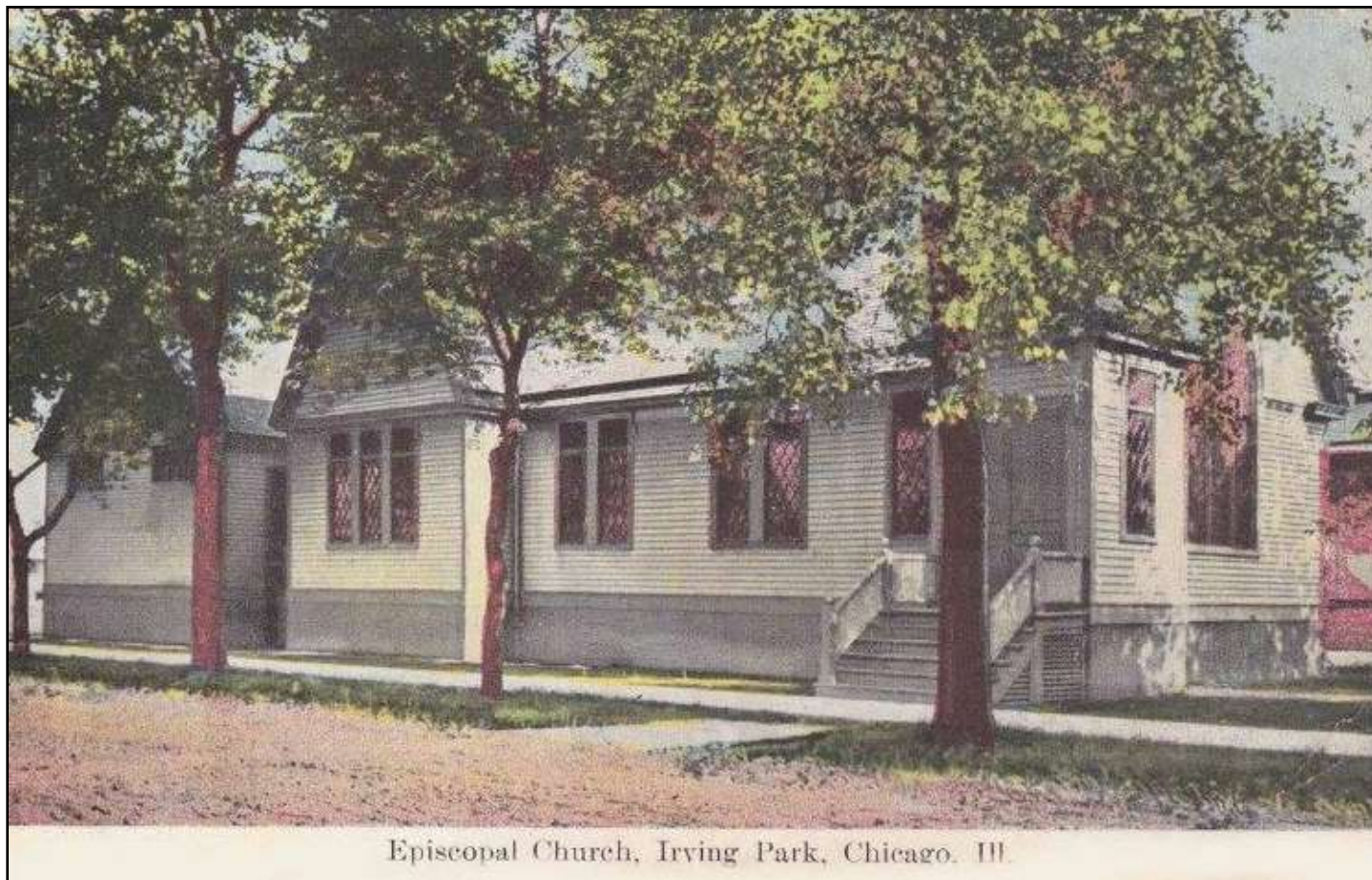


Welcome to
St. John's Episcopal Church

We are gathered to celebrate God's gifts and sent to respond to the needs of the world.



*A Festival of Lessons and Carols
and Dedication of the New Accessible Entrance*

Saturday, December 9, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Today we celebrate Lessons and Carols. The tradition of the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" was established in England on Christmas Eve, 1918, in the chapel of Kings College, Cambridge University. The service was first broadcast by radio in 1928 and has continued since. This wonderful tradition has been duplicated in cathedrals and churches through the world. This festival of readings and music recounts the fall of humanity, the hope of the prophets, the promise of the Messiah, and the coming of Christ with us. The scriptures are taken from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures and each is followed by an anthem and/or a carol.

Traditionally, St. John's has celebrated Lessons and Carols on the second Sunday of Advent, near to December 4, the anniversary of the dedication of our sanctuary in 1888. To mark this anniversary we have often supplemented the scripture readings with stories from our own history, as we do again this evening. It is good to remember the history of God working through the people of St. John's as we mark the new beginning that our new accessible entrance makes possible. Now we can truly proclaim, "All are Welcome!"

We are grateful for the gift of our Children's Choir, made possible by a grant from Anne Nakamura Stoelting, aunt of parishioner Jenny Palsgrove. Anne died on January 28, 2017 in Madison, Wisconsin where she was a long-time supporter of the arts.



A large print bulletin is available from the ushers.

Childcare is available during the service; please ask an usher for directions.

As a courtesy to all, please put all electronic devices on silent.

Prelude

All piano music arranged by Anne Krentz Organ

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-So-So)

Creator of the Stars of Night (Conditore Alme Siderum)

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

arr. by Bob Moore

Cheryl Kreiman, Recorder

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Tif in Veldele)

Magnificat

by Randall Thompson

sung by Cheryl Kreiman

People, Look East! (Besançon)

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (Haf Trones Lampa Färdig)

Introit

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

13th Century Plain Song

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, the Lord's anointed, come,
All hail to Thee, Thou David's son.
Thy kingdom here on earth to bring,
Eternal praise to Thee we sing.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Sun of righteousness,
And here on earth Thy people bless,
Thy kingdom come from shore to shore,
Rule Thou our hearts for ever more.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!



Procession

Improvisation

by John W. W. Sherer

WELCOME AND BIDDING PRAYER

Please stand.

Dear People of God: During this season of Advent we celebrate God's advent among us with particular joy as we dedicate a new entrance to our sanctuary which makes it possible to welcome everyone to worship and praise God. The promise of the kingdom of God where all, old and young, rich and poor, broken and whole, righteous and unrighteous are welcome at God's table is revealed in the mystery of the divine dwelling with us. On this day of celebration it is our duty and our joy to remember our history; to celebrate the gifts and talents which glorify God, and give thanks for our creation, our salvation, and our hope.

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal #102

Once in Royal David's City

Please join in singing from the blue hymnal.

Children's choir sings verse 1, children and women sing verse 2, both choirs sing verse 3, congregation sings verses 4-6.

Now let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose, from our creation to the reign of Christ in heaven and on earth. Let us remember the continuing work of God in the stories of this community, and let us sing with joy as we celebrate our hope that God will continue to work through us for the salvation of the world.

Please be seated.

LESSON I

God invites creation to embrace Wisdom

Baruch 3:9, 24-4:4

read by Ed Dzialo, Member of the Worship Team

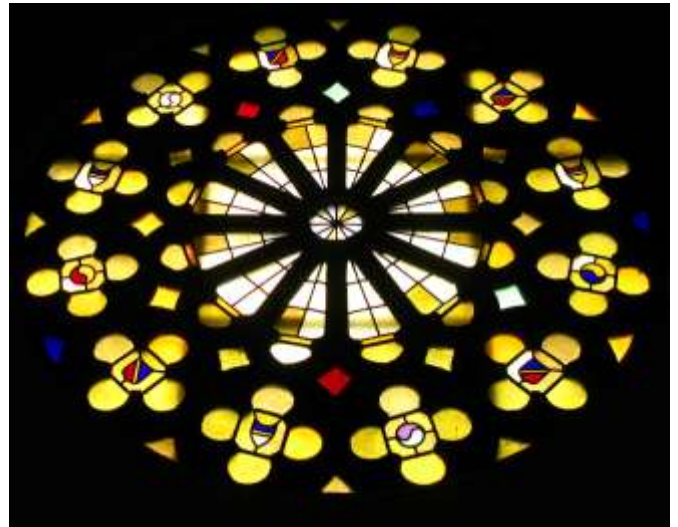
Anthem

Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

by Giovanni B. Martini

Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Visit ev'ry pious mind,
Pour Thy joys on human kind;
From sin and sorrow set us free,
Come Thou and make
Thy temples worthy Thee.

O Source of uncreated light,
The pow'r to will all things aright,
Holy fount and fire,
With Thy love our hearts inspire;
Immortal honor, endless fame,
Attend for aye
th' Almighty Father's name.



Carol

The Hymnal #60

Creator of the Stars of Night

Please stand and join in singing from the blue hymnal.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON II

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One
Isaiah 11:1-9
read by Kate Kamphausen, Member of the Choir

Anthem

Comfort Ye, My People

by Claude Goudimel

arr. by Mark Schweizer

Comfort, comfort ye my people; speak ye peace: thus saith your God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, bowed beneath oppression's load;
speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth In the desert far and near,
Biding all men to repentance Since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away;
Let the valleys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain;
let your heart be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken. Amen.

Carol

The Hymnal #517

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling-place

Please stand and join in singing from the blue hymnal.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON III

*In the Beginning
from "The Gifts Around Us: A Tour of St. John's Episcopal Church"
Compiled by Angela McCormick
read by John Arena, Alderman of the 45th Ward*

Carol

The Hymnal #302

Father, We Thank Thee

Please stand and join in singing from the blue hymnal.

Anthem

Torches!

by John Joubert

Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to Him!

Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby,
Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling,
While we sing you our Rorro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry,
Joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, He lives, the King of heaven,
Now and evermore. Amen.



COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON IV

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

read by Sandy Kleinhans, Member of Neighbors for Affordable Housing

Anthem

The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns

by Ludwig Lenel

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

O brighter than that glorious morn
Shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
And we His face shall see!

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray,
Come quickly, King of kings.



Carol

The Hymnal #66

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Please stand and join in singing from the blue hymnal.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON V

A Glimpse of our Past
written by Charles A. Karavich,
Member of St. John's and the Old Irving Park Historical Society
read by Bruce Yeager, Project Manager
and Amy Meadows, Member of the Capital Campaign Team

Carol

The Hymnal #289

Our Father, by whose Servants

Please stand and join in singing from the blue hymnal.

Choirs sing verse 1-2, congregation joins in verse 3.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



LESSON VI

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us

Isaiah 35:1-10

read by Susan Mitchell, Member of St. John's

Anthem

Prepare the Way

Swedish melody

arr by Morten J. Luvaas

Prepare the way to Zion!
Ye awful deeps rise high;
Sink low, ye tow'ring mountains,
The Lord is drawing nigh,
The righteous King of Glory,
Foretold in sacred story
O blest is He that came
In God the Father's name.

O Zion, He approacheth,
Thy Lord and King for aye,
Strew palms where He advanceth,
Spread garments in His way.
God's promise faileth never,
Hosanna and forever;
O blest is He that came
In God the Father's name.

Fling wide thy portals,
And hail thy glorious King;
His tidings of salvation
To ev'ry people bring,
Who waiting in sadness
Would sing in gladness.
O blest is He that came
In God the Father's name.



Please stand and sing verses 1-2. The Altar Party processes to the front entrance.

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



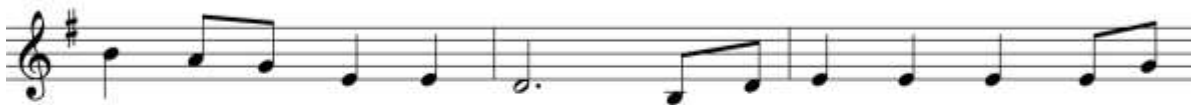
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
 depths of the past to the end of the age to
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE NEW ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

Rector and Wardens We present to you this new entrance and lift so that we might welcome all who seek faith, comfort and transformation in Christ's Church.

Bishop Your word is a lantern to our feet:

And a light upon our path.

All things come of thee, O Lord;

And of our own have we given thee.

Prosper the work of our hands;

Prosper our handiwork.

Show your servants your works;

And your splendor to their children.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, the heavens cannot contain you, yet you are pleased to dwell in the midst of your people, and have moved us to open to all this house of prayer: Accept and bless the work which we have done, bless those who planned and those who gave; bless those who, because of this work, will enter this space for the first time and those who because of illness would otherwise be barred from entry; break open our hearts to your spirit, our hands to your embrace, and our minds to your welcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses the donors to the Capital Campaign.

We bless your Name, O Lord, because it has pleased you to enable these your servants to offer this gift for your worship. Remember them for good, and grant that all who benefit from this gift may show their thankfulness to you by using it in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop invites current and past Vestry members, the Capital Campaign Team, the Lift Team, the architects, contractor, and construction workers to step forward.

You raise up laborers for your harvest, Holy God, sending them out as builders of your kingdom, agents of change, and proclaimers of the good news: Bless those who planned and worked to build this new entrance and lift. Give them strength and joy in their work and enliven all of us with your joy. May we always and remember and trust that it is you who completes the work of transformation in this world by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Entrance is sprinkled with holy water.

On this ninth day of December, in the year two thousand and seventeen, in the tenth year of my consecration as Bishop of Chicago, I dedicate this new accessible entrance to the glory of God.

Carol

Gather Comprehensive 2 #527

Canticle of the Turning

See page 12. Please stand and sing verses 3-4.

Procession returns to the chancel.

LESSON VII

St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Saviour

Matthew 1:18-25

read by The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, Rector

THE OFFERING

The Bishop may address the congregation. An offering is collected to benefit the current Capital Campaign, any amount in excess of this first phase will benefit Phase Two for accessible bathrooms, a renovated kitchen and refurbishing of the lower level and Phase Three, for the restoration of our stained glass windows.

Anthem

All Earth is Waiting

by Dent Davidson

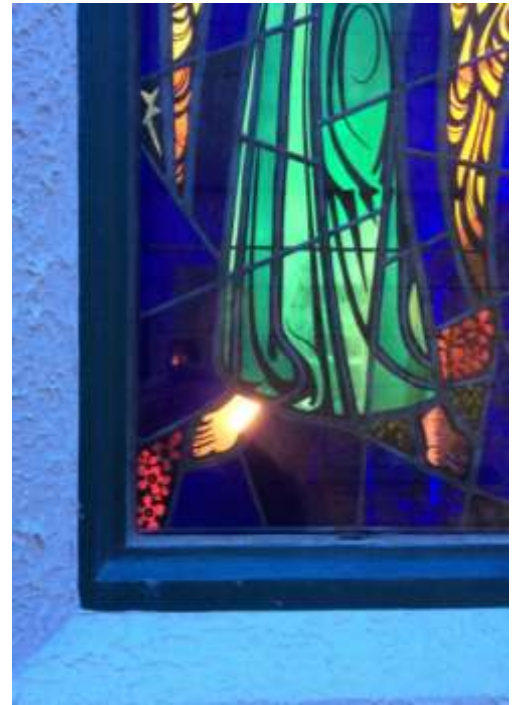
Joe Lill, Trumpet

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
And open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling,
seeks true liberty, it cries out for justice
And searches for the truth.

Thus says the Prophet to those of Israel:
A virgin mother will bear Emanuel,
One whose Name is, God With Us.
Our Savior shall be through whom
hope will blossom once more in our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain.
Open new highways for our God.
Who now comes closer for all to see.
Open the doorways wide as can be.

In lowly manger the Promised One appeared.
We feel his presence on earth today.
For Christ lives in us, and is with us now
And through eternity.



Carol

The Hymnal #89

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Please stand and join in singing from the blue hymnal.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

Let us pray.

Please stand.

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

As we rejoice in our accomplishments and gifts, let us never forget that this church exists, not for its members only, but for all those outside these walls.

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 all the people of God in our county and in this city of Chicago.

And because Christ particularly loves them, let us remember all those among us, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick, and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, and all those who do not know the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us offer up to the throne of heaven in the words which Christ has taught us, saying:

**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.**

BLESSING

The Almighty God bless us with grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the Holy Spirit draw us all. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

The Hymnal #96

Angels we have Heard on High

Please stand and join in singing from the blue hymnal.

Organ Postlude

Go Tell It on the Mountain

African American Spiritual

arr. by John Behnke



Thank You for Worshiping with Us!

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a festive dinner.

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Join us this Christmas Season

Advent III Sunday, December 17

Worship at 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 A.M.

Advent IV Sunday, December 24

Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

4:00 P.M. *Holy Eucharist with carols, child-friendly*

10:00 P.M. *Prelude and Carol Sing before*

Candlelight service, Holy Eucharist with choir

Christmas Day Monday, December 25

10:00 A.M. *Holy Eucharist with carols*

Cookies and hot chocolate follows

First Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 31

Worship at 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

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