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Sunday, December 6th, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

6 o'clock in the evening



Saint Timothy's Mission Statement

AS PEOPLE OF GOD, WE JOYFULLY WORSHIP GOD, SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD'S LOVE,
TREASURE ALL PEOPLE, AND SERVE OTHERS EVERYWHERE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

THEREFORE, WITH GOD'S HELP, WE: OPEN OUR DOORS TO EVERYONE,
OPEN OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP, OPEN OUR EYES TO THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS,
AND OPEN OUR ARMS TO EMBRACE GOD'S WORK.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Herndon, Virginia

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A Note about the Service of Lessons and Carols

The Advent service of Lessons and Carols celebrates the coming of Jesus. It features readings about the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah's coming, and ends with the annunciation of the birth of the Christ Child interspersed with singing of Advent hymns and carols for both the choir and congregation. The format of the service is based upon an order by Edward Benson, who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Christmas Eve in 1880. The traditional lore says that he began the service in an outdoor temporary "chapel" to keep men out of the pubs on Christmas Eve! The original liturgy has been adapted into different formats and can include a variety of readings. Churches of all denominations all over the world gather to share in this celebration. The most widely broadcasted service is the one held annually at King's College, Cambridge. This evening's service is being sung by the Adult and Children's Choirs of St. Timothy's. Lectors are representatives of clergy and members of the congregation.

Lectors

The First Lesson- Marie Lally

The Second Lesson- Jill Cox

The Third Lesson- Evelyn Showalter

The Fourth Lesson- Nancy Miller

The Fifth Lesson- Kaworu Yanagihara

The Sixth Lesson- Jane Burkett

The Seventh Lesson- Joe Weeden

The Eighth Lesson- The Rev. Mark A. Michael

The Second Sunday of Advent
An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Voluntary

Shepherd's Song
Evelynn Showalter, Oboe

Sol. B. Cohen

The people stand as the bell is rung.

Introit

Matin Responsory

Palestrina adapted by David Wilcocks

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 leadeth 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.

Sung by the Choir and Cantor

Opening Hymn 56

O come, O come Emmanuel Verses 1-6

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Opening Sentences

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of God's beloved Son, we welcome you, grace to you and peace.

Thanks be to God.

The people remain standing.

Bidding Prayer

Officiant

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 Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all men 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:

Officiant and congregation

**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.**

Officiant May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting, now and at all times.
***People* Amen.**

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson

Genesis 3: 1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

Lector A Reading from Genesis.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Carol

Remember
An Old English Carol

Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635)
arr. by Erik Routley

Remember O thou man, o thou man, o thou man,
Remember O thou man, thy time is spent.
Remember O thou man how thou cam'st to me then,
and I did what I can, therefore repent!

Remember God's goodness, o thou man, o thou man,
remember God's goodness and promise made:
remember God's goodness how his only son he sent
our sins for to redress: be not afraid!

The angels all did sing, o thou man, o thou man
The angels all did sing on Sion hill;
The angels all did sing praises to our heav'nly King,
and peace to all living, with right good will.

In Bethlem was he born, o thou man, o thou man
In Bethlem was he born for mankind dear;
In Bethlem was he born for us that were forlorn,
And therefore took no scorn, our sins to bear. From Melismata – 1611

Sung by the Adult Choir

Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One

Lector A Reading from Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand

Hymn 597

O day of peace that dimly shines

Jerusalem

The people sit.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 7: 10-15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

Lector A Reading from Isaiah.

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Carol

Come to Us, Emmanuel

Carol McClure

Come to us, Emmanuel,
Christ whose hope* (love, joy, peace) we now await,
Whose birth the prophets did foretell,
Come to us, we pray.
Come to us, we pray.

Come to us, Emmanuel,
Christ whose light we celebrate,
Whose birth the prophets did foretell,
Shine in us we pray.
Shine in us, we pray.

Sung by the Children's Choir and Women Choristers

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 40: 1-11

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

Lector A Reading from Isaiah.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Carol

Prepare the Royal Highway

Bereden vag for Herran

Swedish folk tune, 14th C. arr. Cathy Moglebust

Played by the Handbell Choir with Evelyn Showalter, Oboe

Fifth Lesson

Isaiah 35: 1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Lector A Reading from Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it, they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Hymn 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

Sung by All

The people sit.

Sixth Lesson

Baruch 4: 36--5: 9

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

Lector A Reading from Baruch

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Carol WLP 724

*People Look East
Sung by All*

Besancon Carol

The people sit.

Seventh Lesson

John 1:6-8, 19-28

In which John the Baptist proclaims the One who is to come.

Lector A Reading from the Gospel of John.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not seem to deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not" "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Carol

How lovely are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings. Romans 10, vv. 15 & 18
Sung by the Adult Choir

The people stand.

Eighth Lesson

Luke 1:26-56

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Lector A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people sit.

Carol

Change Ring Prelude on *Divinum Mysterium*
Played by the Handbell Choir

Fred Gramann

The Closing Rite

Greetings and Announcements

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

E'en so, Lord Jesus quickly come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All! –Revelation 22

Sung by the Adult Choir

The people stand.

Offertory Hymn 66

Come thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Sung by All

The people remain standing.

Vesper Responsory

Officiant Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

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.

Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Advent Blessing

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

Hymn 62

Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us

Wachet Auf

Closing Voluntary Rhapsody on *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* **Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)**

All are invited to a reception in Henry Hall following the service.

Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

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The Rev. Mark A. Michael

Organist/Choirmaster

Dr. Donna Whited

Choirs

St. Timothy's Adult Choir
St. Timothy's Adult Handbell Choir
St. Timothy's Children's Choir

Vergers

Christopher Brock

Crucifer

Liz Ward

Torchbearers

Max Fang-Weeden
Gabe Fang-Weeden

Greeters

Jill Cox
Dave Tigar

Ushers

Jim and Sharon McKenney

Reception

Ching Fang-Weeden

The greens on the altar during Advent are given by the People of God to the Glory of God as we celebrate God's coming to be among us in the form of a child!



If you'd like to remember a loved one who has departed this life or give thanksgiving for family & friends with a poinsettia for the Christmas Altar, please complete a Flower Envelope (on the cabinets in the Narthex) or call the office at 703-437-3790. Write "Christmas Flowers" on the date requested line. All Christmas Flower Envelopes must be received in the office by Tuesday, December 15.

Upcoming Liturgical and Musical Events at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Advent Service of the Light

Thursday evenings 12/10 & 12/17

5:30-Simple supper

6:30-7:00 Service

December 24, 2015

4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 10:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services

Special music at 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm

December 25, 2015

11:00 am

Bi-lingual (English & Spanish) Holy Eucharist

January 3rd, 2016

8:00 & 10:00 AM

Christmas Lessons and Carols

February 10, 2016

7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Service

March 13, 2016

6:00 pm

Lenten Choral Evensong

March 27, 2016

8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am

Easter Services