

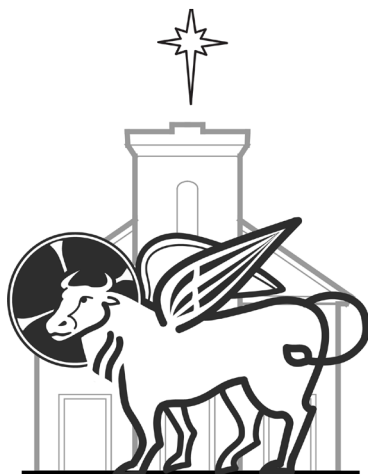


ST. LUKE **IN THE FIELDS**
487 HUDSON ST. NYC 10014

The First Sunday of Advent

1 December 2024

11:15 am Holy Eucharist



Times and Seasons: Advent

The word 'advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming" or "arrival". The season of Advent is a time of expectation and preparation during which the Church awaits the coming of Jesus in two ways: the Incarnation and Christ's second coming where he will reunite all of Creation with God's Kingdom. Many of the readings and liturgies of Advent reflect themes of hope for Christ's birth, while also drawing us into the discomfort of divine judgment.

This Week & Upcoming

Formation Guest presentation: Community of the Crossing

Join us after the 11:15 Mass on 12/15 for a guest presentation and discussion with Sister Hannah Spiers and members of the Community of the Crossing. CoTC is an intentional ecumenical community for young adults based at the Cathedral of St John the Divine. Members follow a rule of life rooted in prayer and service. Join us as we learn more about them and how all are invited come alongside their work!

A French Baroque Christmas

Thursday, December 12 at 7:30pm
(6:30pm Lecture in Laughlin Hall)

The Choir of St. Luke in the Fields with Baroque in the Fields period instrument orchestra. Tickets are available now!
saintlukesnyc.org/concertseason

St. Luke's Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals Sundays beginning November 24
All are invited to consider preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth by participating in the Christmas Pageant, including adult actors, volunteers and participants.

The Christmas Pageant will be held on Saturday December 24th at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals for the pageant will be held on November 24 and December 8, 15, 22 and 24. Please email Mo. Lewis (vwlewis@stlukeinthefields.org) if you would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant or if you have questions.

See our Advent & Christmastide schedule on page 23.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Please refrain from bringing food or drink (except if for young children) into the church during Mass. Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices.

People often wish to take the time before and after worship for silent prayer. Please be considerate of your fellow worshipers by refraining from conversations before Mass and applause at the end of the postlude. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Child-care is available for children under age 6; please ask an usher for directions; all children are welcome in worship, and we encourage parents to bring children to Communion.

PRELUDE *Six Antiennes pour le Temps de Noël: I. Ecce Dominus veniet*
(‘Behold, the Lord will come, and all of his saints with him: and on that day there will be a great light. Alleluia.’)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

A bell sounds. All stand as they are able.

ADVENT RESPONSORY

David Briggs (b.1962)

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 leadest 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.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Celebrant

It is time for us to wake out of sleep, for deliverance is nearer to us now than it was when first we believed. It is far on in the night; day is near. Let us therefore cast off the deeds of darkness and put on our armor as soldiers of the light. The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant

My brothers and sisters, we enter today the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ. Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son 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.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Puer nobis*

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
 And manifest thy virgin birth:
 Let every age adoring fall;
 Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
 But of the Spirit, thou art still
 The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
 The promised fruit no man displayed.

Forth from his chamber goeth he,
 That royal home of purity,
 A giant in twofold substance one,
 Rejoicing now his course to run.

From God the Father he proceeds,
 To God the Father back he speeds;
 His course he runs to death and hell,
 Returning on God's throne to dwell.

All remain standing.

THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 40:1-8*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "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. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades,

O equal to thy Father, thou!
 Gird on thy fleshly, mantle now;
 The weakness of our mortal state
 With deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
 And darkness breathe a newer light,
 Where endless faith shall shine serene,
 And twilight never intervene.

All laud to God the Father be,
 All praise, eternal Son, to thee:
 All glory, as is ever meet,
 To God the holy Paraclete.

when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of their baptism.

AN ADVENT PROSE *Rorate caeli*
Plainsong; Fauxbourdons by J.H. Arnold

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

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever: thy
holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a
wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our
holy and our beautiful house, where our
fathers praised thee.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean
thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and
our iniquities, like the wind, have taken
us away; thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our
iniquities.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and
my servant whom I have chosen; that ye
may know me and believe me: I, even I,
am the Lord, and beside me there is no
savior: and there is none that can deliver
out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, my
salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted
out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the
Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel,
thy Redeemer.

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

All are seated.

THE SECOND LESSON *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 66 • *Stuttgart (see pg 22)*

Sung by all, standing.

All are seated.

THE THIRD LESSON *Zechariah 9:9-10*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CAROL*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

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 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 us
 In a cold winter's night.

THE FOURTH LESSON *Haggai 2:6-9*

For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 53 • *Gottes Sohn ist kommen (see pg 22)*

Sung by all, standing.

All are seated.

THE FIFTH LESSON *Isaiah 35:1-6*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Ēriks Ešenvalds (b.1977)

O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster,
exspectatio gentium, et Salvator earum:
veni ad salvandum nos Domine Deus
noster.

*O Emmanuel, God with us, our King and
lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their
Savior: come to save us,
O Lord our God.*

THE SIXTH LESSON *Romans 13:11-14*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 59 • Merton (see pg 23)*Sung by all, standing.***ALLELUIA***Plainsong, Mode IV**The Gospel procession makes its way to the pulpit. A Cantor intones the Alleluia, and the congregation repeats it once, then again following the Versicle.*

✠ Show us your mercy, O Lord;*
and grant us your salvation.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 21:25-36*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all

who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *The Reverend Caroline Stacey*

THE NICENE CREED

Plainsong, Mode IV

All stand.

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - migh - ty, ma - ker of
 hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve in one Lord,
 Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten
 of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther. Through him
 all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from
 hea - ven: by the po - wer of the Ho - ly Spi - rit he be - came

in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man. For our sake

he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death and was bu - ried.

On the third day he rose a - gain in ac - cor - dance with the Scrip - tures;

he as - cen - ded in - to hea - ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.

He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the li - ving and the dead, and his

king - dom will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,

the gi - ver of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son. With the Fa - ther

and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied. He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets.

We be - lieve in one ho - ly ca - tho - lic and a - pos - to - lic Church. We ack - now - ledge

one bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. A - - - - - men.

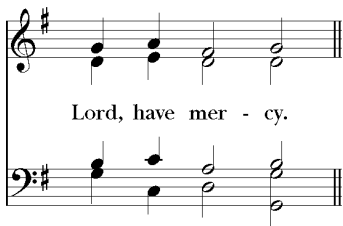
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon reads the intercessions for the parish. Then the leader says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, singing, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.



For Justin, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, Allen and Mary, our own Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe, our President, Donald, our President-Elect, Kathy, our Governor, Eric, our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we work towards an anti-racist society and for racial justice in our church, our city, our nation and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, holy mother of God, Saint Luke, our patron and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.



The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel or bow. All say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

James MacMillan (b.1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor 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 a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.’

O Radiant Dawn... Amen.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues. Midway through the Eucharistic Prayer, the Celebrant says

Therefore according to his command, O Father

All We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant concludes

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal S149*

McNeil Robinson II

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A short period of silence follows.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Hymnal S158*

Healey Willan

INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

This is the Lord's Table. All are encouraged to come forward at this time. Gluten free wafers are available from the Priest on the pulpit side of the altar. If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive, you are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Signal this by crossing your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION MOTET*Robert W. Lehman (b.1960)*

Jesus came, adored by angels,
 came with peace from realms on high;
 Jesus came for our redemption,
 lowly came on earth to die:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy,
 when our hearts are bowed with care:
 Jesus comes again in answer
 to our earnest heart-felt prayer;
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
 bringing news of sins forgiven;
 Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
 leading souls redeemed to heaven;
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 now the gate of death is riven.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
 when the heavens shall pass away;
 Jesus comes again in glory;
 let us then our homage pay:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 till the dawn of endless day.

COMMUNION MOTET*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 be 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, is coming
 soon, 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!

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 68 • *Llangloffan (see pg 25)**Sung by all, standing.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great
humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.
Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast
in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

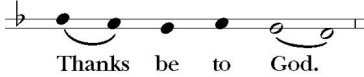
May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be
rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the People, and the Deacon bids the dismissal.

People



POSTLUDE *Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland* ('Come, now, Savior of the Nations')
 Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The greens at today's worship service are made possible in part through the Kurt Weyrauch Memorial Flower Fund.

Please refrain from applause at the end of the postlude, to respect the devotional practices of others.

A brief service of prayer with laying on of hands for healing follows this service, at the votive icon.

About the music at today's service

David Briggs is currently the Artist in Residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. His setting of the Matin Responsory was composed in 1999 for the Gloucester Cathedral Choir. The setting includes references to the well-known setting by Palestrina. The text is a translation of the First Responsory in the Office of Matins for Advent Sunday in the early medieval Roman rite.

The Advent Prose is a series of texts adapted from the book of the prophet Isaiah, sung during the season of Advent. Its original Latin form, "Rorate caeli," is attributed to Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, the fourth-century Christian poet. It is sung this morning in its traditional English translation.

Herbert Howells was one of the most prolific, gifted and original church composers of the twentieth century. His style was highly personal, influenced by Impressionism and the music of Debussy. *A Spotless Rose* is one of three 'Carol Anthems' composed in 1918. The set also includes *Here is the little door* and *Sing Lullaby*.

Ēriks Ešenvalds was born in Priekule, Latvia. From 2002–11 he was a member of the State Choir Latvia. In 2011 he was awarded the two-year position of Fellow Commoner in Creative Arts at Trinity College, University of Cambridge. Since 2022 he has been Head of the Department of Composition at the Latvian Academy of Music, where he has been teaching since 2004.

The ancient plainchant *O Emmanuel* lies at the heart of the work heard this morning, which was written for Merton College, Oxford, at the commission of the Chaplain, the Revd Dr Simon Jones. It is the final work in a composite sequence of all seven Advent Antiphons by seven different composers. First sung by a solo voice and then by tutti altos, the plainchant is threaded through this gentle chorale by Ešenvalds' the glowing final cadence suffused with quiet joy and anticipation.

Since his youth James MacMillan has been devoutly Catholic. In addition to a busy schedule composing and conducting, he directs the amateur choir at St. Columba's Church, Maryhill, in Glasgow, Scotland. The Chamber Choir of nearby Strathclyde University also makes occasional appearances at St. Columba's. For these two ensembles MacMillan composed a series of *Strathclyde Motets*. They vary in difficulty and mood. *O Radiant Dawn* is one of the simplest in construction but darkest in color. The text is that of the "O Antiphons" for December 21. The harmonies are spare, even severe, as befits an appeal for the coming dawn or the imminent birth of Christ.

Robert W. Lehman was most recently Organist and Choirmaster at the Church of St. Michael & St. George. His setting of the carol text *Jesus came, adored by angels*, by Godfrey Thring, was composed in 1990 for the Washington Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys.

Widely known as a Lutheran church musician, recitalist, improvisationalist, and educator, Paul Manz (1919-2009) is particularly identified with the motet *E'en*

so, Lord Jesus, quickly come. The work had its genesis in a personal experience for Paul and his wife, Ruth, as they maintained an all-night hospital vigil with their firstborn son, whom they had been told would not likely survive the night. An initial sketch of the work, a setting of a paraphrase from the twenty-second chapter of the Revelation to John by Ruth Manz, became the inspiration for this choral classic. Their son John survived to become a highly respected Lutheran pastor and seminary professor.

HYMN 66 • Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächte und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

HYMN 53 • Gottes Sohn ist kommen

1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*, melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534); harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946) Copyright ©1984, Jack W. Burnam. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

HYMN 59 • Merton

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,
1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.
1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

OFFERTORY HYMN 57 • *Helmsley*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 68 • *Llangloffan*

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1 *Advent 1*

9:15 am Holy Eucharist*
 11:15 am Holy Eucharist*
 3:00 pm AlAnon *LH*

MONDAY DECEMBER 2

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist
 7:00 pm AA *Aud*

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist
 7:00 pm AA *Aud*

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist
 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist *Chapel*
 7:00 pm AA *Aud*

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer *Zoom*
 7:00 pm Friends of Shelly *LH*

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

12:00 pm Advent Stations &
 Holy Eucharist
 12:30 pm Adoration
 7:00 pm AA *Aud*

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

2:00 pm Community Closet *LH*
 4:00 pm Art & Acceptance *School*
Aud

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 *Advent 2*

9:15 am Holy Eucharist*
 10:20 am Pageant Prep & Text Talk
 11:15 am Holy Eucharist*
 1:15 pm Catechumens *LH*

* *Childcare for children ages 6 and under is available.*

AROUND THE BLOCK**Barrow St. Gardens Open**

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Sunday, 12:00pm - dusk

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Wednesday - Saturday, 11am - 5pm.

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thriftshop@stlukeinthefields.org

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ADVENT AT ST. LUKE'S

Advent Candles and Prayers Available

Advent Candles and prayer booklets will be available at Coffee Hours starting Sunday November 24th. Pick yours up today! Suggested donation: \$10

Annual Giving Tree for St. Luke's Outreach

Contact Hannah Sohn (212.414.7442 | hsohn@stlukeinthefields.org)

Celebrate Christmas at St. Luke's by making the holidays brighter for our Outreach program participants. Go online to our Amazon wish list at saintlukesnyc.org/outreach_wishlist, drop off your gifts at church or at the parish house, or send us a check, and we'll do the shopping for you.

Thank you!

Advent Stations | Ancestors of Christ

Fridays in Advent at the 12:00 pm service

Holiday Tea at Three

Thursday, December 19 at 3pm

Christmas Offerings

This Christmas season, consider making a Christmas Offering dedicated to a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the bulletins throughout the Christmas season. Visit saintlukesnyc.org/donate and note "Christmas Flowers" along with your dedication in the memo line. You can also contact the Parish office.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

9:30 pm Carols and Festive Eucharist

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

First After Christmas

Sunday, December 29

9:15 am Holy Eucharist

11:15 am Holy Eucharist

Second After Christmas

Sunday, January 5

9:15 am Holy Eucharist

11:15 am Holy Eucharist

The Feast of the Epiphany

Monday, January 6

6:30 pm Holy Eucharist

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

Consider deepening your relationship with St. Luke's by pledging your time, talent or treasure. Look for pledge forms in the back of the church. You can also pledge and sign up for volunteer opportunities online at saintlukesnyc.org/pledge.

2025 Stewardship Pledge Campaign

Our annual Fall Stewardship Campaign is underway! This season features Stewardship moments in person and online. There will also be ministry tables set up during coffee hours each week. To learn more about the Fall Stewardship Season, visit stlukeinthefields.org/give.

Volunteer for a Liturgical Guild!

As we prepare for the Fall season, we welcome you to sign up to be an usher, reader, or acolyte. If you would like to help before and after services, consider the Altar Guild. Contact information for each guild is below.

Acolyte Guild: Michael Cudney
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Donate to St. Luke's

St. Luke's relies on donations to help maintain and grow mission-centered programming. If you would like to make a one-time donation, scan the QR Code or visit stlukeinthefields.org/give. We welcome both general and restricted gifts, such as our gardens, Concert Series, Outreach Programs, and Clergy Discretionary Fund.

Legacy Giving

Another way you can support the mission of St. Luke's is through estate planning. Learn more: saintlukesnyc.org/legacygiving
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LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Sermons Online

Sermons are available in audio on the web at stlukeinthefields.org/sermons.

Antiracism Ministries

saintlukesnyc.org/antiracism

Weekly Book Discussions Mondays at 7pm on Zoom.

Seasonal film screenings and author talks.

See our website for the full schedule.

Daily Office on Zoom

Monday & Wednesday at 5:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8am

Contact: Michael Cudney
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Centering Prayer

Thursdays 7 pm on Zoom

Contact: Richard (718.698.7514 | interiorsilence@gmail.com)

FORMATION AT ST. LUKE'S

Please see website for our full schedule

Formation for Children and Youth

Sunday School

10:20am in the School Auditorium
Classes for PreK-Grade 5

Youth Formation

Sundays 10:20am in the School Auditorium
For Grades 6-12.

Youth Confirmation

For teens Grades 8-12. Contact Mo. Lewis for more information.

Formation for Adults

Text Talk Bible Study

Sundays 10:20am in the School Dining Room

Catechumenate/Adult Formation

Discovery Series

Select Sundays 1:15pm in Laughlin Hall

Seasonal Retreats

Advent Retreat: December 13-15 at Holy Cross Monastery
Contact Lily in the Parish House

OUTREACH

Get more information about all of our Outreach programs on our website:

saintlukesnyc.org/outreach

outreach@stlukeinthefields.org

Donations to our programs are appreciated: choose “Outreach” in the drop down menu on our Giving Form: saintlukesnyc.org/donate.

Donations can be dropped off to any office or facilities staff member. The Parish Office is open on weekdays from 9am-5pm. Staff are available to receive donations on Saturdays in Laughlin Hall.

Community Closet

Saturdays from 2 - 4pm.

Art & Acceptance

Saturdays from 4 - 7pm

Clothing Donations Wanted

We’re in great need of gently used fall/winter clothing, jackets, sneakers, comfortable walking shoes and boots for men, women and children. T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, sweaters, light jackets, rain gear, umbrellas, backpacks and rolling suitcases, new men’s briefs, women’s underwear, size 6 diapers and period products, travel sized toiletries in bulk (shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, soap etc.) are also in demand. Drop off at St. Luke’s, 487 Hudson St. Mon-Fri 9-5pm.



Check our Amazon wish list seasonally to find the most current needs for our programs. Thank you for supporting Outreach at St. Luke’s!

saintlukesnyc.org/outreach_wishlist

Parish Intercessions

Parish Intercessions are read during services and/or circulated to our Intercessory Prayer Group. Persons listed below are prayed for weekdays by name at the 12pm Eucharist and on other occasions throughout the week. Due to the large need, the list is kept to family, loved ones, and close friends of parishioners only; names remain on the list for two weeks. To add a name, provide an update, or to have a name removed from the list, please e-mail prayerlist@stlukeinthefields.org or call the front office at 212.924.0562.

For Those Who are Ill or in Need of Intercession

Charles Binkley
Jaime Feal, son of Rosemary
Kayleen Kalakone, niece of David Kemp
 Barbara Steinberg

For Those Who Have Recently Died

Robert J. McGraw, Sr., *father of Bob*
 Richard Reising
 Nicole Rochmann, *cousin of Caroline*
Borderies
 Ford Worthy, *friend of Amanda Durant*

For Those Whose Memorial of Death Falls This Week

Elizabeth G. Aakre, *daughter of Patricia & Richard*
 Hugh Bruce
 Jan Binney Lang

For Those Preparing for Marriage

Natalie Bryt & Nickolas Mannarino
 Hannah Mix & Grant Hattenhauer

For Those Adults in the Catechumenate process

John "Jack" Beeson (Confirmation)
 Arin Canfield (Confirmation)
 Diana Yichu Cao (Baptism)
 Bella Deng (Confirmation)
 Robertson McAnulty (Renewal of Vows)
 Trent McKnight (Reception)
 Grady Tarplee (Confirmation)

For our Parish of St Luke in the Fields

Our Seminarians and those in discernment in this parish

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

For those who live successfully with HIV/AIDS, with gratitude for their contributions; for advances in medical care and for a just global distribution of medical resources; for all whose lives have been devastated by the continuing epidemic; and for all who have died from AIDS-related causes.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

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