

Trinity Church

(Episcopal)

in the City of Elmira

Church and Main Street



"The Landmark Steeple Welcomes All People"

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

presented by
The Cantata Singers
December 16, 2007
3:00 PM

Instrumental Voluntary	<i>"Brass Quintet Selections"</i>	<i>Five Cents Sharp</i>
Opening Hymn	<i>"Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth"</i> <i>(The congregation joins in singing at the second verse.)</i>	(back page)
Bidding Prayer		The Rev. Dr. William C. Lutz
	The Lord's Prayer	
Introit	<i>"Arise Shine"</i> <i>(based on Isaiah 60:1-4)</i>	<i>John Rutter</i>
Lesson	Isaiah 40:1-8 <i>The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile</i>	Susan Collins
Carol	<i>"Rejoice in the Lord"</i>	<i>John Reddford</i>
Lesson	Jeremiah 23:5-6 <i>The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.</i>	David Smith
Hymn 74	<i>"Blest be the King Whose Coming"</i>	<i>Velet will ich dir geben</i>
Lesson	Zechariah 9:9-10 <i>The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.</i>	Jewel Goldsmith
Carol	<i>"There Shall a Star from Jacob"</i>	<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>
Lesson	Haggai 2:6-9 <i>The prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations</i>	David Jordan
Carol	<i>"O Saviour, Rend the Heav'ns on High"</i>	<i>Johannes Brahms</i>
Lesson	Isaiah 35:1-6 <i>The prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God</i>	Heather Lutz
Hymn 616	<i>"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"</i>	<i>Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein</i>

Lesson Luke 1:26-35,38 Jackie Draht
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

Carol "The Magnificat" Herbert Howells

+ *The Congregation shall stand for the seventh lesson.*

Lesson Mark 1:1-15 The Rev. Dr. William C. Lutz
Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God

Carol "Hosanna to the Son of David" Thomas Weelkes

VESPER RESPONSORY

+ *To be said by Priest and People, alternately.*

Priest Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
People Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Priest 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.
Priest 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.

+ *All shall keep silence for a time.*

OFFERTORY "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Edward Bairstow
Hymn 108 "Now yield we thanks and praise"
+ *The Congregation shall stand for the presentation.*

COLLECT

Priest We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.
People In the midst of thy temple
Priest Let us pray.

+ *The Congregation may kneel.*

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn 83 vs. 1-3 "O come all ye faithful" Festival Setting
Brass and Organ Voluntary Improvisation on "O come all ye faithful"
Organ Voluntary

The Rev. Dr. William C. Lutz, Rector
Dr. Daniel LaBar, Minister of Music

Cantata Singers

Will Wickham, Director

Soprano

Ruth Bruning
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Jane Poliseo
Cora Range

Tenor

Bill Brodgerski
Felix Kapron
Thomas J. McCloskey
Gary Tucker

Bass

Jim Fink
Joe Fiori
Graham Howard
Lee Martin
Stephen Nagle
Dave Rosplock

Organ

David Peckham

Brass Quintet – “Five Cents Sharp”

Jonathan Stewart - Trumpet
Christopher Tolbert - Trumpet
Mike Drennan - French Horn
J.C. VonHoltz - Trombone
Dan Troiano - Tuba

Rehearsal Accompanist

Frances McLaren

Program Notes

Of all of the seasons of the Church year, Advent is perhaps the most special. In our secular lives we celebrate the hustle and bustle of the pre-Christmas rush. Social events in anticipation of the Christmas holiday compete with shopping for gifts, decorating our homes and preparing amazing holiday feasts and treats.

In the Christian community Advent is also very special. As one of two 'penitential' seasons of the church year, we are preparing individually and communally for the celebration of the birth of The Savior, an event that occurred more than two millennia in the past yet still very much shapes our lives today.

The celebration of Advent Lessons and Carols adds greatly to our sacred lives during this season of preparation. To have the opportunity to share our voices in this special service and in this anniversary year is a great honor indeed. It is our hope and prayer that our musical offerings along with these lessons may add even a little to your experience of this Advent season.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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