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

"Brass Quintet Selections"

Five Cents Sharp

Opening Hymn

"Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth"

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(The congregation joins in singing at the second verse.)

Bidding Prayer

The Rev. Dr. William C. Lutz

The Lord's Prayer

Introit

"Arise Shine"

(based on Isaiah 60:1-4)

John Rutter

Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-8

Susan Collins

The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile

Carol

"Rejoice in the Lord"

John Reddford

Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-6

David Smith

The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.

Hymn 74

"Blest be the King Whose Coming"

Velet will ich dir geben

Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-10

Jewel Goldsmith

The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.

Carol

"There Shall a Star from Jacob"

Felix Mendelssohn

Lesson

Haggai 2:6-9

David Jordan

The prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations

Carol

"O Saviour, Rend the Heav'ns on High"

Johannes Brahms

Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-6

Heather Lutz

The prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God

Hymn 616

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Es flog ein kleins Waldvogelein

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. The Rev. Dr. William C. Lutz Lesson Mark 1:1-15 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. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed; Priest Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you. People Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord. Priest Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you. People Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you. People All shall keep silence for a time. "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" **Edward Bairstow OFFERTORY** "Now yield we thanks and praise" Hymn 108 The Congregation shall stand for the presentation. + COLLECT We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord. In the midst of thy temple People Priest Let us pray.

Priest

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

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Martha Horton
Frances McLaren
Jane Poliseo
Cora Range

Tenor

Bill Brodginski
Felix Kapron
Thomas J. McCloskey
Gary Tucker

Bass

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

<u>Organ</u> 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.

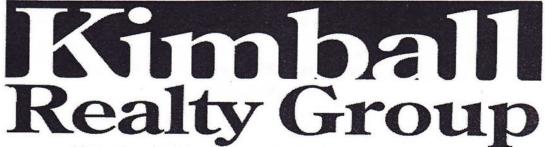
In the Christian community Advent is also very special. As one of two 'penitential' seasons of the church year, we are preparing individually and communally for the celebration of the birth of The Savior, an event that occurred more than two millennia in the past yet still very much shapes our lives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