

*The season of Advent is traditionally a time of preparation for Christmas, and its observance dates from the sixth century in Gaul. 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 this 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 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.*

### Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Johann Sebastian Bach

Suite No. 3 in D Major BWV 1068

J. S. Bach

Air  
Gavotte I  
Gavotte II  
Bourée  
Gigue

### Anthem

Advent Responory

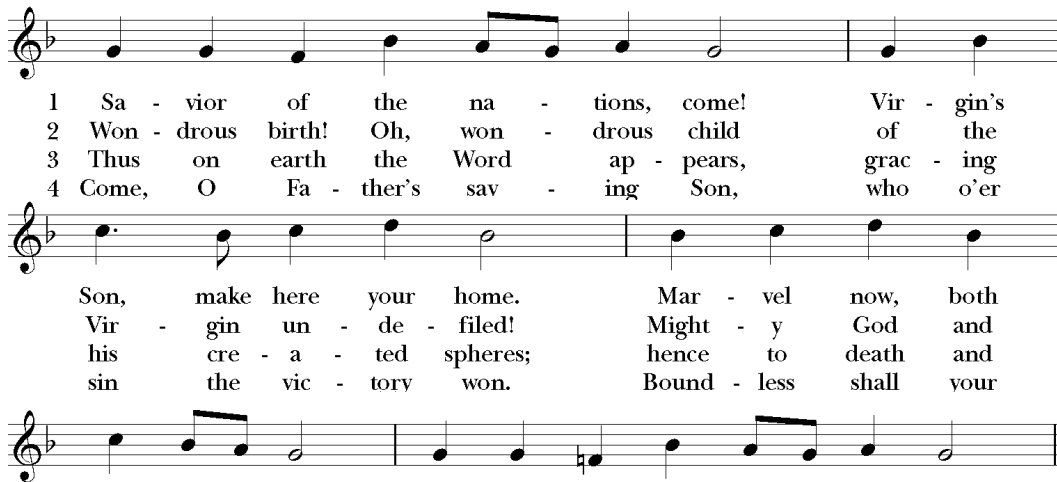
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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, thou 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: 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?

### The Procession *The people stand and sing.*

#### Hymn 54

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

## The Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*Officiant*

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

*The people are seated for the anthems and lessons, and stand to sing the congregational hymns.*

**Cantata 61**     *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Overture, Chorus**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,  
Der Jungfrauen Kind erkannt,  
Des sich wundert alle Welt,  
Gott solch Geburt ihm bestellt.

Now come, saviour of the gentiles,  
recognized as the child of the Virgin,  
at whom all the world is amazed  
that God decreed such a birth for him.

**Recitative and Aria: Victor Chen, Tenor**

Der Heiland ist gekommen,  
Hat unser armes Fleisch und Blut  
An sich genommen  
Und nimmet uns zu Blutsverwandten an.  
O allerhöchstes Gut,  
Was hast du nicht an uns getan?  
Was tust du nicht  
Noch täglich an den Deinen?  
Du kömmst und läßt dein Licht  
Mit vollem Segen scheinen.  
Komm, Jesu, komm zu deiner Kirche  
Und gib ein selig neues Jahr!  
Befördre deines Namens Ehre,  
Erhalte die gesunde Lehre  
Und segne Kanzel und Altar!

The saviour has come,  
and has our humble flesh and blood  
taken on himself  
and accepts us as his blood relations  
O highest goodness of all,  
what have you not done for us ?  
What do you not do  
still every day for your people?  
You come and let your light  
shine with full blessing.  
Come, Jesus, come to your church  
and grant us a blessed new year!  
Increase the honour of your name,  
Preserve sound teaching  
and bless pulpit and altar!

**First Lesson**                    Isaiah 40:1-11

Read by John Yergler

*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.*

Reader    The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 67**

Psalm 42

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple,    speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth    in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed,    make the rough - er

saith our God;    com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near,    call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain;    let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.    Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here.    Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign.    For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem    of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey!    Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord    now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

**Chorus from Cantata 62**                    *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,  
Der Jungfrauen Kind erkannt,  
Des sich wundert alle Welt,  
Gott solch Geburt ihm bestellt.

Now come, saviour of the gentiles,  
recognized as the child of the Virgin,  
at whom all the world is amazed  
that God decreed such a birth for him.

**Second Lesson**                    Jeremiah 31:31-34

Read by Marilyn Vargo

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

Reader    The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**                    Canite Tuba

Francisco Guerrero

Canite tuba in Sion,  
quia prope est dies Domini:  
ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.  
Erunt prava in directa,  
et aspera in vias planas:  
veni, Domine, et noli tardare

Sound the trumpet in Sion  
For the day of the Lord is near.  
See, he is coming to save us:  
Winding paths will be made straight  
And rough places smooth.  
Come, Lord, and do not delay. *Joel 2:1; Isaiah 11:4*

Third Lesson Baruch 4:36—5:9

Read by Paul Koch

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 74

*Valet will ich dir geben*

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

**Fourth Lesson**            Zephaniah 3:14-20

Read by Kate Appel

*The Lord will be among us, and so we are summoned to rejoice and sing.*

Reader    The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**            Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

*Translation may be found on page 81, The Hymnal 1982*

Michael Praetorius

Arranged by Donald Cashmore

**Hymn 66**

Stuttgart

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.

*The people remain standing for the Fifth Lesson read by the priest.*

**Fifth Lesson**            Matthew 1:18-23

*St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Saviour.*

Reader    The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

*The people are seated for the Cantata.*

**Cantata 140**    *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J. S. Bach

Chorus

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme  
Der Wächter sehr hoch auf der Zinne,  
Wach auf, du Stadt Jerusalem!  
Mitternacht heißt diese Stunde;  
Sie rufen uns mit hellem Munde:  
Wo seid ihr klugen Jungfrauen?  
Wohl auf, der Bräutigam kömmt;  
Steht auf, die Lampen nehmt! Alleluja!  
Macht euch bereit  
Zu der Hochzeit,  
Ihr müsset ihm entgegen gehn!

Wake up, the voice calls us  
of the watchmen high up on the battlements,  
wake up, you city of Jerusalem!  
This hour is called midnight;  
they call us with a clear voice:  
where are you, wise virgins ?  
Get up, the bridegroom comes;  
Stand up, take your lamps! Hallelujah!  
Make yourselves ready  
for the wedding,  
you must go to meet him!

Recitative: Elwood Black, Tenor

Er kommt, er kommt,  
Der Bräutigam kommt!  
Ihr Töchter Zions, kommt heraus,  
Sein Ausgang eilet aus der Höhe  
In euer Mutter Haus.  
Der Bräutigam kommt, der einem Rehe  
Und jungen Hirsche gleich  
Auf denen Hügeln springt  
Und euch das Mahl der Hochzeit bringt.  
Wacht auf, ermuntert euch!  
Den Bräutigam zu empfangen!  
Dort, sehet, kommt er hergegangen.

He comes, he comes,  
the bridegroom comes!  
You daughters of Zion, come out,  
he hastens his departure from on high  
to your mother's house.  
The bridegroom comes, who like a deer  
and a young stag  
leaps on the hills  
and brings to you the wedding feast.  
Wake up, rouse yourselves  
to welcome the bridegroom!  
There, see, he comes this way.

Aria: Sara Haisley, Soprano; Harry R. Mamlin III, Bass

Wenn kömmt du, mein Heil?  
Ich komme, dein Teil.  
Ich warte mit brennendem Öle.  
Eröffne den Saal  
Ich öffne den Saal  
Zum himmlischen Mahl  
Komm, Jesu!  
Komm, liebliche Seele!

When are you coming, my salvation?  
I come, your portion.  
I wait with burning oil.  
Open the hall  
I open the hall  
to the heavenly feast.  
Come, Jesus!  
Come, lovely soul!

Chorale

Zion hört die Wächter singen,  
Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,  
Sie wachet und steht eilend auf.  
Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,  
Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,  
Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.  
Nun komm, du werthe Kron,  
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn!  
Hosianna!  
Wir folgen all Zum Freudensaal  
Und halten mit das Abendmahl.

Zion hears the watchmen sing,  
her heart leaps for joy,  
she awakes and gets up in haste.  
Her friend comes from heaven in his splendour,  
strong in mercy, mighty in truth.  
Her light becomes bright, her star rises.  
Now come, you worthy crown,  
Lord Jesus, God's son!  
Hosanna!  
We all follow to the hall of joy  
and share in the Lord's supper.

Recitative: Patrick Havens, Bass

So geh herein zu mir,  
Du mir erwählte Braut!  
Ich habe mich mit dir  
Von Ewigkeit vertraut.  
Dich will ich auf mein Herz,  
Auf meinem Arm gleich wie ein Siegel setzen  
Und dein betrübtes Aug ergötzen.  
Vergiß, o Seele, nun  
Die Angst, den Schmerz,  
Den du erdulden müssen;  
Auf meiner Linken sollst du ruhn,  
Und meine Rechte soll dich küssen.

So come inside to me  
you bride that I have chosen for myself,  
I have betrothed myself to you  
from eternity to eternity.  
It is you that I want to set in my heart,  
on my arm like a seal  
and to delight your grieved eyes.  
Forget now, o soul,  
the anguish, the sorrow  
that you had to suffer  
On my left hand you should rest  
and my right hand should kiss you.

Aria: Marcia Larson, Soprano; Patrick Havens, Bass

Mein Freund ist mein,  
Und ich bin dein,  
Die Liebe soll nichts scheiden.  
Ich will mit dir in Himmels Rosen weiden,  
du sollst mit mir in Himmels Rosen weiden,  
Da Freude die Fülle, da Wonne wird sein.

My friend is mine,  
and I am yours,  
Nothing shall divide our love.  
I want to graze on heaven's roses with you,  
You will graze on heaven's roses with me,  
There will be fullness of joy, there will be delight.

Chorale

Gloria sei dir gesungen  
Mit Menschen und englischen Zungen,  
Mit Harfen und mit Zimbelen schon.  
Von zwölf Perlen sind die Pforten,  
An deiner Stadt sind wir Konsorten  
Der Engel hoch um deinen Thron.  
Kein Aug hat je gespürt,  
Kein Ohr hat je gehört  
Solche Freude.  
Des sind wir froh,  
Io, io!  
Ewig in dulci jubilo.

May gloria be sung to you  
with the tongues of men and angels,  
with harps and with cymbals.  
The gates are made of twelve pearls,  
in your city we are companions  
of the angels on high around your throne.  
No eye has ever perceived,  
no ear has ever heard  
such joy.  
Therefore we are joyful,  
hurray, hurray!  
for ever in sweet rejoicing.

*The people stand for the responsory.*

**Vesper Responsory** (*sung*):

Officiant: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dis-mayed.  
**People:** Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.  
Officiant: Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.  
**People:** Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.  
Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
**People:** Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.  
Officiant: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.  
**People:** In the midst of thy tem-ple.

**The Collect for Advent III**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**An Advent Blessing** (*spoken*)

*Officiant*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The people stand and sing the hymn.

Hymn 61

Wachet auf

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a-stounds us, the  
2 Zi-on hears the watch-men sing-ing; her  
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a-dore you; let

shout of ram-part-guards sur-rounds us: "A -  
heart with joy-ful hope is spring-ing, she  
saints and an-gels sing be-fore you, as

wake, Je-ru-sa-lem, a-rise!" Mid-night's peace their  
wakes and hur-ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
harps and cym-bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro-ken, their ur-gent sum-mons clear-ly spo-  
Bride-groom glo-rious in strength of grace, in truth vic-to-  
ci-ty's por-tals: through them we stream to join the im-mor-

ken: "The time has come, O maid-ens wise!  
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
tals as we with joy your throne sur-round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Postlude

Voluntary on *Wachet auf* (Hymn 61)

J. S. Bach

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