

Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2024
A Service of Lessons and Carols

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING with the children

OPENING CAROL (*Please Stand*)

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs 1-3) #28

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 96:1-4, 11, 13

Sing to the LORD a new song;

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

**Proclaim good tidings of His salvation
from day to day.**

Tell of His glory among the nations,

His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

Let the sea roar, and all it contains;

For He is coming,

For He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness

And the peoples in His faithfulness.

CAROL *Once in Royal David's City* #38

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-19 p. 3

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*

FIRST CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #62

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 p. 21
*God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed.*

SECOND CAROL *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs 1-3) #7

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:1-7 p. 692
*The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah.*

THIRD CAROL *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vs 1-3) #66

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9 p. 694
*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation.*

FOURTH CAROL *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38 p. 1018
*An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she will bear a holy child.*

FIFTH CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 p. 1020
*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,
where Mary gives birth to her child.*

SIXTH CAROL *Away in a Manger*

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 p. 1020
*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields
and announce the birth of the Messiah.*

SEVENTH CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* #27

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 p. 957

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

EIGHTH CAROL *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 p. 1058

*The Word of God becomes flesh
and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*

NINTH CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night*

HOMILY **Pastor Cedric Benner**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who at Your first coming did send Your messenger to prepare Your way before You; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR ADVENT

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 Your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

CLOSING CAROL (*Please Stand*)

Joy to the World! (vs 1, 2 & 4)

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BENEDICTION