



Saint John's Episcopal Church



2014-2015

Sacred Music at the Red Door



Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Sunday, December 14, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for the birth of Jesus Christ. This service is offered as part of our spiritual preparation for the wonder of that miracle. The sequence of music, scripture, and hymns focuses on longing for God's kingdom to be established on earth—and the assertion that in Christ that day is dawning. The service begins in a darkened church, with the choir singing from afar; it then moves from darkness to light, the increased brightness symbolizing the progressive revelation of Jesus Christ to the world.

*The congregation is seated for the lessons and carols and stands to sing the hymns.
Please connect with the sacred by turning off your electronic device as soon as you are seated.*

PRELUDE	In dulci jubilo	In quiet joy	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
	Lo, how a rose e'er blooming		Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
	Conditor alme siderum		Robert Edward Smith (1946 -)
	All this night my heart rejoices		R.E. Smith
	In dulci jubilo		Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

GREETING The Reverend Hope H. Eakins, Interim Rector

INVITATORY CAROL Ned Rorem, 1986

*While all things were in quiet silence,
and night was in the midst of her swift course,
thine Almighty Word, O Lord,
leaped down out of thy royal throne, Alleluia.
- antiphon, Christmas Vespers*

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God:

In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**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.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

HYMN 60 Creator of the stars of night
Stanzas 1 - 3 sung by the choir
Stanzas 4 - 6 sung by all

Conditor alme siderum

COLLECT (*remain standing*)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which our Lord 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, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9 (*be seated*)

read by Joanne Berger-Sweeney

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 fating 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL The lamb

John Tavener, 1972

*Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild:
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by His name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
- William Blake*

HYMN 56 (stanzas 1 & 2) O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

read by Jeffery Verney

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL A spotless rose

Herbert Howells, 1919

*A spotless Rose is blowing,
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
Of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight.*

*The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing,
In Mary, purest Maid;
For, through our God's great love and might,
The blessed Babe she bare.
In a cold, cold winter's night.
- 15th Century German*

HYMN 56 (stanzas 3 & 4) O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

read by Kim Byrd

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL People, look east

Besançon Carol

*People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as the sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*Angels announce with shouts of mirth,
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

- Eleanor Farjeon, 1928

FOURTH LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

read by Chandler Howard

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 66 (stanzas 1 & 2) Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38

read by Cynthia Lawler

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL Ave Maria

Tómas de Luis Victoria (1548-1611)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.*

HYMN 66 (stanzas 3 & 4) Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

SIXTH LESSON Micah 5:2-4

read by Paul Smith

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL Magnificat (Collegium Regale)

Herbert Howells, 1947

The text may be found at Book of Common Prayer page 65.

SEVENTH LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25

read by Carolyn Kuan

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD~ and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent~ its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL A new heaven

Robert Prizeman, 2004

*And I saw a new heaven, for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away.
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, for those are passed away.
Illumina perpetua. (Light eternal.)
- from Revelation 21*

COLLECT

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 57 Lo, he comes! with clouds descending

Helmsley

POSTLUDE Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter
Comest thou, Jesu, from heaven to earth now descending

Johann Sebastian Bach

The musical postlude is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. We are invited to hear the music gratefully - without applause - and carry its sound with us as we leave.

Participants

The Reverend Hope H. Eakins, Interim Rector

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Interim Assistant Rector

Dr. Joanne Berger-Sweeney, President, Trinity College

Mr. Chandler Howard, President, Liberty Bank

Maestra Carolyn Kuan, Music Director, Hartford Symphony Orchestra

Lay Readers: Kim Byrd, Cynthia Lawler, Paul Smith, Jeffery Verney

St. John's Choir

Scott Lamlein, *music director* - Floyd Higgins, *guest organist*

Youth: Christine Babbitt, Margaret Babbitt, Teddy Babbitt, Morgan Babbitt, Emily Bigger, Claire Brouillard, Elsa Ciscel, Britt Emerick, Cate Emerick, Emma Evica, Jia-Lin Koh, Kay-Lin Koh, Francis Lamlein,

*Madeline Green (head chorister), Daaé Ransom (lead girl), Sierra Scott, Malachi Ward

Soprano: Margaret Beers, Peg Bigger, Marilyn Dabbo, Zella Foster, Jacqueline McCauley, Caitlyn Semanie

Alto: Mariana Evica, *Rachel Kwon, Mary Beth Lamlein, Jacqueline Smith, Lauren Vernaglia

Tenor: Lynn Brooks, Zachary Kohl, Jeffrey Martin, Matthew Reid

Bass: Stephan Christiansen, *Nicholas Filippides, Aaron Krerowicz, Hal Rives

* indicating soloist during the service.

Christmas at St. John's

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - 10:30 a.m.

The young people of the parish will tell the Christmas story in reading, pageant, and song. Angels and shepherds, friendly beasts and kings will gather, a star will shine - and there will be camels wearing sneakers. Come and sing the familiar carols and hear the old old story of God's love for this world.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST - 4 p.m. with musical prelude at 3:45

This festal celebration will include a sermon suitable for younger children and music by our Youth Choir.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST - 11 p.m. with choral prelude at 10:30

The music of the Christmas angels will be played and sung by our adult choir and instrumentalists and the people of God who gather in this place.

CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST - 10 a.m.

This quiet and reverent worship will include a sermon and carols.



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A bit of history...

Our expanded series of musical offerings to the Parish and wider community began in September 2011. The name of the series makes reference to our front doors, with their traditional color of welcome and sanctuary. The series has helped to establish St. John's as a destination for those seeking musical refreshment and excellence, drawing on the existing strengths of our choirs (and guest artists), architecture, organ, location, and Anglican heritage.

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Sundays at St. John's

8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum and Church School
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Organ and Choir

St. John's Choirs are well-known in the greater Hartford community and beyond as a center of musical excellence for children and adults. Contact the music office to learn more or to schedule an audition.



Sacred Music at the Red Door

Our 4th Season

2014-2015

All concerts are FREE admission, suggested donation \$20.

Silent Film Screening: Steamboat Bill, Jr.

A Buster Keaton classic comedy, *Steamboat Bill, Jr.* dates from 1928 and incorporates all the hallmarks of the silent age, including a breathtaking cyclone scene. Live piano accompaniment will be presented by acclaimed pianist Patrick Miller.

Friday, January 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (dinner at 6:00 p.m.)

Snow Date: Sunday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. (5:00 dinner)

Choral Music for the Soul

The St. John's Choirs present sublime choral works from Vienna, and from the Anglican and American choral tradition, with chamber orchestra and organ. Disconnect from the outside world, and connect with the sacred, in this concert that includes Schubert's beautiful Mass in G, Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, and other works.

Sunday, March 15, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Hot Cat Jazz Band

An evening of Dixieland jazz! Join us in the marvelous acoustics of St. John's Church for a foot-tapping delight. Standards, old-time hymns, and fun abound.

Friday, June 5, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Pipes Alive! Organ Series

Join us for **half-hour organ concerts** featuring St. John's magnificent Austin pipe organ, on the last Sunday of the month, February through May, **12:30 p.m.** Scott Lamlein, organist.

February 22 - Organ Fireworks

March 29 - Bach to Basics

April 26 - Monumental Mendelssohn

May 31 - The Trumpet Shall Sound (with Jacob Humerick, trumpet)