

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ASCENSION EPISCOPAL PARISH

PORTLAND, OREGON

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:00 A.M. Said Mass

10:00 A.M. Festival of Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

THE WORD OF GOD

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First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 4 or 16

The Song of Zechariah

Second Lesson

Revelation 1:3-11

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

Fr. Phillip Craig

Nicene Creed

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10:00 A.M. FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS
WITH EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

attr. J. P. Sweelinck

Lighting of the Candles

Please remain silent in preparation for the Advent Prose.

The Advent Prose

Rorate coeli

Plainsong

Choir

*Drop down ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

*Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever:
behold, the holy city is a wilderness:
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
the house of your sanctification and your glory,
where our fathers praised thee.*

*We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.*

*Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.*

*Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
why wilt thou waste away in sadness?
why hath sorrow seized thee?
Fear not, for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.*

Ringling of the Bell

Processional Carol
Choir & Congregation

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

M. Praetorius,
arr. David Willcocks

CHOIR

*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.*

*The virgin womb that burden gained
With virgin honour all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.*

*The Congregation **stands** to sing, as the procession begins.*

ALL

*O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.*

*Thy cradle here shall glitter bright
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.*

*All laud, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost for evermore.*

The Bidding Prayer

CELEBRANT

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 peoples 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 that 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 prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words that Christ himself taught us:

ALL

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The congregation is seated for the Lessons and Carols.

THE LESSONS

*Following each reading the lector says, "The Word of the Lord."
To which the people respond, "Thanks be to God."*

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3: 8-15

Willem Abbassi, lector

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Anthem
Choir

Adam lay ybounden

Peter Warlock
(1894-1930)

*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,
Nè had never our lady abeen heavenè queen.
Blessèd be the time that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!*

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 40: 1-8

Ian Miller, lector

The Prophet proclaims good news to his people in exile.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Carol # 67

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

*Freu dich sehr**Choir & Congregation***THIRD LESSON** Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Marion Edens, lector

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Carol # 66

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Stuttgart**Choir & Congregation*

God promises that a Child shall be conceived who will be known as 'God With Us'

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

Carol
Choir

I Sing of a Maiden

Patrick Hadley
(1899-1973)

*I sing of maiden that is makeless
King of all kings to her son she ches.
He came all so still where His mother was,
As dew in April that falleth on the grass.
He came all so still to His mother's bower,
As dew in April that falleth on the flower.
He came all so still where His mother lay,
As dew in April that falleth on the spray.
Mother and maiden was never none but she:
Well may such a lady God's mother be.*

FIFTH LESSON Micah 5: 2-4

Suzan Berry, lector

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Carol # 270
Choir & Congregation

"Gabriel's Message Does Away"

Angelus emittitur

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD - and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent - its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Motet
Choir

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston
(1905-1987)

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*The congregation **stands** for the reading of the Seventh Lesson.*

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 3:1-6

Fr. Phillip Craig

John the Baptist announces the coming of the Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Advent Responsory

Cantor: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dis-mayed.

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

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

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

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

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

The Collect

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly expectation of the birth of thy coming, grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Peace

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Carol #60
Congregation & Choir

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Conditor alme siderum

CELEBRANT: All things come of thee, O Lord.

ALL: And of thine own have we given thee.

Eucharistic Prayer II

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Sanctus
Choir

From *Messe pour le tem de Noël*

Michel Corette
(1707-1795)

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini.

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He that cometh

in the name of the Lord.

Agnus Dei
Choir

From *Messe pour le tem de Noël*

Michel Corette

Agnus Dei,

qui tollis pecatta mundi,

miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

qui tollis pecatta mundi,

dona nobis pacem

Lamb of God,

who takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God,

who takest away the sins of the world,

grant us thy peace.

Communion of the Faithful

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.

Others are welcome to come to the rail for a blessing, crossing your arms to indicate your preference.

Distribution

Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele

attr. J.P. Sweelinck

Postcommunion Prayer

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Recessional Carol
Congregation & Choir

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Stephen Cleobury
(b. 1948)

SOLO

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth, our full homage to command.*

CHOIR

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.*

ALL

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”*

Postlude

Puer nobis nascitur

J.P. Sweelinck

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Welcome to Ascension Episcopal Parish. We are thankful for your presence here today.

Serving Today

8:00 A.M.	LEM & Lector	Jeff Krum
10:00 A.M.	LEM	Fritz Hummelt
	Lectors	Willem Abbassi, Suzan Berry, Xander Dominitz, Marion Edens, Ian Miller, Rod Pommier
	Usher	Terry Horley
	Sacristans	Susan Bodin, EllaKathryn Craig, Kat Dominitz, Shirleen Horley, Jim LeBaron
	Refreshments	Sally LeBaron, Judy Hecht

Announcements

- Our traditional **Greening of the Chapel** will take place on December 23 after the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Please bring your greenery trimmings to help beautify our Chapel for Christmas, and please stay after the service to help with the greening!
- There is a **Youth Art Class next Sunday** at 10:00 A.M.
- **On Christmas Eve**, all are invited to bring cookies to share in the Common Room after each service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ASCENSION

December 24, 4:30 PM	Christmas Eve Family Mass
December 24, 9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons & Carols
December 25, 10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass

In Our Prayers: Kathleen Barrett's niece Diane; Eloise Gibson's niece Bella; Eloise Gibson's friend Richard; Janet Mersereau; Eleanor Rigdon, a former Ascension member in hospice care; Barbara Anderson's friend Lori

Celebrating birthdays this week: EllaKathryn Craig

The Sanctuary Candle is offered by Emma Riggle to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Samuel Hsu.

Offerings: At Ascension, two offering baskets are passed during the Offertory. The first supports the ministries of Ascension Parish. The second goes toward the purchase of goats for needy communities in struggling countries. You may make a designated offering for **Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candles** in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are available in the Common Room.