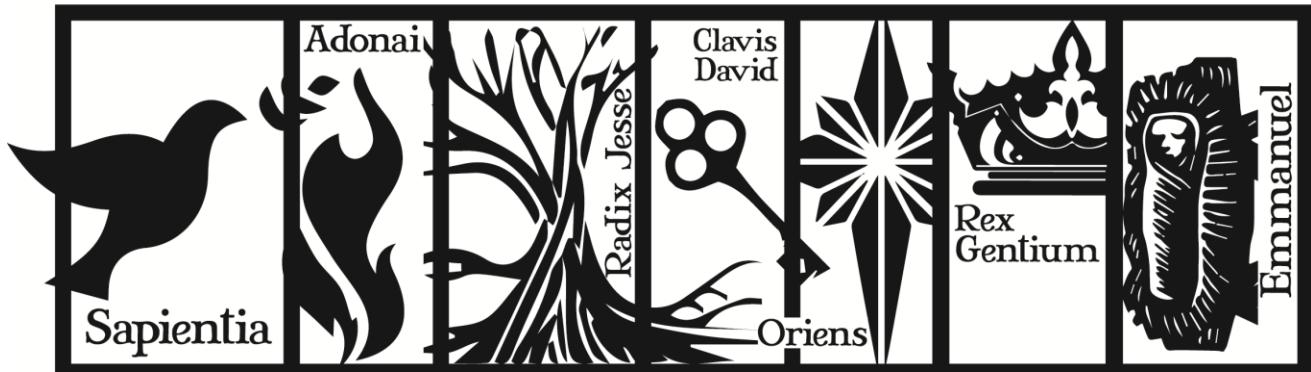


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# ERO CRAS

...Veni

Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

*The Great O Antiphons—From Darkness to Light*

Sunday, December 23, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Augsburg Lutheran Church  
845 West Fifth Street  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

# Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

## *The Great O Antiphons—Darkness to Light*

The Advent Lessons & Carols service is based on the Great O Antiphons of Advent. Each lesson is paired with one of seven antiphons originally sung at Vespers as antiphons to the Magnificat from December 17 to 23. The antiphons address the Messiah with various titles drawn from the Hebrew scriptures:

December 17	O <b>S</b> apientia – O Wisdom
December 18	O <b>A</b> donai – O Lord
December 19	O <b>R</b> adix Jesse – O Root of Jesse
December 20	O <b>C</b> lavis David – O Key of David
December 21	O <b>O</b> riens – O Dayspring
December 22	O <b>R</b> ex Gentium – O King of the Nations
December 23	O <b>E</b> mmanuel – O Emmanuel, God with Us

The Latin text of the O Antiphons imbeds an acrostic: read in reverse order from last to first antiphon, the second word of each stanza begins with the letters ERO CRAS, Latin for “I shall be present tomorrow,” the text not revealed until the singing of the final stanza on December 23. The bulletin’s cover art, created by Emily Norris, reflects this hidden word through visual art.

Our worship service today features the O Antiphons sung one at a time, each followed by a prophetic text of the Old Testament and a corresponding fulfillment text from the New Testament. Each pair of texts is followed by a musical work illuminating its lesson.

The overall theme is “Darkness to Light.” Advent has long been symbolized by the lighting of candles, representing the light that was brought into a dark world on a night nearly 2000 years ago. As we await and expect that glorious morn each year, we remember the darkness that still remains in our world. And, we work to bring light to those who are less fortunate, downtrodden, or in desperate need of love and healing.

Please utilize the time of silence before the service to reflect on the darkness in your own life, and the lives of those around you. May the light of Christ shine brightly to all this blessed Advent and Christmas season!

*The assembly gathers in silence.*

## RINGING OF THE BELL

*We stand and turn to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN** 244 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

*Stanza 1: ALL in unison*

*Stanza 2: ALL in harmony*

*Stanzas 3 & 4: ALL in unison*

## BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation:

All: **Our God shall change the darkness into light.**

P: Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence.  
By the light of Christ, your living Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God forever.**

## BIDDING PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*We sit.*

**ANTIPHON O Emmanuel**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 1)    *Sung by the Choir*  
 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
 That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

VENI, EMMANUEL

**FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 1:1-5  
 John 1:1-5, 14

**CAROL** 861 When Long before Time

THE SINGER AND THE SONG

*Stanza 1: ALL in unison*  
*Stanzas 2 & 3: ALL in harmony*  
*Stanza 4: Choir only*  
*Stanza 5: ALL in harmony*  
*Stanza 6: ALL in unison*

**ANTIPHON O Sapientia**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 2)    *Sung by the Assembly*  
 O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:  
 In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.  
*Refrain*

VENI, EMMANUEL

**SECOND LESSON**

Isaiah 61:1-3  
 Luke 4:16-21

**CAROL** 239 Hark, the Glad Sound!

CHESTERFIELD

**ANTIPHON O Adonai**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 3)    *Sung by the Choir*  
 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
 In ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
*Refrain*

VENI, EMMANUEL

**THIRD LESSON**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
 Matthew 3:1-7, 11

**CAROL** All Earth Is Hopeful

Alberto Taulé  
 arr. James E. Bobb

*To da la tierra espera al Salvador y el surco abierto, la obra del Señor;*  
*Es el mundo que lucha por la libertad, reclama justicia y busca la verdad.*

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
 This, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.  
 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel":  
 She conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth  
 Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; new highways opened, new protocols declared.  
 Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!  
 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
 In our world; he is present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

**ANTIPHON O Radix Jesse**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 4)    *Sung by the Assembly*  
O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
*Refrain*

VENI, EMMANUEL

## FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6  
Matthew 4:12-17

### CAROL Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

arr. Richard Allain

The tree of life my soul has seen, Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be compares 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 flesh alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Lobchor*  
*Jared Parsons, harp*

### ANTIPHON *O Clavis David*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 5)    *Sung by the Choir*  
O come, O key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
*Refrain*

VENI, EMMANUEL

## FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Matthew 1:20-23

### CAROL 295 Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Stanza 1: ALL*  
*Stanza 2: Women/treble voices*  
*Stanza 3: ALL*  
*Stanza 4: Men/lower voices*  
*Stanza 5: ALL*

**ANTIPHON** O OriensO Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 6) *Sung by the Assembly*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of Justice, now draw near.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain***SIXTH LESSON**

Isaiah 42:5-9

Luke 2:25-32

**CAROL** Nunc dimittis in A Major

Herbert Sumson

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

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.

**ANTIPHON** O Rex gentiumO Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 7) *Sung by the Choir*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:

Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.

*Refrain***SEVENTH LESSON**

Isaiah 35:1-6, 8a, 10

Revelation 22:12, 16-17, 20

**CAROL** 243 Lost in the Night

LOST IN THE NIGHT

**ANTIPHON** O EmmanuelO Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 8) *Sung by the Assembly*

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of abundance, we offer you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.****OFFERTORY ANTHEM** There Is No Rose of Such Virtue

Daniel Burton

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. *Alleluia.*For in this Rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space. *Res miranda. {A wonderful thing.}*And by that Rose we see There be one God in Persons three. *Pares forma. {Of the same form.}*The angels sang, the shepherds too, Gloria in excelsis Deo! *Gaudemus. {Let us rejoice.}*Now leave we all this worldly mirth And follow we this joyful birth. *Transeamus. {Let us go [even to Bethlehem].}**Jared Parsons, harp**We stand.***OFFERTORY HYMN** 436 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (Stanza 3)

WACHET AUF

**VESPER RESPONSORY** Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by any din of drums,  
Nor his manners, nor his airs, Nor by anything he wears.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by his crown or by his gown,  
But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. You scatter the shadows before our path, and through your Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth. May we who have been baptized in the ocean of your love, also shine as light in the world, become instruments of your peace, and icons of your presence. For you are our God for ever and ever.

**Amen.****ADVENT BLESSING**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

**Amen.**

May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

**Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, **†**Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** 267 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.***We sit.***CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Joy to the World

Emma Lou Diemer

*Soli Deo Gloria*

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**—PROVIDING SERVICE—**

Adult Choir II

Rev. Paul A. Wollner, Senior Pastor

Rev. Lori H. Carter, Pastoral Associate for Congregational Care

**Readers** Dr. Donald Armitage, Cantor Emeritus; David Sitler**Crucifer** Jacob Andrews**Acolytes** Ryan Hicks and Ethan Olsen**Ushers** Clarence Dixon, Carrol Epting, Kevin Lynch, and Phil Martin**Bulletin Cover Artist** Emily Norris

—THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—

*December 24 – Christmas Eve Children’s Worship*

\**Children are encouraged to bring bells*  
5:00 P.M.

*December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

**with Holy Communion**

7:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

*Music begins at 7:00 P.M. and 10:30 P.M.*

*December 25 – Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion*

10:30 A.M.

*December 30 – First Sunday of Christmas–Services with Holy Communion*

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

—THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD—

*January 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord–Festival Services with Holy Communion*

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

**Epiphany Chili Cook-off**

5:30 P.M.

**Epiphany Vespers**

6:30 P.M.

*The congregation, officers, and staff of Augsburg Lutheran Church  
extend to each of you our prayers and best wishes  
for a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas.*