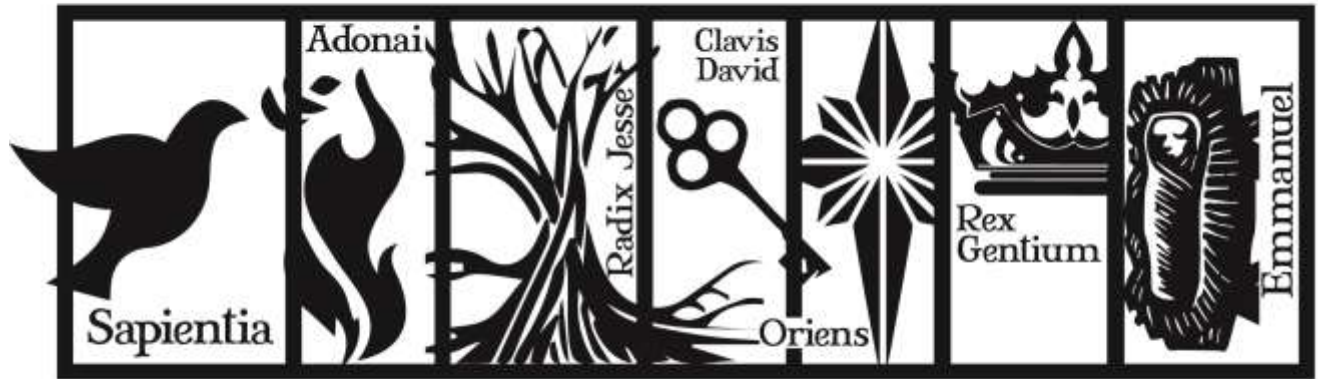


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Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

The Great O Antiphons—From Darkness to Light

December 20, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Augsburg Lutheran Church
845 West Fifth Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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The Advent Lessons & Carols service is based on the Great O Antiphons of Advent. Each lesson is paired with one of seven antiphons originally sung at Vespers as antiphons to the Magnificat from December 17 to 23. The antiphons address the Messiah with various titles drawn from the Hebrew scriptures:

December 17	O S apientia – O Wisdom
December 18	O A donai – O Lord
December 19	O R adix Jesse – O Root of Jesse
December 20	O C lavis David – O Key of David
December 21	O O riens – O Dayspring
December 22	O R ex Gentium – O King of the Nations
December 23	O E mmanuel – O Emmanuel, God with Us

The Latin text of the O Antiphons imbeds an acrostic: read in reverse order from last to first antiphon, the second word of each stanza begins with the letters ERO CRAS, Latin for “I shall be present tomorrow,” the text not revealed until the singing of the final stanza on December 23. The bulletin’s cover art, created by Emily Norris, reflects this hidden word through visual art.

Our worship service today features the O Antiphons read one at a time, each followed by a prophetic text of the Old Testament and a corresponding fulfillment text from the New Testament. Each pair of texts is followed by a musical work illuminating its lesson.

The overall theme is “Darkness to Light.” Advent has long been symbolized by the lighting of candles, representing the light that was brought into a dark world on a night nearly 2000 years ago. As we await and expect that glorious morn each year, we remember the darkness that still remains in our world. And, we work to bring light to those who are less fortunate, downtrodden, or in desperate need of love and healing.

Please utilize the time of silence before the service to reflect on the darkness in your own life, and the lives of those around you. May the light of Christ shine brightly to all this blessed Advent and Christmas season!

The assembly gathers in silence.

MATIN RESPONSORY

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

I look from afar: And lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud 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.

BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

Emily Norris, Seminarian

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation:

All: Our God shall change the darkness into light.

P: Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory for ever.
As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ, your living Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world.
Blessed be God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God forever.

HYMN OF LIGHT Creator of the Stars of Night *Sung by the choir*

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

We stand and turn to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

ENTRANCE HYMN 263 Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Stanza 1: ALL in unison

Stanza 2: ALL in harmony

Stanza 3: Choir

Stanza 4: ALL in unison

BIDDING PRAYER

The Rev. Paul A. Wollner, Senior Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We sit.

ANTIPHON *O Emmanuel*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 1) *Sung by soloist*
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

VENI, EMMANUEL

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5
John 1:1-5, 14

CAROL

In the Beginning Was the Word
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning. In him was life, and that life was the light of all.
The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Carson Cooman

ANTIPHON *O Sapientia*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 2) *Sung by the Assembly*
O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.
Refrain

VENI, EMMANUEL

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3
Luke 4:16-21

CAROL

What Sweeter Music
What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away, And give the honor to this day
That sees December turned to May, that sees December turned to May.
Why does the chilling winter's morn Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn Thus on the sudden?
Come and see The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth Gives life and lustre, public mirth,
To heaven and the under-earth.
We see him come, and know him ours, Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers, turns all the patient ground to flowers.
The darling of the world is come, And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him, to welcome him.
The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart,
Which we will give him; and bequeath This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour; who's our King, And Lord of all this revelling.
What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King, the birth of this our heavenly King.

John Rutter

ANTIPHON *O Adonai*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 3) *Sung by the Choir*
O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Refrain

VENI, EMMANUEL

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11
Matthew 3:1-7, 11

CAROL 256 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Stanza 1: ALL in harmony Stanza 2: Choir Stanza 3: ALL in harmony

FREU DICH SEHR

ANTIPHON *O Radix Jesse*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 4) *Sung by the Assembly*
O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Refrain

VENI, EMMANUEL

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6
Matthew 4:12-17

CAROL 241 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

*Stanza 1: Choir Stanza 2: ALL in unison
Stanza 3: Choir Stanza 4: ALL in unison*

WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

ANTIPHON *O Clavis David*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 5) *Sung by the Choir*
O come, O key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Refrain

VENI, EMMANUEL

FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-14
Matthew 1:20-23

CAROL 265 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

*Stanzas 1: ALL in unison
Stanza 2: ALL in harmony
Stanza 3: Choir
Stanza 4: ALL in unison*

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

ANTIPHON *O Oriens*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 6) *Sung by the Assembly*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of Justice, now draw near.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain***SIXTH LESSON**

Isaiah 42:5-9

Luke 2:25-32

CAROL Nunc dimittis in B-flat

Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

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.

ANTIPHON *O Rex gentium*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 7) *Sung by the Choir*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:

Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.

*Refrain***SEVENTH LESSON**

Isaiah 35:1-6, 8a, 10

Revelation 22:12, 16-17, 20

CAROL E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,

Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might savéd 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 nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

ANTIPHON *O Emmanuel*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 8) *Sung by the Assembly*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of abundance, we offer you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *Laudamus Te from Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.

Daniele Olsen, Jami Cuka, soprano

We stand.

VESPER RESPONSORY *Sung by the Choir*

Richard Shephard

We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord, in the midst of thy temple.
Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.
Tomorrow, go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Tomorrow, go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Tomorrow, go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. You scatter the shadows before our path, and through your Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth. May we who have been baptized in the ocean of your love, also shine as light in the world, become instruments of your peace, and icons of your presence. For you are our God for ever and ever.

Amen.

ADVENT BLESSING

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, ✠Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 435 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sit.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Postlude on HELMSLEY

James Vivian

Soli Deo Gloria

—**PROVIDING SERVICE**—

Adult Choirs I & II

Jacob Andrews, horn

Readers Dr. Donald Armitage, Cantor Emeritus; Anna Rubino-Schneider

Crucifer Alex Ballard

Ushers Clarence Dixon, Don Eppert

Bulletin Cover Artist Emily Norris

—THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—

December 24 – **Christmas Eve Children's Worship**

**Children are encouraged to bring bells*

5:00 P.M.

December 24 – **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion**

7:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

Music begins at 7:00 P.M. and 10:30 P.M.

December 25 – **Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion**

10:30 A.M.

December 31 – **First Sunday of Christmas—Services with Holy Communion**

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

—THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD—

January 7 – **Baptism of Our Lord—Festival Services with Holy Communion**

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Epiphany Chili Cook-off

5:30 P.M.

Epiphany Vespers

7:00 P.M.

*The congregation, officers, and staff of Augsburg Lutheran Church
extend to each of you our prayers and best wishes
for a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas.*