Advent Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
7:00PM
St. Dominic Chapel
As the fall semester ends, the Church’s liturgical year begins. Advent is a time of preparation, and Lessons and Carols offers us readings and music to meditate on the three ways in which Christ comes to us. First, we prepare for Christ’s coming in the past, the Incarnation. Second, we prepare for Christ’s coming in the present, in the Blessed Sacrament. We are reminded of this in the Nativity reading, where the word manger comes from the Latin manducare meaning “to eat.” Finally, we prepare for Christ’s coming at the end of time.

Please join us in singing the hymns and carols in this booklet. We hope that this wonderful Providence College tradition will help you enter more deeply into Advent. May God bless you and your families as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

- Gilbert Donohue, Director of Liturgical Music

Please hold any applause until the end of the service.

Prelude Music

Rorate Caeli Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)
Organist: Matthew Ciesla ’24

Soloists: Matthew Ciesla ‘24, Dominic DaSilva ‘24, Claire Dancause, ‘26, Molly McGoldrick ‘25

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,
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. I look from afar...
Please stand.

Processional Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
   And ransom captive Israel,
   Who orders all things mightily;
   Who to your tribes on Sion’s height
   From every foe deliver them.

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
   In ancient times once gave the Law
   That trusts your mighty power to save,
   That mourns in lonely exile here
   To us the path of knowledge show.

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
   Un till the Son of God appear.
   And teach us in her ways to go.
   And in cloud and majesty and awe.

4. O come, O Rod of Jesse’s stem,
   Shall come to you, O Israel.
   Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
   Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

Introductory Rites Please be seated.
First Lesson: The Fall of Man

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Molly Werner, ‘27

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.

Second Lesson: The Desolation of Jerusalem

Isaiah 64:1-9
Gavin Buttafuoco, ‘26

Rorate Caeli

Gregorian Chant
Dominican Schola

R. Drop down dew, you heavens from above, and let the clouds rain down the just.

Vs. 1: Be not angry, O Lord, and remember no longer our iniquity:
behold the city of the Holy One is become a desert:
Sion is become a desert: Jerusalem is desolate:
the house of your sanctification and of your glory,
where our fathers praised you. Drop down...

Vs. 2: We have sinned and are become as one that is unclean:
and we have all fallen as a leaf,
and our iniquities like the wind have carried us away:
you have hidden your face from us, and have crushed us in our iniquity. Drop down...

Vs. 3: Be comforted, O be comforted, my people: your salvation comes quickly:
Why are you consumed with grief? Why are you filled with sorrow?
I will save you: fear not, for I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer. Drop down...
Comfort, Comfort O My People

1. Comfort, comfort O my people, Speak of peace, now says our God.
2. Hark, the voice of one who's crying In the desert far and near,
3. O make straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain.

Comfort those who dwell in darkness, Mourn ing under sorrows' load.
Bid ding all to full repentance Since the kingdom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits his holy reign.

Speak unto Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them.
Oh that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad.

Tell of all the sins I cover, And that warfare now is over.
Let the valleys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him.
And all flesh shall see the token That God's word is never broken.

Text: Isaiah 40:1–8; Tröstet, tröstet, meine Lieben; Johann Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Tune: GENEVA 42, 8 7 8 7 77 88; Genevan Psalter, 1551; harm. adapt. from Claude Goudimel, 1505–1572
Savior of the Nations, Come

1. Savior of the nations, come; Virgin’s Son, make here your home.
2. Not by human flesh and blood, But the Spirit, Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous child Of the Virgin, undefiled! Very God, and Mary’s son,
4. From God’s heart the Savior speeds, Back to God his pathway leads; Out to vanquish death’s command, light divine. Night cannot this light subdue;
5. Brightly does Christ’s manager shine, Glorious is its That the Lord chose such a birth.
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.
Eager now his race to run!
Back to reign at God’s right hand.
Let our faith shine ever new.

Text: Veni, Redemptor gentium; ascr. to St. Ambrose, 340–397; German tr. by Martin Luther, 1483–1546; English tr. sts. 1–3, 5 by William M. Reynolds, 1812–1876; st. 4 by Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt., © 2006, Augsburg Fortress
Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND, 77 77; Geistliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524
Fifth Lesson: The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-38

Allyse Gruslin, Director of Peer Ministry

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesu.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Ave Maria, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Sixth Lesson: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 2:1-7

Dr. Matthew Cuddeback, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

God, heaven cannot hold him, nor the earth sustain
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed:
The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.
But his mother only in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can, I give him: give my heart.
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled; Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Beth-lehem.

2. Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings. Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, Hail the Son of Righteousness, Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die, With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Beth-lehem. Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King.
Seventh Lesson: Prologue of the Gospel of John

John 1:1-15

Fr. Justin Bolger, OP, Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS, arr. David Willcocks

Please stand.
Concluding Rites
Recessional Hymn

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending
HELMSLEY, arr. John Rutter (b.1945)

1. Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
   Once for favored sinners, slain,
   Swell the triumph of his train,
   Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
   Lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir 2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
   Robed in dreadful majesty, Those who sought at naught and sold him,
   Claim the kingdom for thine own, O come quick-ly, Deeply wailing,
   Deeply wailing, De - ep - ly wail - ing
   De - ep - ly wailing

3. Yea, a men let all adore thee,
   High on thine eternal throne,
   Sa - viour, take the pow'r and glory,
   O come quick-ly, Al - le - lu - ia!
   God appears on earth to reign.
   Shall the true Messiah see.

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus
George Friedric Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah.
Ministers and Musicians

Presider: Fr. Justin Bolger, OP, Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry
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       Kevin Neel
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