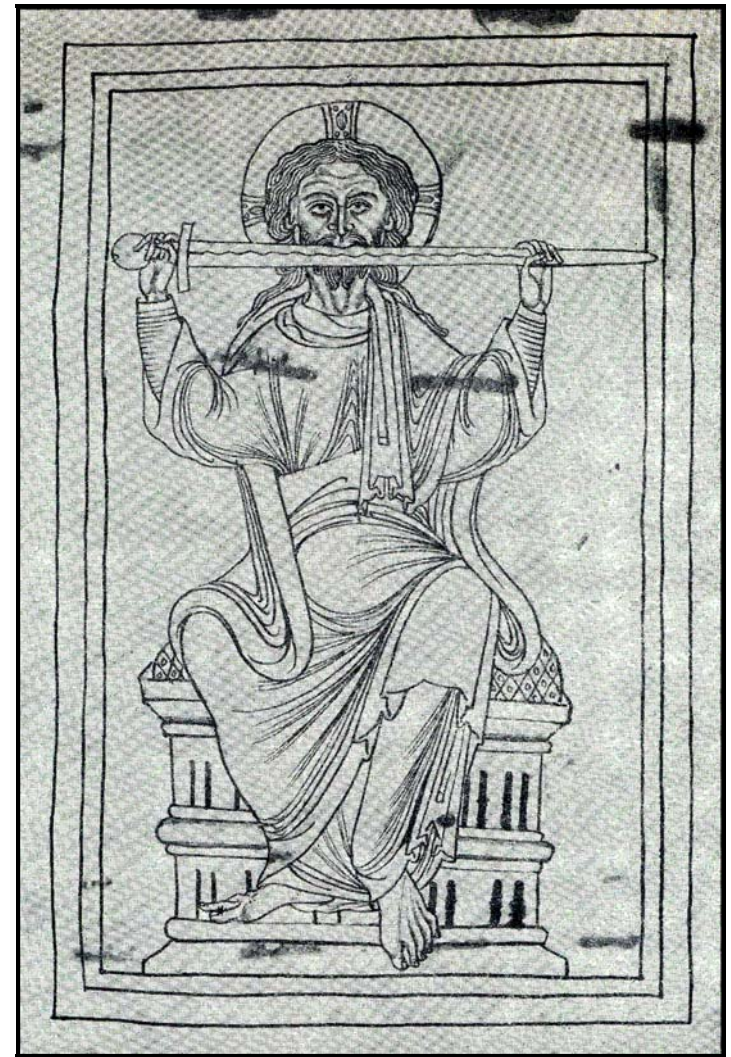


St George's-in-the-Pines Church



A Service for Advent with Carols

Sunday 30 November 2008 at 11am

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Three Chorale Variations on “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland”

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Six Interludes pour Orgue

Denis Bédard (b.1950)

Organ Improvisation on “Es Ist Ein Ros”

Gerre Hancock (b. 1934)

ORGAN MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

Little Prelude in C major

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is our monthly Potluck Sunday. Please join us for lunch in the Upper Hall at the end of the service.

Please pray for the global fight against AIDS as part of the AIDS Awareness Week, a project supported by the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

On December 14th, The Reverend Don MacLeod returns for another session of visioning and strategic planning. Please mark that date now and plan to stay a couple of hours after the service.

ADVENT

The season of Advent is traditionally a time of preparation for Christmas, and its observance dates from the sixth century in Gaul. It stretched from St Martin's Day (11th November) to Christmas Eve, and was known as 'The Lent of St Martin'. This title suggests the parallel between Advent and the Lenten fast. Meditations on the themes of judgement and our ultimate destiny were developed for each of the four Sundays of Advent.

The ancient people of God, the Jews, looked forward to the coming of God's Kingdom when there would be a new order of justice and righteousness. The early Church saw that the Kingdom had been anticipated and experienced through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, but still prayed 'Thy Kingdom come', looking forward to a second coming and the final consummation of all things.

The pattern of this Advent service (in its four sections) reflects the season's growing anticipation, both of the first coming of Christ and of that Day when the prayer 'Thy Kingdom come' is finally and fully answered.

The cover illustrations are from a manuscript of Bede's Commentary on the Apocalypse and other texts, which was produced in England (probably at Ramsey Abbey) in the second half of the 12th century. The manuscript is held in the library at St. John's College, Cambridge.

The picture of the Son of Man with the sword proceeding from his mouth is common in Apocalypse illustrations (Revelation 1:16 'and out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword').

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The Advent Prose is sung in the Narthex)

¶*Sit*

RORATE COELI

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: thy holy cities are a
wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a
desolation: our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.

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

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.

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

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my
salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a
thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I
will save thee: For I am the Lord thy God, the
Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

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

*Words from the book of Isaiah
Aurelius Prudentius Clemens
(348–c.405)*

Music Plainsong Setting

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Bless O Lord the work of this Church which is called by the name of
Thy beloved martyr, and grant that love of peace and all sound
learning may ever grow and prosper here, to Thy honour and glory,
and to the good of Thy people, Who with the Father and the Holy
Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness
from before your path, and make you ready to meet Him when he
comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
All who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply grieving,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, on earth rejected,
Thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Words C. Wesley
(1707–1788), alt.

Tune HELMSLEY
Included in Wesley's *Select Hymns* 1765

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

¶Stand

Cantor O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

All O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Words Cologne 1710, based on the
ancient Advent Antiphons
Tr. T.A. Lacey (1853–1931)
and others

Tune VENI EMMANUEL
Melody 'adapted from a French Missal'
by Thomas Helmore (1811–1890)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

¶*Remain Standing*

Beloved in Christ, the season of Advent bids us prepare ourselves both for the celebration of Christ's nativity as also for the Day when He shall come to judge the hearts of us all. So, in sorrow and penitence, let us confess our failures and shortcomings, and renew in ourselves the vision of God's perfect kingdom, which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes for us.

In word and music we will give voice to the hope set forth in the scriptures, that God's kingdom will come; and, with John the Baptist and the blessed virgin Mary, we will prepare for its coming, celebrating its dawning in the birth, life and death of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

But first let us pray for those who, by reason of their adversity, yearn especially for its coming: the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowful, the lonely and the unloved; those who sit in the darkness of despair or who walk in the shadow of death. Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and all who strive for the establishment of justice, righteousness and peace; and, that it may bear witness to this hope in a world divided by wrath and sorrow, let us pray for the well-being and unity of Christ's body, the Church.

Let us then pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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.

May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting. *Amen.*

SENTENCE

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour.

Priest: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:

Response: *For He hath visited and redeemed His people.*

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of our redemption: vouchsafe that as we joyfully receive Thine only begotten Son for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge, even Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

EIGHTH LESSON

SAINT JOHN 3 verses 1–8

¶*Remain Standing*

Jesus speaks with Nicodemus of the 'birth from above'

One of the Pharisees, called Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish Council, came to Jesus by night. 'Rabbi', he said, 'we know that you are a teacher sent by God; no one could perform these signs of yours unless God were with him. Jesus answered, 'In very truth I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he has been born again.' But how can someone be born when he is old?' asked Nicodemus. 'Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?' Jesus answered, 'In very truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born from water and the spirit. Flesh can only give birth to flesh; it is spirit that gives birth to spirit. You ought not to be astonished when I say, "You must all be born again." The wind blows where it wills; you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born from the spirit.'

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

¶*Sit*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
of Jesse's lineage coming,
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendour
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Words *St. 1–2, German (15th century)*
Tr. T. Baker (1851–1934)
St. 3, F. Layritz (1808–1859)
Tr. H.R.K. Spaeth (1845–1925)

Tune ES IST EIN' ROS
Melody 'Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng',
Köln, 1599
Harm. M. Praetorius (1571–1621)

I THE MESSAGE OF ADVENT

¶*Stand*

SENTENCE

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

Priest: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:

Response: *And all flesh shall see it together.*

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

O SAPIENTIA

O Wisdom, which hast come out of the mouth of the Most High, and mightily orderest all things:

Come and teach us the way of wisdom.

O ADONAI

O Adonai, Deliverer of the house of Israel, Who in Sinai didst give the law to Moses:

Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

MAGNIFICAT

¶*Stand*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Words *St Luke 1 vv. 46-56*
Para. *T. Dudley-Smith*
(b.1926)

Tune WOODLANDS
by *W. Greatorex*
(1877-1949)

SEVENTH LESSON

¶*Sit*

SAINT LUKE 1 verses 39–49

Mary shares her joyful news with Elizabeth

Soon afterwards Mary set out and hurried away to a town in the uplands of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby stirred in her womb. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed in a loud voice, 'God's blessing is on you above all women, and his blessing is on the fruit of your womb. Who am I that the mother of my Lord should visit me? I tell you, when your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby in my womb leapt for joy. Happy is she who has had faith that the Lord's promise to her would be fulfilled!' And Mary said: 'My soul tells out the greatness of the Lord, my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his servant, lowly as she is. From this day forward all generations will count me blessed, for the Mighty God has done great things for me.'

Thanks be to God.

FIRST LESSON

¶*Sit*

ISAIAH 11 verses 1–5

The prophet speaks of the righteous Judge who will come from the line of David

Then a branch will grow from the stock of Jesse, and a shoot will spring from his roots. On him the spirit of the Lord will rest: a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord; and in the fear of the Lord will be his delight. He will not judge by outward appearances or decide a case on hearsay; but with justice he will judge the poor and defend the humble in the land with equity; like a rod his verdict will strike the ruthless, and with his word he will slay the wicked. He will wear the belt of justice, and truth will be his girdle.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

Christ comes the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

Christ comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure;
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved Name.

Words *P. Doddridge*
(1702–1751)
Alt.

Tune RICHMOND
by T. Haweis
(1734–1820)
Adapt. S. Webbe the younger
(1770–1843)

IV THE CHRIST-BEARER

¶*Remain Standing*

SENTENCE

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Priest: Unto us a child is born:

Response: *Unto us a Son is given.*

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, Who didst stoop to raise our fallen race by the child-bearing of blessed Mary: Grant that we, who have seen Thy glory manifested in our flesh, and Thy love perfected in our weakness, may daily be renewed in Thine image, and conformed to the likeness of Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O EMMANUEL

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of the nations:

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

HYMN

¶ *Stand*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin,
Make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For Thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch our thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

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

Words *C. Coffin (1676–1749)*
Tr. *J. Chandler (1808–1876)*

Tune WINCHESTER NEW
Adapted from a chorale in
'Musicalisches Hand-Buch' Hamburg 1690

SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 5 verses 1–11

The call to be vigilant in preparation for the coming of the Lord

About dates and times, my friends, there is no need to write to you, for you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. While they are saying, 'All is peaceful, all secure,' destruction is upon them, sudden as the pangs that come on a woman in childbirth; and there will be no escape. But you, friends, are not in the dark; the day will not come upon you like a thief. You are all children of light, children of day. We do not belong to night and darkness, and we must not sleep like the rest, but keep awake and sober. Sleepers sleep at night, and drunkards get drunk at night, but we, who belong to the daylight, must keep sober, armed with the breastplate of faith and love, and the hope of salvation for a helmet. God has not destined us for retribution, but for the full attainment of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that awake or asleep we might live in company with him. Therefore encourage one another, build one another up – as indeed you do.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to us approacheth,
our full homage to demand.

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.

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!'

¶*Stand*

SIXTH LESSON

SAINT MATTHEW 3 verses 1–11

The proclamation of John the Baptist

In the course of time John the Baptist appeared in the Judean wilderness, proclaiming this message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is upon you!' It was of him that the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'A voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord; clear a straight path for him."' John's clothing was a rough coat of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Everyone flocked to him from Jerusalem, Judaea and the Jordan valley, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Vipers' brood! Who warned you to escape from the wrath that is to come? Prove your repentance by the fruit you bear; and do not imagine you can say, "We have Abraham for our father." I tell you that God can make children for Abraham out of these stones. The axe lies ready at the roots of the trees; every tree that fails to produce good fruit is cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptize you with water, for repentance; but the one who comes after me is mightier than I am, whose sandals I am not worthy to remove. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.'

Thanks be to God.

Words *The Liturgy of St. James*
Tr. G. Moultrie
(1829–1885)

Tune PICARDY
French Carol
(17th century)

CAROL

'Your kingdom come'—on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, you prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

The day to whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every heart be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Words *F.L. Hosmer*
(1840–1929)
Alt.

Tune IRISH
Hymns and Sacred Poems,
Dublin, 1749

II THE WORD OF GOD

¶*Remain Standing*

SENTENCE

O people of Sion, behold the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations, and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard.

Priest: Declare His honour unto the nations:

Response: *And His wonders unto all people.*

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

O RADIX JESSE

O Root of Jesse, standing as a banner for the people, whom the nations shall seek:

Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

O CLAVIS DAVID

O Key of David, that openest, and no man shutteth, and shuttest, and no man openeth:

Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house.

THIRD LESSON

MICAH 4 verses 1–4



The prophet's vision of the last days, when the nations will be judged

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house will be established higher than all other mountains, towering above other hills. Peoples will stream towards it; many nations will go, saying, 'Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God, that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.' For instruction issues from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will be judge between many peoples an arbiter among great and distant nations. They will hammer their swords into mattocks and their spears into pruning knives. Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will never again be trained for war. Each man will sit under his own vine or his own fig tree, with none to cause alarm. The Lord of hosts himself has spoken.

Thanks be to God.

FIFTH LESSON

MALACHI 3 verses 1–7

The day of God's appearing brings judgement and cleansing

I am about to send my messenger to clear a path before me. Suddenly the Lord whom you seek will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight is here, here already, says the Lord of Hosts. Who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand firm when he appears? He is like a refiner's fire, like a fuller's soap; he will take his seat, testing and purifying; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver, and so they will be fit to bring offerings to the Lord. Thus the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as they were in former days, in years long past. I shall appear before you in court, quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers, and perjurers, against those who cheat the hired labourer of his wages, who wrong the widow and the fatherless, who thrust the alien aside and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

I, the Lord, do not change, and you have not ceased to be children of Jacob. Ever since the days of your forefathers you have been wayward and have not kept my laws. If you return to me, I shall turn back to you, says the Lord of Hosts.

Thanks be to God.

III THE PROPHETIC CALL

¶*Remain Standing*

SENTENCE

Behold, I will send my Messenger and he shall prepare the way before me.

Priest: Prepare ye the way of the Lord:

Response: *Make his paths straight.*

COLLECT

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy Messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ORIENS

O Day-Spring, Brightness of Light Everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness:

Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

O REX GENTIUM

O King of the Nations, and their desire; the Corner-Stone, who makest reconciliation:

Come and save mankind, whom thou hast formed of clay.

CAROL

O come, divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.

Dear Saviour haste!

Come, come to earth.

*Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.*

O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
whom priest and prophet long foretold,
come, break the captives' fetters,
redeem the long-lost fold.

You come in peace and meekness
and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness
shall we your Godhead see.

Words *S.-J. Pellegrin*
(1663–1745)
Tr. *Sister Mary of St. Philip*
Sunday School Hymn Book, 1887, alt.

Tune *VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE*
Melody French (16th century)
Harm. G. Ridout
(1918–1984)

FOURTH LESSON

SAINT LUKE 4 verses 14–21

The words of the Prophet Isaiah are fulfilled by Jesus Christ

Then Jesus, armed with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee; and reports of him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone sang his praises. He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he regularly did. He stood up to read the lesson and was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the scroll and found the passage which says, ‘The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me; he has sent me to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind; let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. He began to address them: ‘Today’, he said, ‘in your hearing this text has come true.’

Thanks be to God.

Words *Charles Wesley*
(1707–1788)

HYMN

¶ *Stand*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Tune STUTTGART
Melody *Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715*
Harm. *W.H. Havergal*
(1793–1870)