ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



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On behalf of the board of directors, Cardinal Kung Academy, and myself, welcome to our evening of Lessons & Carols, followed by a reception and art exhibit and sale in the church undercroft. I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the Very Reverend Cyprian P. La Pastina, Pastor of the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, for opening the doors to this beautiful and sacred space, as well as opening for us the word of God in his preaching tonight. The connection of our community with this church where the funeral Mass of our patron was offered is a dear source of joy and pride.

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in an evening of beauty in its truest sense. Aristotle tells us that a thing is most perfectly itself when it does that for which it is intended, when it reaches its mark. A pencil is not truly a pencil if it cannot write, though it may have the shape of a pencil. A meal is mere food if it doesn't satisfy the palate as well as the stomach. In our day, we tend to speak of any creative endeavor as art. Those who would formerly be satisfied with the appellation of "entertainer" now must be known as "artists." Beauty, for its part, once thought a matter of objective proportion, clarity, etc. has moved through "the eye of the beholder" and into the even more subjective hand of the artist!

By these definitions, the music in which we are about to partake and the art which we will see at the reception would easily meet the criteria. However, I invite you to experience the difference of art that strives to meet the definitions of a classical Catholic worldview.

Appreciation of beauty and the creation of art are acts that distinguish man from other creatures and even the wonders of AI. When God made man in His Image, the order given was not solely to be fruitful and multiply like the animals but also to have dominion over the earth and to labor in the garden. Art is that collaboration with God, forming earth and our materials in a way that gives them not only order but beauty. Beauty speaks truths that cannot be set down in syllogism, and it recalls us to the privileges of that Image in which we are made. Beauty and art are not merely "nice" or enjoyable. They call us back to our Creator and to the divine communion for which we have been made.

Tonight is no simple Christmas concert and art sale. Tonight is an invitation to allow beauty lead us into prayer to recognize the image of God Who came down into the world when it had ceased to set its eyes on things above. When we sing in response to the Word of God, we are gathered together in the unison of voices in His presence. When we see the works of our students' hands and perhaps take some home with us, we take a reminder to set our eyes on the things above.

If this sounds too lofty for a school event, I challenge you to expect more. Our children are capable of great things, and the creation and appreciation of beauty are great things that will sustain us all. I am grateful to our Music Director Mr. Botkins, the students of the schola and treble boychoir, Ms. Gilmore, and to our student artists. Through your efforts, despite a world of noise and distraction, we have an opportunity to experience beauty, art, and indeed our own humanity directed toward their true ends.

In Christ,

Dr. Alexander B. Miller

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Prelude

§ Please stand as the schola and clergy enter.

Introit

O Radiant Dawn from *The Strathclyde Motets* James Macmillan (b.1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied,
The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.
Amen.

The Bidding Prayer

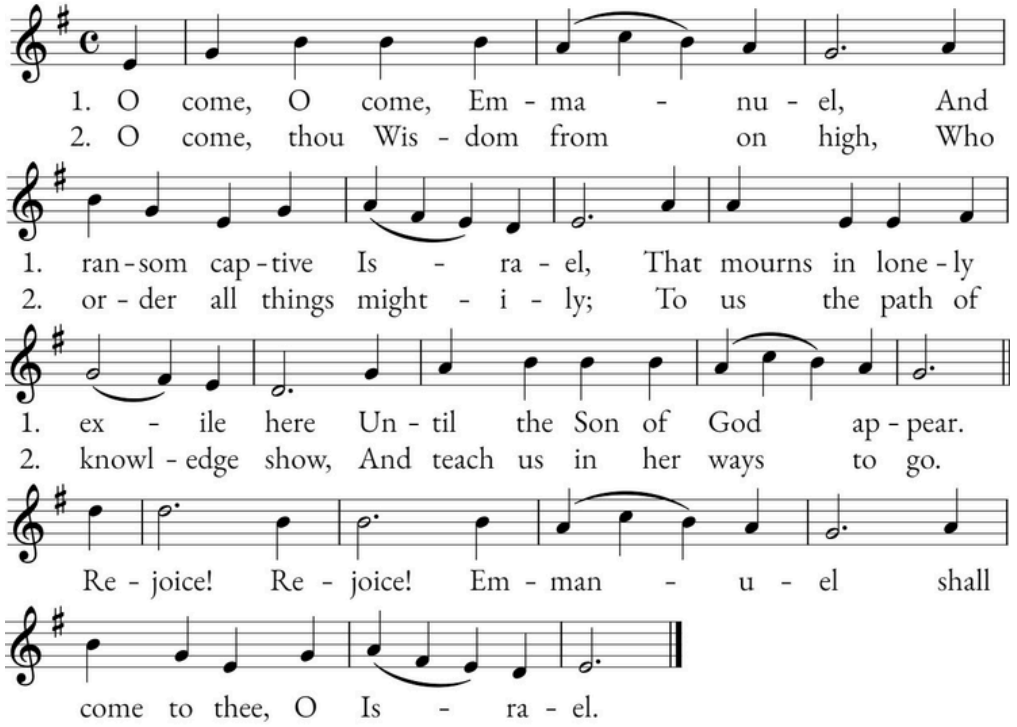
Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought to us by His holy Child. 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 the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially for this school, her students, teachers, and benefactors. And because this of all things would rejoice His heart, let us at this time remember in His name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the young; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His most Sacred Heart. Lastly, let us remember before God His pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a more excellent light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made Flesh, and Whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ Himself hath taught us:

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.
Amen.

Processional Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel *Veni, Emmanuel*



§Remain standing

Station at Our Lady's Altar

O Sanctissima

Kevin Allen
(b. 1964)

O sanctissima, o piissima,
dulcis Virgo Maria!
Mater amata, intemerata,
ora, ora pro nobis.

O most holy, o most loving,
sweet Virgin Mary!
Beloved Mother, undefiled,
pray, pray for us.

Tu solatium et refugium,
Virgo Mater Maria.
Quidquid optamus, per te speramus;
ora, ora pro nobis.

You are solace and refuge,
Virgin Mother Mary.
Whatever we wish, we hope it through you;
pray, pray for us.
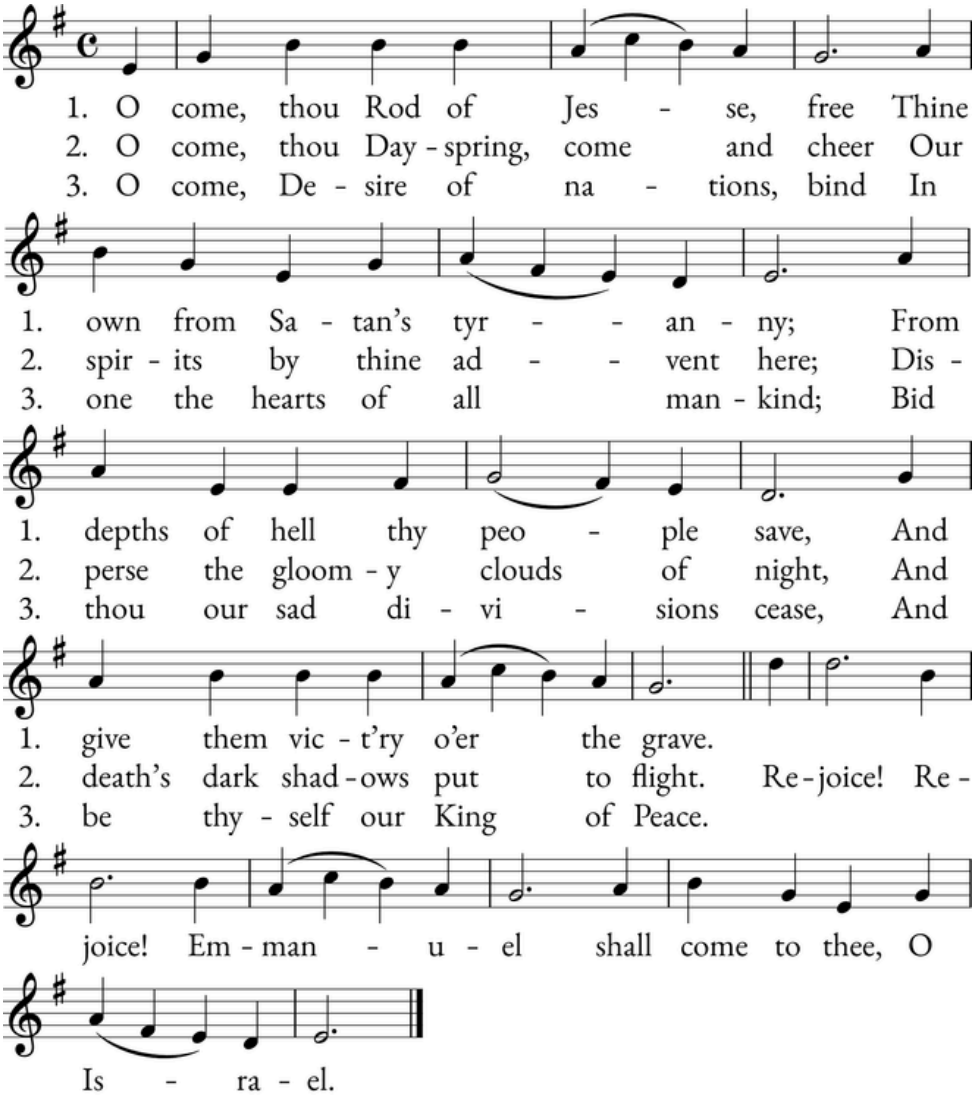
℣. Ángelus Dómini nuntiávit Maríæ
℟. Et concépit de Spíritu Sancto.

℣. The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary
℟. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Oremus:
Grátiam tuam quáesumus, Dómine, méntibus nostris infúnde; ut qui, ángelo nuntiánte, Christi Fílii tui Incarnatiónem cognóvimus, per passiónem ejus et crucem, ad resurrectiónis glóriam perducámur. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.
℟. Amen.

Let us pray.
Pour forth we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord.
℟. Amen.

The PROCESSIONAL HYMN continues



§Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON *read by a chorister* Genesis 3: 1-15

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, "Yea, hath God said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"And the woman said unto the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, 'Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it,lest ye die.'"And the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and ate, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he ate. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves things to gird about.

And they heard the voice of the Lord God, walking in the garden in the cool of the day. And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, "Where art thou?" And he said, "I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" And the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the Lord God said unto the woman, "What is this that thou hast done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." And the Lord God said unto the serpent,

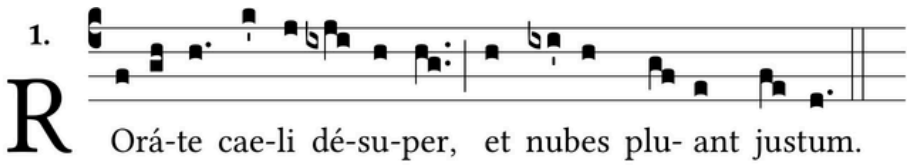
"Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field. Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed; It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel."

℣. The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

§Please stand.

CAROL
Rorate caeli

plainsong, mode I



Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Vs. Sung by the Gentlemen of the Schola:
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
*Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praisèd thee.**(Rorate...)***

*We have sinned and are become as one that is unclean: and we have all fallen as a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have carried us away: thou hast hidden thy face from us, and hast crushed us in the hold of our iniquity.**(Rorate...)***

§Please be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON *read by an underclassman* Genesis 3: 1-15

Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. Behold, He shall come," saith the Lord of hosts.

But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and of Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.
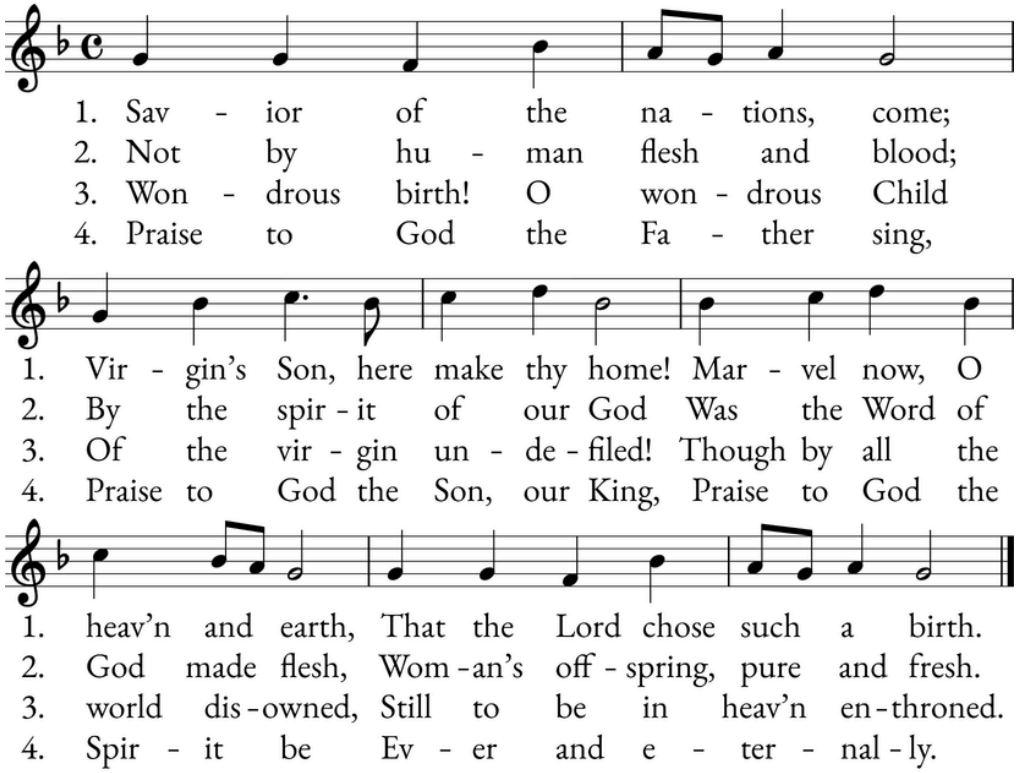
And I will come near to you in judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers, and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and those who turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me," saith the Lord of hosts. "For I am the Lord, I change not."

℣. The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

§Please stand.

CAROL

Savior of the Nations *Nun Komm, der heiden heiland*



§Please be seated.

THE THIRD LESSON *read by an upperclassman* Genesis 22:9-18

And Abraham said: God will provide himself a victim for an holocaust, my son. So they went on together. And they came to the place which God had shewn him, where he built an altar, and laid the wood in order upon it: and when he had bound Isaac his son, he laid him on the altar upon the pile of wood.
And he put forth his hand and took the sword, to sacrifice his son.

And behold an angel of the Lord from heaven called to him, saying: Abraham, Abraham.
And he answered: Here I am.

And he said to him: Lay not thy hand upon the boy, neither do thou any thing to him: now I know that thou fearest God, and hast not spared thy only begotten son for my sake.

Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw behind his back a ram amongst the briers sticking fast by the horns, which he took and offered for a holocaust instead of his son. And he called the name of that place, The Lord seeth. Whereupon even to this day it is said: In the mountain the Lord will see.

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, saying:
By my own self have I sworn, saith the Lord: because thou hast done this thing, and hast not spared thy only begotten son for my sake: I will bless thee, and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that is by the sea shore: thy seed shall possess the gates of their enemies. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice.

℣. The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

CAROL

The Holly and the Ivy

June Nixon
(b.1942)

The holly and the ivy
when they are both full grown,
of all the trees that are in the wood
the holly bears the crown.

The holly bears a prickle,
as sharp as any thorn,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
on Christmas day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark,
as bitter as any gall,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
for to redeem us all.

The rising of the sun
and the running of the deer,
the playing of the merry organ,
sweet singing in the choir.

THE FOURTH LESSON *read by a member of the student government* Matthew 25: 1-13

Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made: 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.'

Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, 'Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut.

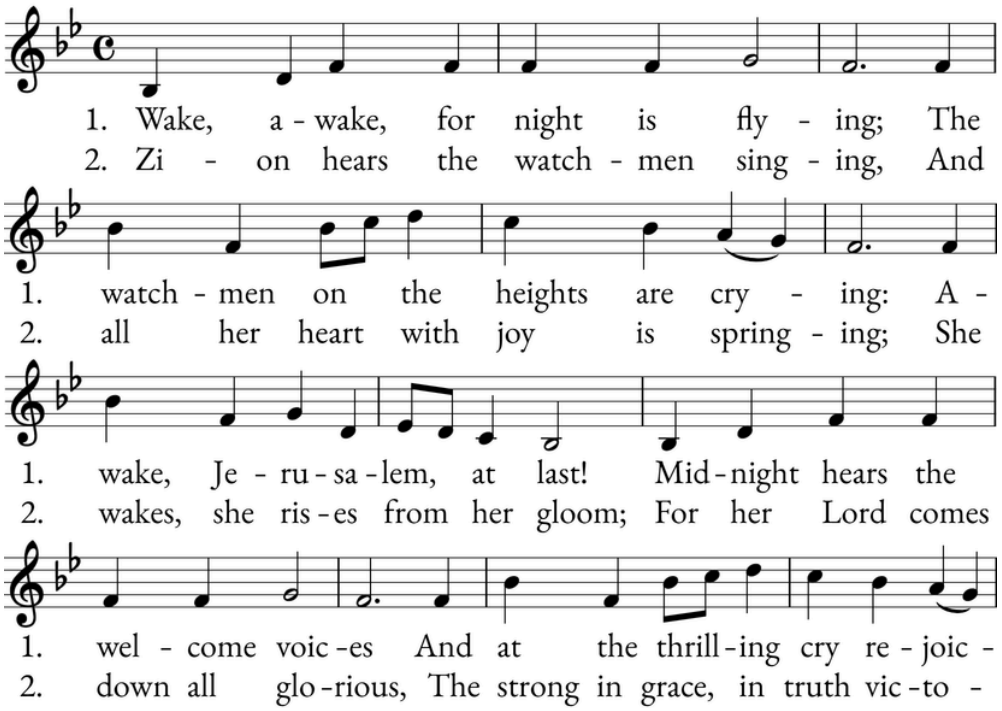
Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us!'
But he answered and said, 'Verily I say unto you, I know you not.' Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

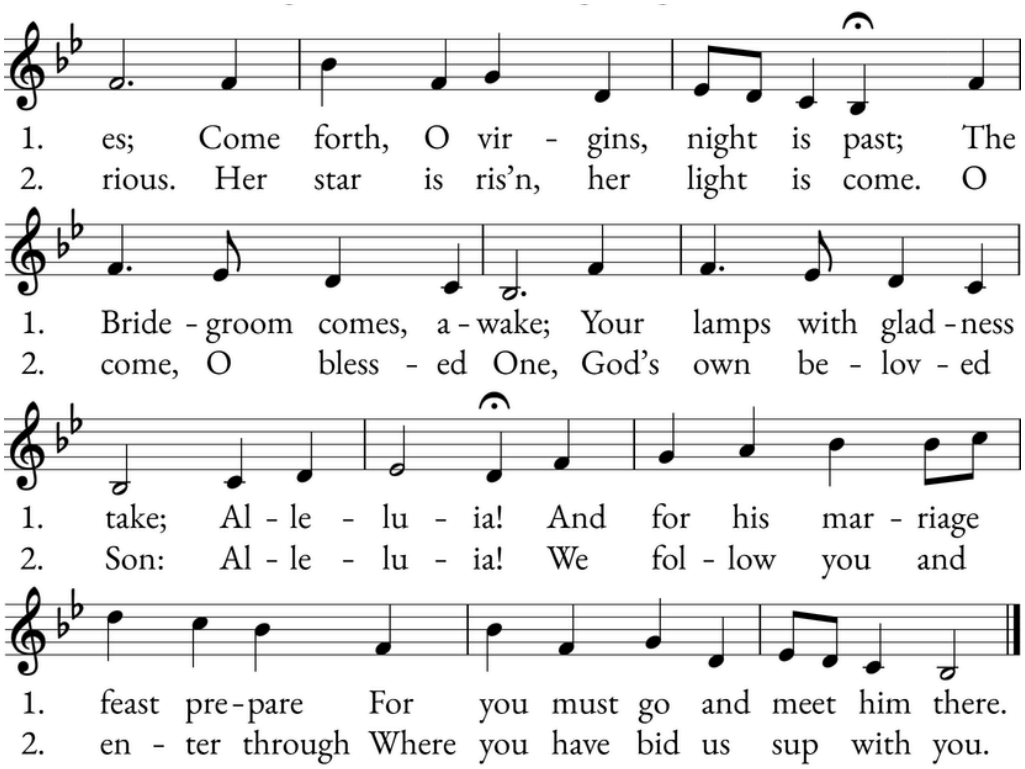
℣. The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

§Please stand.

CAROL

Wake, awake for night is flying *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*





§Please be seated.

THE FIFTH LESSON *read by a faculty member* Baruch 4: 36-5: 9

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God! Behold, your sons 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 for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and 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 forth 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.

℣. The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

CAROL
People Look East

Besançon Carol, arr. James E. Clemens (b.1966)

THE SIXTH LESSON *read by a faculty member* Isaiah 11: 1-9

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

℣. The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

CAROL
There Is No Rose Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

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.
Resmiranda. *(Wondrous thing)*

For by that rose we may well see
that he is God in persons three.
Pariforma. *(One in form)*

The angels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gaudeamus. *(Let us rejoice)*

Leave all this worldly mirth
and follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus. *(Let us cross over)*

THE SEVENTH LESSON *read by the Dean of Faculty* John 1: 19-28

Now this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, "What then? Art thou Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Art thou that Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

Then said they unto him, "Who art thou, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What sayest thou of thyself?"

He said, "I am 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"' as said the prophet Isaiah."

And those who were sent were of the Pharisees.

And they asked him, and said unto him, "Why dost thou baptize then if thou art not that Christ, nor Elijah, neither that Prophet?" John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there standeth One among you whom ye know not.

He it is who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose shoe's strap I am not worthy to unloose."

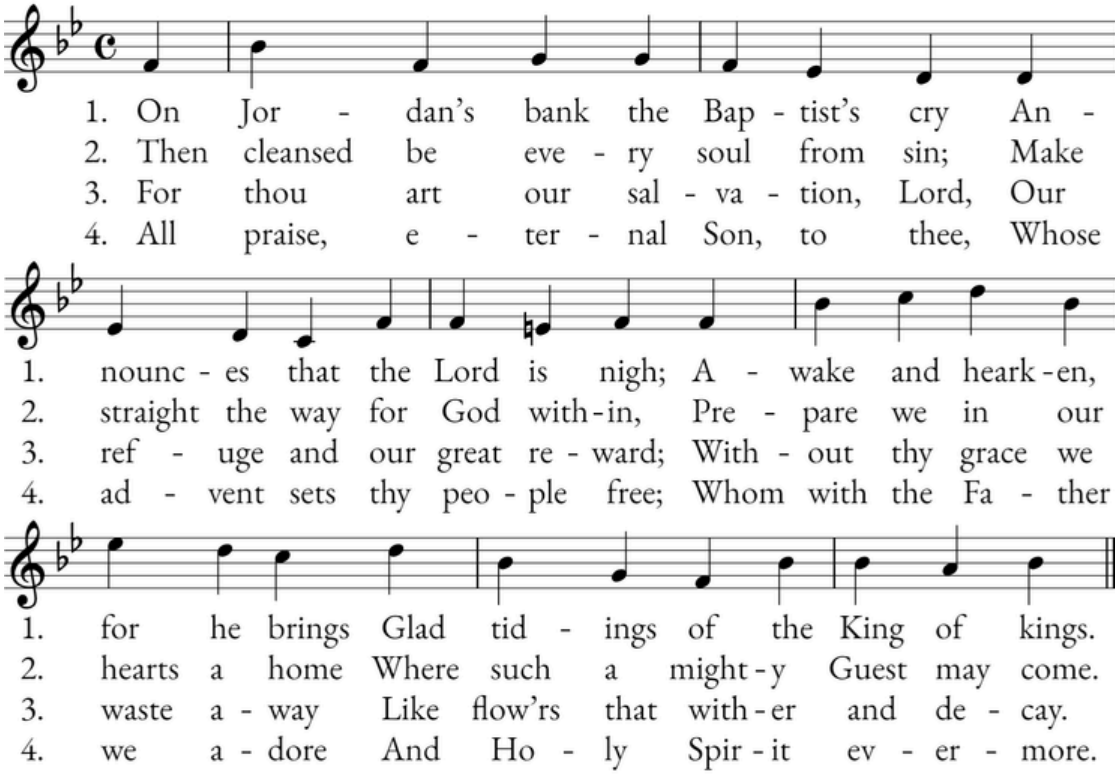
These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

℣. The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

§Please stand.

CAROL

On Jordan's Bank Winchester New



§Please be seated.

THE EIGHTH LESSON *read by the Principal* Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "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 called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

℣. The word of the Lord.
℟. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL
I Sing of a Maiden Kevin Allen

I sing of a maiden that is makeless,
King of all kings, to her son she ches.

He came all so stille where his moder was,
As dew in Aprille that falleth on the grass.

He came all so stille to his moder's bour,
As dew in Aprille that falleth on the flour.

He came all so stille where his mother lay,
As dew in Aprille that falleth on the spray.

Moder and maiden was never none but she.
Well may such a lady Goddes moder be.

§Please stand.

THE NINTH LESSON

Matthew 1: 18-23

The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

☩ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

℟. Glory to you, O Lord.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

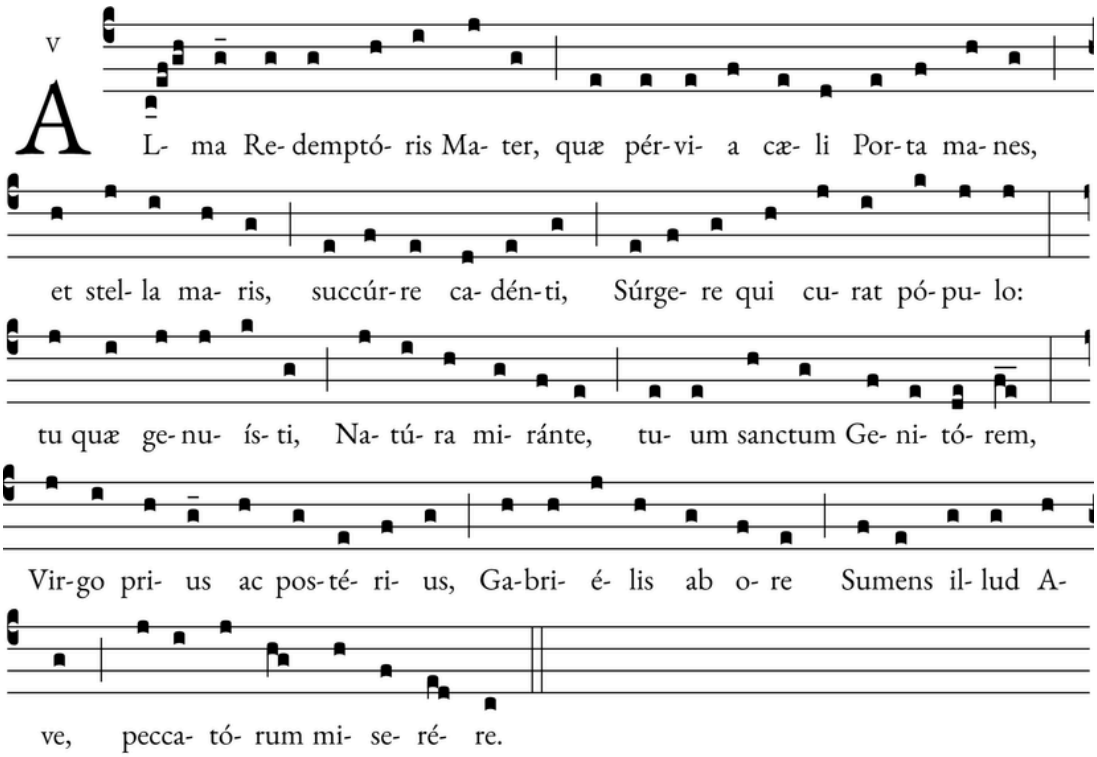
Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, / and they shall call him Emmanuel, / which means "God is with us."

℣. The Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CAROL

Alma Redemptoris Mater — *plainsong, mode V*



§Please be seated.

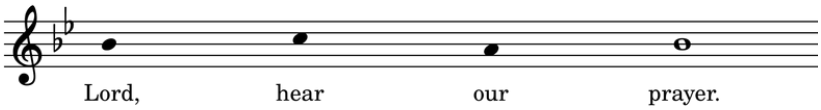
Advent Meditation

Very Reverend Cyprian P. La Pastina, Pastor
The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist

§Please stand.

Intercessions

After each petition, the following response is sung:



To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life, let us make our humble prayer:

O Rising Sun that never sets, Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from above,
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. We pray to the Lord,
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Son of the Most High, your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,
come and rule over your people for ever. We pray to the Lord,
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Holy One of God, in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,
bring the joy of salvation to all the earth. We pray to the Lord,
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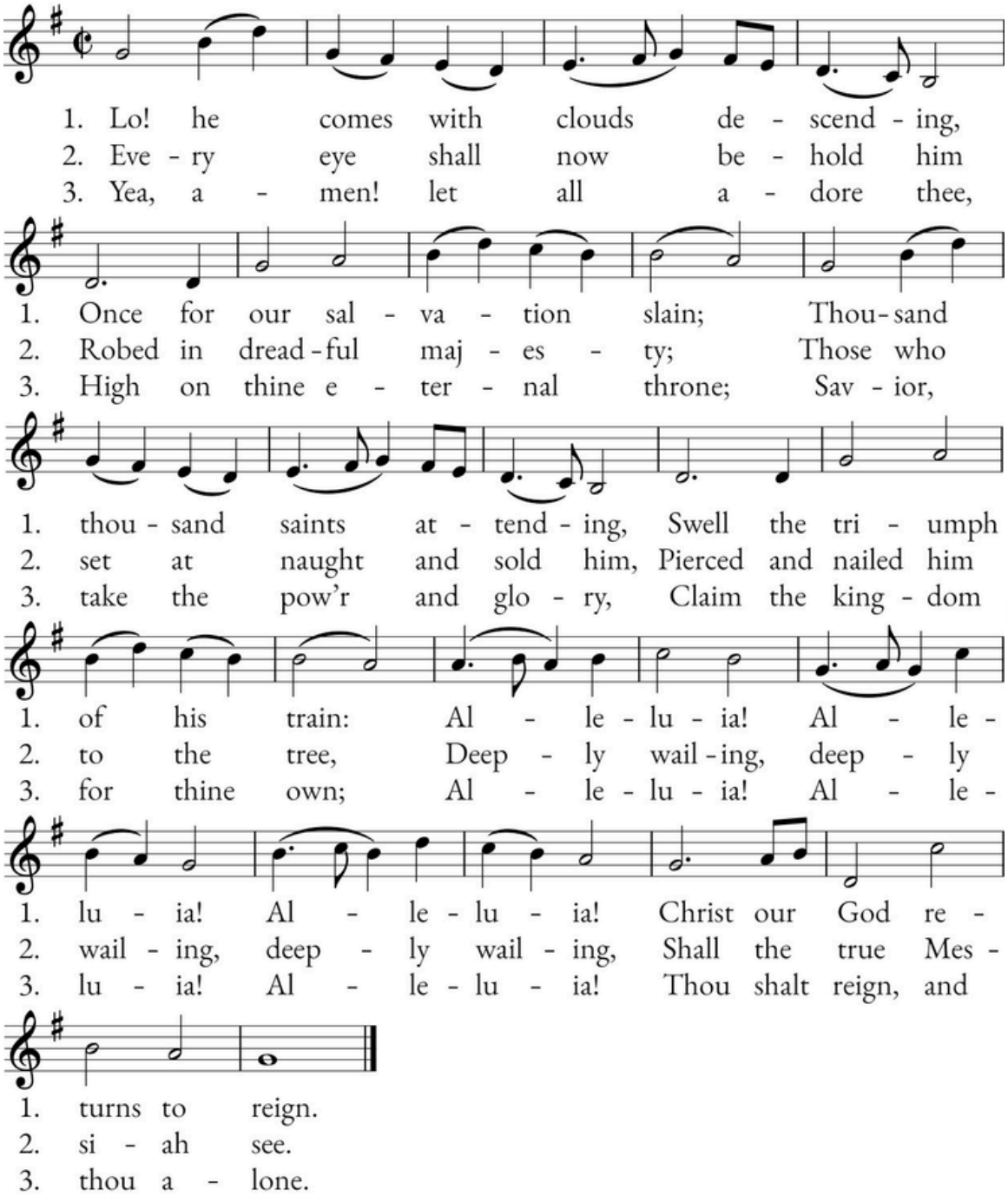
Jesus the Savior, the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,
come and save your people from their sins. We pray to the Lord,
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Light of the world, for whom Simeon and all the just waited,
come and comfort us. We pray to the Lord,
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending Helmsley



Postlude
Improvisation on *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her (From heaven above, to earth I come)*

As you leave this evening, we kindly ask that you take this printed program with you.
We hope it serves as a fond reminder of this evening's service—and an invitation to return.

THE CARDINAL KUNG ACADEMY SCHOLA CANTORUM

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Carter Smith
Charles Tomaselli

Thank you for joining us this evening!
A retiring collection will be taken at the doors of the Basilica. Thank you for your generosity.
If you would like to make a more considered or sustained financial contribution to the school, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Every dollar pledged to CKA between now and December 31st will be matched by a generous donor, up to $250,000!
Pledges may be fulfilled through June 30th. Scan here to give today.

Cardinal Kung Academy is part of a tax-exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, and your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

After the service, refreshments and cheer will follow downstairs in Nagle Hall.
CKA's art students invite you to the third-annual Christmas Art Gifts Fair.
Please stop by to purchase a Christmas gift or card!

Cardinal Kung Academy is a college-preparatory junior and senior high school with students in grades 6-12. The school offers a liberal-arts style program in the classical tradition with a rigorous, integrated curriculum.

Through a community of exceptional faculty, committed administration, supportive families, and generous benefactors, the school forms students to be lifelong learners who thrive in college and adulthood.

Our students are committed to intellectual excellence, moral integrity, and service to others.
As they respond courageously to the challenges and opportunities of our age,
Cardinal Kung Academy students mirror the school's motto:

Manens in veritate cum gaudio—abiding in the truth with joy.



Cardinal Kung Academy, Stamford, Conn.
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