplished what I hear; I am ready to obey the will of God."

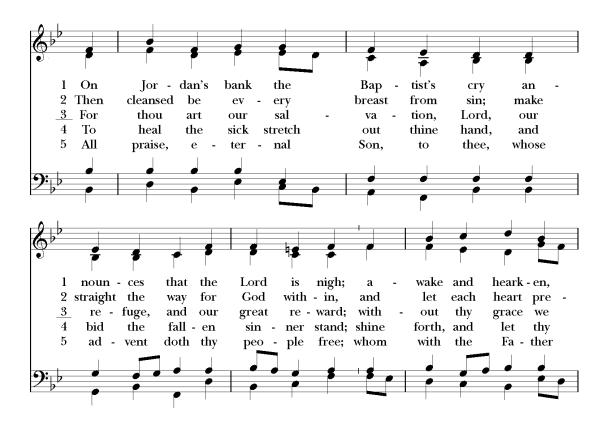
Accordingly, Mother of the Lord, you who brought back peace to the angels and to man, when you bore Christ; beseech your Son that he might show mercy upon us, and blot out our sins: and that he might help us to enjoy a blessed life after this time of exile.

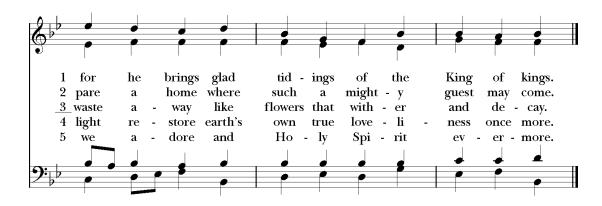
(13th century English carol)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ve the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 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. 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; 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. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

As the Choir proceeds to the Sanctuary, the People stand to sing the Hymn.

Hymn





Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Barry Rose (b. 1934)

The People are seated; the Choir sings from the Sanctuary.

MOTET

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin; who loved us all, and shed his blood, that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy, to our Lord, the Lord almighty God; who was and is, and is to come, sing, holy, holy, Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below: for Christ is coming soon.

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light, no lamp, nor sun; for Christ will be their all!

(Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz, 1919-2008)

The People stand.

RESPONSORY

Sir William McKie (1901-1984)

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end. Thy right hand is full of righteousness: alleluia. Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

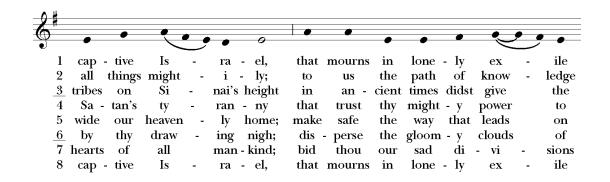
(Psalms 48:9, 10 and 118:25b)

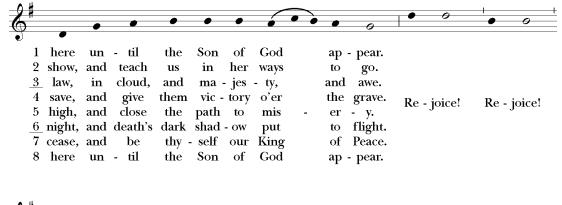
Priest Let us pray. O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming: Grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and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

THE BLESSING

The People remain standing while the Procession makes its way out of the Church; all sing the Hymn.

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Words: Latin, c. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Andrew Carter

Please join us for an Open House in the Rectory immediately following the liturgy.

Upcoming Events at Saint Mark's

An Unexpected Adventure - An Advent Pageant

Sunday, December 10, at 4 p.m.

Prepare for the joy of Christmas with a fun Advent event led by the children and youth of Saint Mark's. Join us for hymns, prayers, and an interactive pageant fit for the whole family. A reception will follow.

Messiah Sing-a-long

Saturday, December 16 at 2 p.m.

Come sing along to choruses from Part One of Handel's Messiah and carols of the season to support the Saint Mark's Choirs on the trip to Ely Cathedral in 2024!

Scan to register to sing!



Saint Mark's Singers' Concert

Sunday, December 17, at 4 p.m. A concert of masterworks featuring J. S. Bach's Cantata Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140 and Antonio Vivaldi's Magnificat, RV 610.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 (morning) Low Mass at 8 a.m. | Family Mass at 9 a.m. | Choral High Mass at 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 (evening) A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 4 p.m. including music of Stanley Vann, Peter Warlock, Anthony Piccolo, Gerre Hancock, John Joubert, June Nixon, Healey Willan, and an anthem composed by the Boy & Girl Choristers

Solemn High Mass of the Nativity at 11 p.m. (Prelude at 10:30 p.m.) with the Missa ad praesepe of George Malcolm and music of Sir David Willcocks and John Rutter

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 Choral High Mass of the Incarnation at 10 a.m. with the Missa Princeps Pacis by William Lloyd Webber and music of John Rutter and Sir David Willcocks

Sunday Mass Schedule

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