

# Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols

December 7, 2025  
5:00 p.m.



Coventry Choir offers music of Foster, Backhouse,  
Stanford, Archer, Stravinsky and Howells

directed by Weicheng Zhao

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## PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,  
we encourage you to use the following prayer for 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

*Played by Grace Chung.*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

— traditional French processional arranged by Marshall McDonald  
and Steven Sharp Nelson

## ENTRANCE HYMN "Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth"

*Stand — all who are able — when the procession enters the church; everyone sings.*



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** *Remain standing.*

Tim Rich

Priest: Dear People of God: in this Advent Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem, and see the child of God lying in the manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this city.

And because Jesus particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God Jesus' courageous Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Our Creator/Mother/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.

Creador/Madre/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。们。

Priest: Almighty God, bless us with your grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

**MEDITATION** *Seated.*

Tim Rich

*A period of silence is observed after the meditation.*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCES** *Remain seated.*

*The offertory symbolizes the offering of our lives, labor, and gifts to God, reflecting gratitude, stewardship, and participation in Christ's self-giving and service. Oblation bearers bring forward the bread and wine on behalf of the congregation. The ushers will collect of gifts of pledges and offerings. Your pledges and financial gifts support All Saints' mission of transformation, connection and care to one another and our wider community.*

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *Remain seated.*

*Sung by Coventry Choir.*

I Look from Afar

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?

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.

—Words: From the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins  
(early medieval Roman rite)

Music: Thomas Foster (b. 1938)

**LESSON I** *Remain seated.*

Gloria Pitzer

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** *Remain seated.*

*Sung by Coventry Choir.*

The Lord At First Did Adam Make

The Lord at first did Adam make  
Out of the dust and clay,  
And in his nostrils breathèd life,  
E'en as the Scriptures say.  
And then in Eden's paradise He placèd him to dwell,  
That he within it should remain,  
To dress and keep it well:

*Now let good Christians all begin  
An holy life to live,  
And to rejoice and merry be,  
For soon is Christmas Eve.*

And thus within the garden  
he was set there-in to stay;  
And in commandment unto him  
these words the Lord did say:  
'The fruit which in the garden grows  
to thee shall be for meat,  
except the tree in the midst there-of,  
of which thou shalt not eat.'

'For in the day thou shalt it touch  
or dost to it come nigh,  
If so thou do but eat there-of  
then thou shalt surely die.'  
But Adam he did take no heed  
unto that only thing,  
But did transgress God's holy law,  
and so was wrapt in sin.

Now mark the goodness of the Lord,  
Which he for mankind bore;  
His mercy soon he did extend,  
Lost man for to restore;  
And then, for to redeem our souls  
From death and hellish thrall,  
He said his own dear Son should be  
The Saviour of us all.

—Words: Traditional English carol  
Music: arr. by Peter Backhouse (b. 1954)

**LESSON II** *Remain seated.*

Alma Stokes

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.

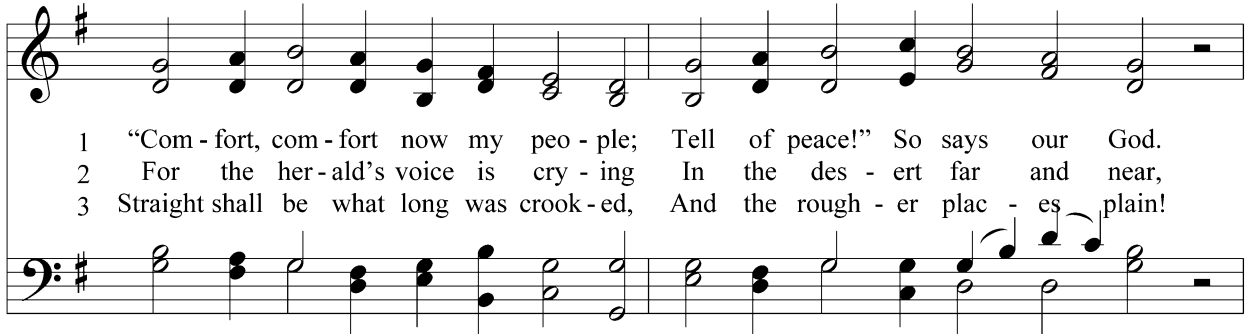
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People: Thanks be to God.

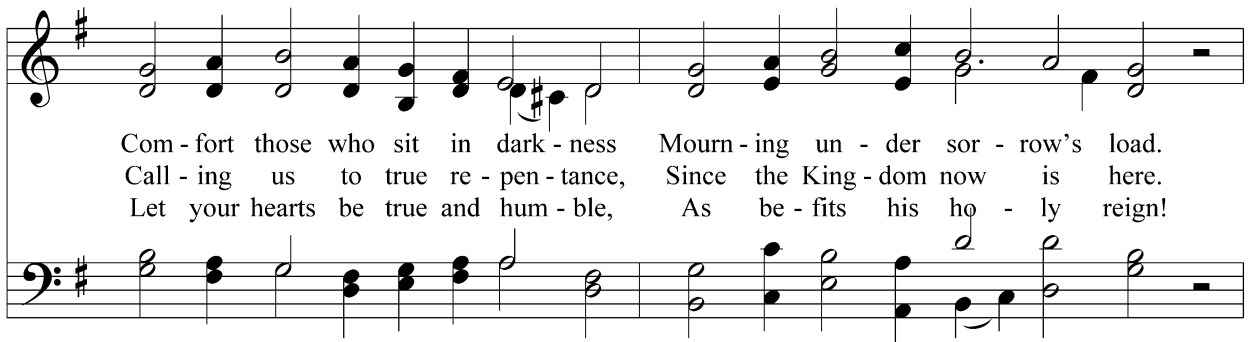
**HYMN** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" *Standing – all who are able.*

*Coventry Choir sings verse 1; the congregation joins for verses 2 & 3.*

*The people are invited to sing in harmony.*



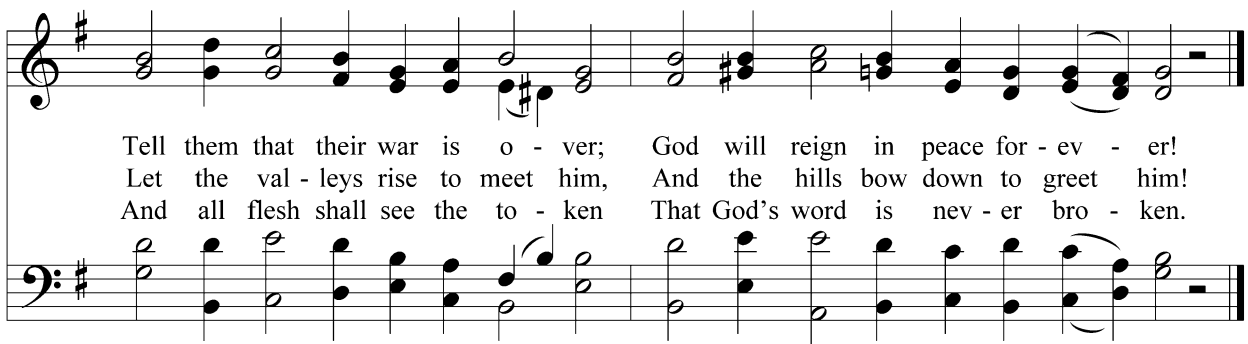
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; Tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, And the rough - er plac - es plain!



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** *Seated.*

Ben Martin

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** *Remain seated.**Sung by Coventry Choir.*

Beati quorum via  
 Beati quorum via integra est,  
*Happy are they whose way is blameless,*  
 Qui ambulant in lege Domini  
*Who walk in the law of the Lord.*

—Words: Psalm 119:1

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

**LESSON IV** *Remain seated.*

Anna Davalos

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" *Standing – all who are able; everyone sings.*



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



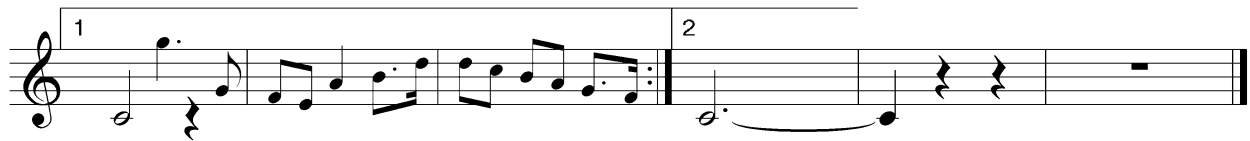
jus - tice, truth, and love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
cat - tle calm - ly graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



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



peace.  
(Lord.)

Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

—Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

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



**LESSON V** *Seated.*

Hannah Earnshaw

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! Vindication is coming; the recompense of God — God is coming to 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** *Remain seated.**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** *Remain seated.*

Terry Moore

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** *Remain seated.**Sung by Coventry Choir.***Ave Maria**

Ave Maria, gratia plena,

*Hail Mary, full of grace;*

Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus,

*The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women,*

et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

*and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

ora pro nobis peccatoribus

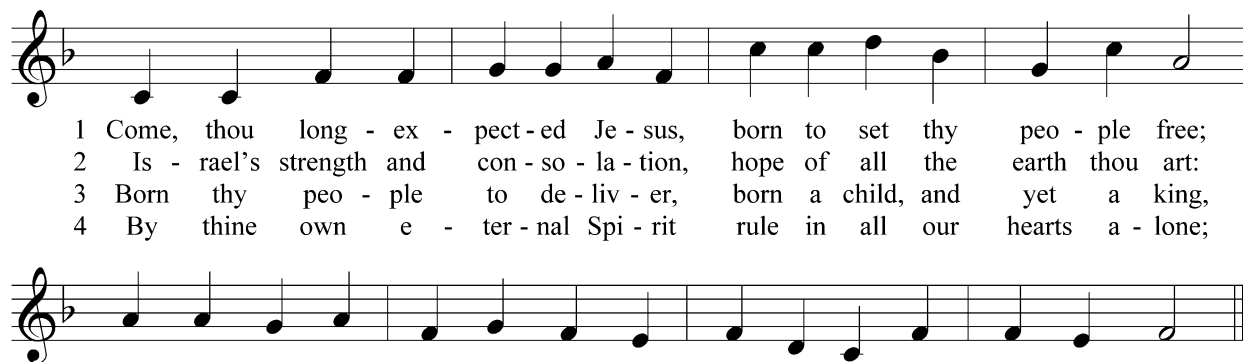
*pray for us sinners,*

nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

—Words: Anonymous, Latin, 13th cent.

Music: Igor Stravinsky (1882–1971)

**HYMN** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" *Standing – all who are able; everyone sings.*


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.

—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** *Remain standing.*

Tim Rich

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 shadows, and the shadows 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** *Seated.**Sung by Coventry Choir.***Magnificat**

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.

—Words: Luke 1:46–55

Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983), for St. Paul's Cathedral

**VESPER RESPONSORY** *Standing — all who are able.*

Tim Rich

Priest: Cast away the works of darkness, 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**

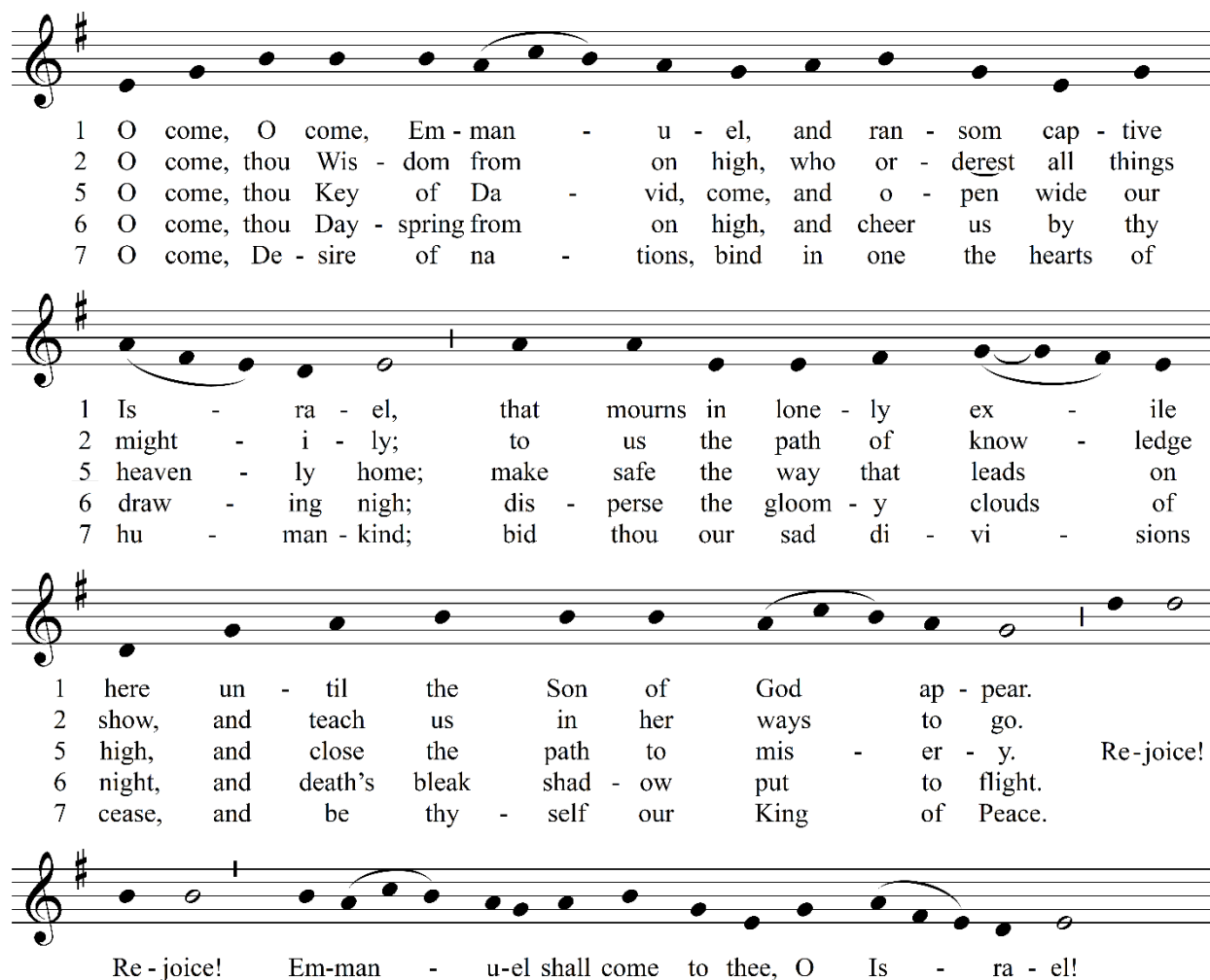
Priest and People:

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.

**BLESSING****DISMISSAL**

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
 People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



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 bleak 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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**USHERS:** Wendell Foster *Captain*; Dan Bump, Julie Campoy, Kyle Champion, Chris Glaeser, Aleta Hancock, Dale Hancock, Weston Hancock, Jeff Nickell, Kathy Onoye, Stuart Rosen, Stephanie Shadowens, Albert Singleterry, Bob Sukhanusasna, Pamela Wilson.

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**Language in Worship:** Because language has the power to shape our thinking about one another, All Saints Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship into conformity with the principles of biblical theology that affirm that the personhood of God embraces all expressions of gender lovingly and equally. Therefore, in our worship, we take our Bible readings from an inclusive language lectionary, which is often truer to original sources in references to people, and expands our concept of God beyond exclusively masculine terms. In Prayer Book liturgies we make minimal but symbolically important changes which denote our commitment to inclusive expression. Some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unaltered. The words of the liturgy are from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. The readings are from the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible, lectionary year A, as well as from *The Message*, *Enfleshed*, and from *Inclusive Hebrew Scriptures* and *New Testament* published by Priests for Equality.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

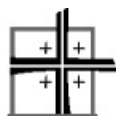
**All events are at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.**

- Tuesday, December 9     **Our Lady of Guadalupe (6 p.m.)**  
Join us for a festive service full of candles, roses and joyful song steeped in the Latino religious tradition. This is a bilingual, Spanish/English service, followed by a community convivio with folklorico dancers, pan dulce and Mexican hot chocolate.
- Sunday, December 14     **Advent Evening Service**— Trouvères and Canterbury Choir with chamber ensemble offer *Cantata 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* by Johann Sebastian Bach; *The Rose* by Ola Gjeilo, and *O Magnum Mysterium* by Morten Lauridsen.
- Monday, December 15     **Blue Christmas (6 p.m.)**  
A service of light for all who are struggling.
- Wednesday, December 24     **Christmas Eve**  
**Family Service (3 p.m.)**  
Experience the Christmas story told by children!  
Unidad offers music of Pinkzebra and Saldana.  
  
**Festive Eucharist (5 p.m.)**  
Trouvères & Trouvères Alumni offer music of Forrest & Wilhousky.  
Tim Rich preaches.  
  
**Festive Eucharist (7:30 p.m.)**  
Choir and chamber orchestra offer *Missa Brevis in D major K. 194*, by Mozart and music of Bainton and Willcocks. Tim Rich preaches.  
  
**Festive Eucharist (10:30 p.m.)**  
Coventry Choir and chamber orchestra offer *Heiligmesse* by Haydn and music of Holst. Tim Rich preaches.
- Thursday, December 25     **Christmas Day Eucharist (10:00 a.m.)**  
This festive Eucharist is a bilingual, Spanish/English service. Susan Russell preaches. Bill Cunliffe offers music.
- Wednesday, December 31     **New Year's Eve Eucharist (7:30 p.m.)**  
Canterbury Choir soloists offer music. Jonathan Stoner preaches.

## FUTURE EVENING EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**All events are at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.**

Sunday, January 11, 2026	<b>Diocesan Climate Change Evensong</b> —Dr. Lucy Jones presides.
Sunday, January 26	<b>Jazz Vespers</b> —Rickey Woodard Quartet
Wednesday, February 18	<b>Ash Wednesday Evening Service (7:30 p.m.)</b> Bilingual Spanish/English service; Canterbury Choir offers music.
Sunday, February 22	<b>Jazz Vespers</b> — Sasha Berliner Quartet
Monday, February 23	<b>Memorial for Our Unhoused Neighbors (6 p.m.)</b>
Sunday, March 8	<b>Lenten Evensong</b> —Coventry Choir offers music.
Thursday, April 2	<b>Maundy Thursday Service (7:30 p.m.)</b> Spanish/English service; Trouvères offer music.
Friday, April 3	<b>Tenebrae: Service of Shadows (7:30 p.m.)</b> Coventry Renaissance Singers offer music.
Saturday, April 4	<b>Family Easter Vigil (4 p.m.)</b> <b>Great Vigil of Easter (7:30 p.m.)</b>
Sunday, April 19	<b>Jazz Vespers</b> —Russ Ferrante Trio
Sunday, May 17	<b>Children and Youth Choirs Spring Concert</b> Unidad, Trouvères, Vox Cambiata and Youth Chamber Choir offer music.
Sunday, May 24	<b>Jazz Vespers</b> —Anthony Wilson Group
Sunday, June 7	<b>Adult Choirs Spring Concert</b> Canterbury Choir and Coventry Choir offer music.
Sunday, June 21	<b>Jazz Vespers</b> — Kevin Van den Elzen/Josh Nelson Quintet

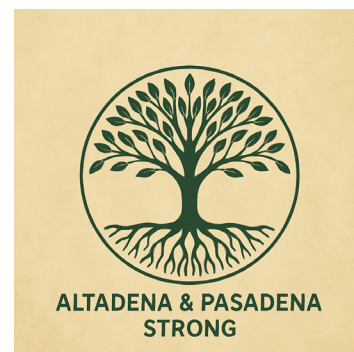


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# Marking One Year Since the Eaton Fire: A Week of Healing, Prayer, and Community

As we approach the one-year mark since the Eaton Fire, All Saints Church invites all who were impacted—those rebuilding, those still grieving, and the wider community who carries this collective memory—to join us for a week of healing, reflection, and support.



## Healing Sunday – January 4

We begin this sacred week with Healing Sunday at All Saints. Thomas Diaz will preach as we gather to honor our resilience, acknowledge our losses, and hold space for the ongoing journeys of recovery. All are welcome.

## Open Sanctuary – Monday through Sunday, January 5–11 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.)

Throughout the week, the church will remain open for quiet reflection, prayer, and remembrance. This is an unstructured space meant simply to be—to breathe, remember, and find comfort.

## Wednesday, January 7 – Midday Eucharist & Evening Taizé

**12:10 p.m. in the Church.** On the calendar day marking one year since the fire, we will hold a Noontday Eucharist with special intentions for all affected.

**5:30 p.m. in the Church.** We gather again for a contemplative Taizé service, accompanied by the Labyrinth.

**Pastoral care staff will be present in the Chapel throughout the day for one-on-one prayer, healing, and support.**

## Saturday, January 10 – Youth Self-Restorative Day & Community Dinner

We're creating a gentle space for youth to pause, breathe, and find a little joy. Join us for a relaxed self-care day featuring free hair styling and cuts, time to browse our pop-up bookstore, and the chance to pick out beauty products from our self-care store. We'll also offer quiet reflection areas with therapy dogs and space to simply be together with snacks and beverages. Everyone is welcome—come just as you are.

**RSVP here:** <https://allsaints.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/197/responses/new>.

In the evening, we host a Community Dinner for anyone impacted by the fire. This is a free gathering of nourishment and connection—[please register here](#) or via the QR Code:



## Sunday, January 11 – A Climate Evensong Offered by the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

**5:00 p.m. in the Church.** Marking a year since the Eaton and Palisades Fires, the Climate Evensong is an opportunity to gather in lament for the losses in the fires, to gather in hope for the resilience of the ongoing recovery, and to gather in commitment to action to reverse the damage to our world. Inspired by the vision of Dr. Lucy Jones, the service is framed within the traditional Anglican liturgy of Choral Evensong. A joint offering of the Bishop's Commissions on Climate Change and Liturgy & Music of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, it is an invitation into a musical and meditative sound bath to find stillness and experience God's grace. We hope this special Climate Evensong will be a gift to the whole community. Join us at All Saints Church in Pasadena. All are welcome, in person and via live stream. A reception will follow.

If you are in need of additional pastoral support at any point during this week, please reach out to Thomas Diaz, Director of Pastoral Care, at [tdiaz@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:tdiaz@allsaints-pas.org).

**Together, we remember. Together, we heal. Together, we hope.**



# 2026 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN



## PLEDGE UPDATES

Totals as of 12.2.2025	HOUSEHOLDS	\$\$ AMOUNT
2026	343	\$2,005,455
2025 (current)	551	\$2,696,031
<i>STILL NEEDED*</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>\$690,576</i>

\*Together, we can surpass our 2025 pledge totals. If you haven't yet pledged, please join your fellow parishioners and make your 2026 commitment today!

## WHY PLEDGE

Pledging is more than a financial commitment that helps the church plan responsibly and confidently.

It is a spiritual practice, an expression of thanksgiving and an act of generosity that deepens your own connection not only to our community and its corporate goals, but also to the Divine who lives and moves in all we do.

Learn more about becoming a pledging household today: [allsaints-pas.org/pledge](https://allsaints-pas.org/pledge).

*Thank you to everyone who has already made a 2026 pledge!*

## HOW TO PLEDGE & WAYS TO GIVE

*Make your 2026 pledge online at [allsaints-pas.org/pledge/](https://allsaints-pas.org/pledge/)  
or fill out the pledge card available in the church pews.*

We offer several easy and convenient ways to pay/fulfill your pledge:

- **Credit Card/Apple Pay/ACH:** [allsaints-pas.org/giving/](https://allsaints-pas.org/giving/) or use QR COD: (select the Fund 2026 Pledge)
- **Check or Cash:** Mail in your check or place check/cash in designated envelope in the offering baskets during worship.
- **Recurring Bank Payments:** Bill Pay or Bank Drafts are an easy option, with no transaction fees to All Saints. Add "All Saints Church, 132 N Euclid Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101" as a regular payee.
- **Stock Gifts and Donor Advised Funds:** Giving appreciated securities can maximize your tax benefit while supporting All Saints' mission. You can also recommend a grant from your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF). Visit our website for more details.
- **IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution:** If you are 70 ½ or older, you can give a tax-free gift of up to \$100,000 per person from your IRA directly to All Saints. If you're 73 or older with an IRA, you might consider making QCDs to satisfy your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).
- **Employer Matching:** Many companies match employee charitable contributions, even to churches. The Giving Office can help determine if your employer matches.



Questions? Please contact us at 626-583-2753 or visit us at [allsaints-pas.org/giving](https://allsaints-pas.org/giving).



# Help Us Decorate Our Church with Flowers for Christmas

Every Christmas All Saints Church decorates the altars, church and chancel with celebration and memorial flowers. Please consider contributing to the Flower Fund to help beautify the church.

Contributions can be made in celebration or memory of loved ones and will be listed in the printed liturgies on Christmas Eve.



## There are three ways to contribute:

Call our front desk at 626.796.1172 ; Click: <https://bit.ly/48gLhsx> or return this form to front desk volunteer in the main office



In Celebration of:

or

In Memory of:

Donated by:

☐ Anonymous ☐ You may list my/our name(s).



Return form to front desk volunteer in main office or mail to:

All Saints Church  
Attn: Front Desk - Christmas Flowers  
132 North Euclid Ave,  
Pasadena, CA 91101

Please make checks payable to All Saints Church with "Flower Fund" in the memo field.

**Contributions and attributions must be received by Sunday, December 14!**