

ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 6, 2020

5:00 p.m.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Make us, O God, watchful and heedful in awaiting
the coming of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
that when Christ shall come and knock, he shall find us not sleeping,
but awake and rejoicing in his praises;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

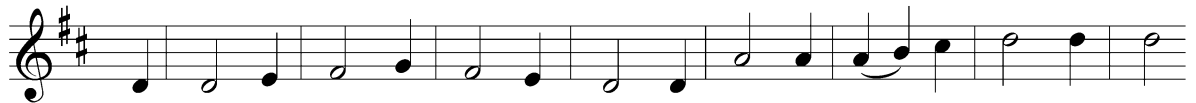
VOLUNTARY

"Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People"

Played by Grace Chung.

—Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

ENTRANCE HYMN "Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth"



1 Come, Thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and man - i - fest Thy vir - gin birth:
2 Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but of the Spi - rit, thou art still
Tenors & Basses: 3 Forth from His cham - ber go - eth He, that roy - al home of pur - i - ty.
Trebles: 4 From God, Cre - a - tor, He pro - ceeds, to God, Cre - a - tor, back He speeds;
Everyone sings: 5 O e - qual to the e - ter - nal God! gird on Thy flesh - ly man - tle now;



1 Let ev - 'ry age a - dor - ing fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.
2 The word of God in flesh ar - rayed, the prom - ised fruit to all dis - played.
3 A giant in two - fold sub - stance one, re - joic - ing now His course to run.
4 His course He runs to death and hell, re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.
5 The weak - ness of our mor - tal state with death - less might in - vi - go - rate.

Everyone sings the following stanzas:

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

7 All laud, eternal Son, to Thee
whose advent sets Thy people free,
With God together we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

—Words: St. Ambrose (340–397)

Music: *Puer nobis*, Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

BIDDING PRAYER

Sally Howard

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.

Padre Nuestro que estás en el
cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino, hágase tu
voluntad, en la tierra como en el
cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de
cada día. Perdona nuestras
ofensas, como también nosotros
perdonamos a quienes nos
ofenden. No nos dejes caer en
tentación, y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el
poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y
por siempre. Amén.

我们在天上的父，
愿你的名被尊为圣，愿你的国降临，
愿你的旨意行在地上，如同行在天上。
我们日用的饮食，求父今日赐给我们。
又求饶恕我们的罪，
如同我们饶恕得罪我们的人。
不叫我们遇见试探，
拯救我们脱离凶恶。
因为国度、权柄、荣耀，
全是父的，永无穷尽。
阿们。

MEDITATION

Sally Howard

A period of silence is observed after the meditation.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Sung by Coventry Choir with soloist Kimberly Poli.

Behind the Clouds

Behind the clouds that darken human life,
Forever shines the Light of God;
And whensoever those clouds may go,
Dispelling the shadows in which we so
blindly grope,
Then is it, indeed,
Hope.

With ears attuned to heaven's prophecies,
Our hearts await a Prince of Peace,
And whensoever that Prince appear,
And we in darkness, and we in fear
find release,
Then is it, indeed,
Peace.

Awake! Awake! Lift up your hearts downcast,
For sorrow shall transform at last,
And whensoever that Rose unfurl'd,
Invites Hosannas for all the world
to employ,
Then is it, indeed,
Joy.

O come, O come, come closer still tonight,
The pains of life remain, but Light...!
And whensoever that Light breaks through,
And we, in radiance, reflect a new
world above,
Then is it, indeed,
Love.

—Words: Abbie Betinis, after Rev. Bates G. Burt
Music: Abbie Burt Betinis (b. 1980)

LESSON I

Alma Stokes

A Reading from Genesis (3:1–7).

We rebel against God.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that our God had made. The serpent said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to the man, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL*Sung by Coventry Choir.*

Adam Lay Ybounden

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.	Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never our lady A been heavenè queen.
And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkes finden Written in their book.	Blessed be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>

—Words: Anonymous, 15th century
Music: Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

LESSON II

Eddie King

A Reading from Isaiah (40:1–11).

The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from God's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of God shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Almighty has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of God blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, our God coming with might, coming to rule, coming with reward and recompense. God will feed the flock like a shepherd, gathering up the lambs and holding them close, and leading in gentleness the mothering sheep.

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People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; Tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, And the rough - er plac - es plain!

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 Call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, Since the King - dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign!

To God's peo - ple now pro - claim That God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him!
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

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

LESSON III

Jim White

A Reading from Jeremiah (31:31–34).

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

The days are surely coming, says our God, 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 patient with them. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days: 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 your God," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM*Sung by Coventry Choir.*

Comfortamini

Comfortamini, et iam nolite timere:

Be comforted, for there is no need of fearing;

Ecce enim Deus noster retribuet iudicium:

Surely will our God be with us to wisely judge every sin.

Ipsa veniet, ut salvos nos faciat.

God will come to save us all evermore.

—Words: Isaiah 35:4

Music: Orlande de Lassus (1532–1594)

LESSON IV

Anina Minotto

A Reading from Zechariah (9:9–10).

God promises that the King will come in peace.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "O Day of Peace" .

1 O day of
2 Then shall the

peace that dim - ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to
wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and

jus - tice, truth, and love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
cat - tle calm - ly graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of

grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the

1
peace.
(Lord.)

2
Lord. _____

—Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Jerusalem*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

LESSON V

Anna Davalos

A Reading from Isaiah (35:1–6).

The prophet foretells the glory of the Realm of God.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Almighty, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense; who will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM*Sung by Coventry Choir.*

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

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.

—Words: Anonymous, from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*;
compiled by Joshua Smith (1784)
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

LESSON VI

Gloria Pitzer

A Reading from Luke (1:26–35, 38).

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The young woman's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOTET

Sung by Coventry Choir.

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Hail Mary, full of grace;
 Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus.
The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
 Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 ora pro nobis peccatoribus
pray for us sinners,
 nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

—Words: Anonymous, Latin, 13th cent.
 Music: Kevin A Memley (©2009)

HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" .



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - 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.

—Words: Charles Wesley, 1744

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra oder Andachtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793–1840), alt.

LESSON VII

Ava King

A Reading from John (1:1–14).

The Apostle John tells of the coming of Christ into the world.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being with the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the shadow, and the shadow 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. The Word was in the world, and the world came into being through the Word; yet the world did not know the Word. The Word came to what was its own, and yet the world did not accept the Word. But to all who received the Word which is Love, who believed in Love, Love 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 humans, but of God, who is love. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a parent's only child, full of grace and truth.

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is seated.***CANTICLE***Sung by Coventry Choir.***Magnificat**

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 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 for ever.
 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.

—Words: Luke 1:46–55

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

VESPER RESPONSORY

Sally Howard

Priest: Cast away the works of bleakness, and put on the armor of light.

People: Watch and wait this night; the God for whom we long is coming.

Priest: Give praise to God, mysterious source of all life.

People: Give thanks to God who breathes new life into creation.

Priest: Give praise to God who ransoms us from all captivity.

People: Give thanks to God whose covenant is everlasting.

Priest: Watch and wait this night.

People: The God for whom we long is coming.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

COLLECT

Priest and People:

O God, you make us glad with the yearly expectation of your coming: Grant that we, who with joy receive your only begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he comes to be our Judge, even your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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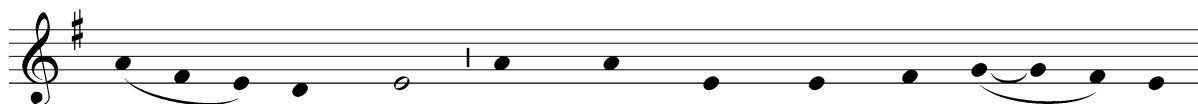
Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

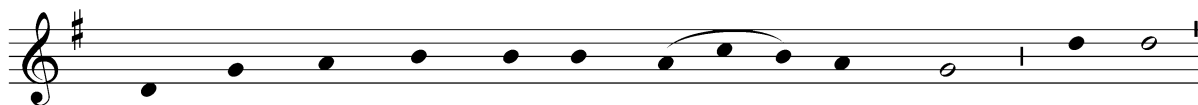
HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



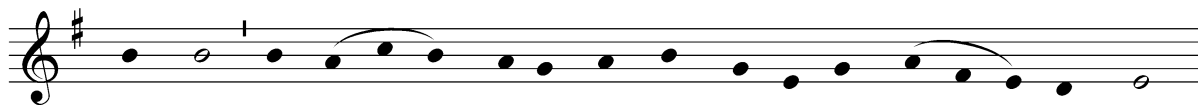
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest all things
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of



1 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 5 heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hu - man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice!
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.



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

—Words: Latin, ca. 9th century; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.

A period of silence is observed.

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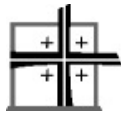
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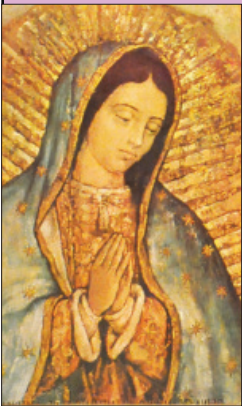
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Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols Sunday Dec. 6 at 5:00 p.m.

In the warm ambience of the candlelit church, **Coventry Choir** directed by **Weicheng Zhao** offers motets, carols and canticles of intense, mystical beauty, including music of Betinis, Cooman, Lassus, Archer, Memley, and Stanford.. A meditation by **Sally Howard** focuses on the meaning of the coming of the Christ in a contemporary context.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m.

We celebrate the feast day of the *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* — the patron saint of the Americas — with a festive service full of candles and roses. **Alfredo Feregrino** offers a meditation; **Dan Cole & Ensemble** offer music. This is a bilingual Spanish/English service.



Advent III Evening Service Sunday Dec. 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Trouvères, Vox Cambiata and **Youth Chamber Choir** offer music of Hella Johnson, directed by **Jenny Tisi**. **Cassidy Anderson** offers a meditation.



Advent Evensong, Sunday Dec. 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Canterbury Choir with chamber ensemble, directed by **Weicheng Zhao** offer *Gloria* by Vivaldi. **Susan Russell** offers a meditation. This special evensong is a wonderful way to close the Advent season and prepare for the glory of Christmas.



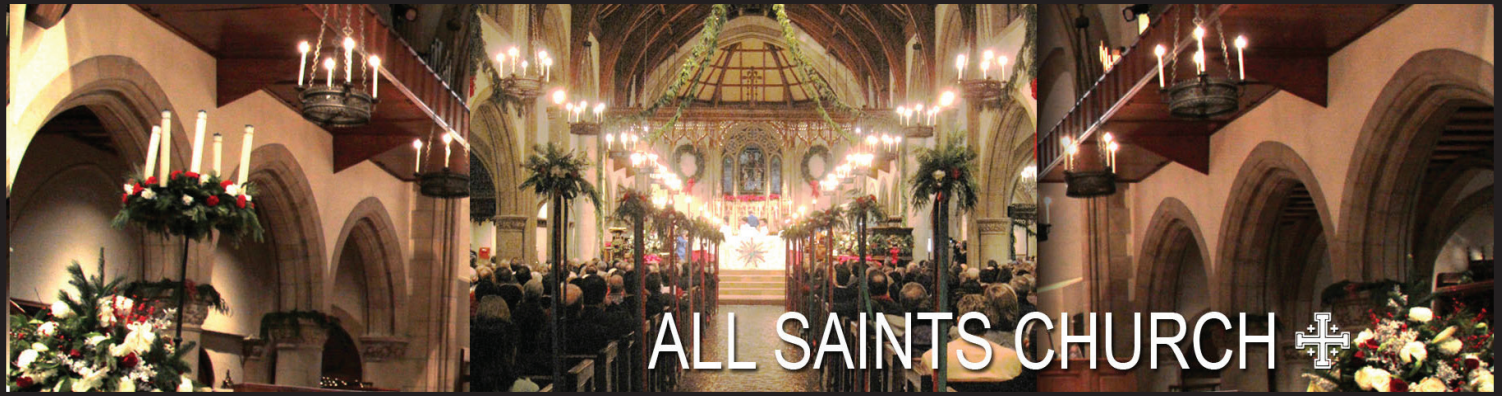
Blue Christmas Monday Dec. 21 at 6:00 p.m.

If you are struggling this season, you are not alone. Join us for a unique liturgy where the light of Christ provides comfort and healing. **Mike Kinman** and **Sally Howard** preside.



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Christmas ✦ Navidad ✦ 圣诞节



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Christmas Eve

Family Service at 3 p.m.

The Rector and friends present a non-traditional telling of the Christmas story; Troubadours offer music.

Festive Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.

This is a bilingual Spanish/English service
Trouvères & Trouveres alumni offer music,
directed by Jenny Tisi. Alfredo Feregrino preaches.
American Sign Language interpretation available.



Festive Eucharist at 10 p.m.

Canterbury Choir, Coventry Choir and chamber orchestra offer beautiful carols, *Coronation Mass* by Mozart and *Masters in This Hall* by Willcocks, directed by Weicheng Zhao.
Mike Kinman preaches.



Christmastide

Friday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

This is a bilingual Spanish/English service
Dan Cole & Ensemble offer music;
Sally Howard preaches.

Sunday, Dec. 27 Christmas Jazz Matins with Bill Cunliffe at 10:00 a.m.

Jazz pianist, Grammy Award-winning arranger and our composer-in-residence
Bill Cunliffe offers festive music.



Thursday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Eucharist at 7:30 p.m.

Let's bid adieu to 2020 together with a festive service.
Mike Kinman offers a meditation.