

# Advent



**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
**December 9, 2007**

**5:30 PM**

Prelude *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr., S. Stanislaw  
Debby Hix, celtic harp

*During the procession silence is kept.*

Introit: *Matin Responsory*

*Palestrina*

*Invitatory and Psalter (all stand)*

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Hymn *O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ* #25

Music from Organist

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came/out of/Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a/people  
of/strange/speech,

2 Judah be/came God's/sanctuary \*  
and/Israel/his do/minion.

3 The sea be/held it and/fled; \*  
Jordan/turned and/went/back.

4 The mountains/skipped like/rams, \*  
and the little/hills like/young/sheep.

5 What ailed you, O/sea, that you/fled? \*  
O/Jordan, that/you turned/back?

6 You mountains, that you/skipped like/rams? \*  
you little/hills like/young/sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the/presence of the/Lord, \*  
at the/presence of the/God of/Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a/pool of/water \*  
and flint-stone/into a/flowing/spring.

1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to your/Name give/glory; \*  
because of your/love and be/cause of your/faithfulness.

2 Why should the/heathen/say, \*  
-/"Where then/is their/God?"

3 Our/God is in/heaven; \*  
whatever he/wills to/do he/does.

4 Their idols are/silver and/gold, \*  
the/work of/human/hands.

5 They have mouths, but they/cannot/speak; \*  
eyes have they,/but they/cannot/see;

6 They have ears, but they/cannot/hear; \*  
noses,/but they/cannot/smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they/cannot/walk; \*

they make no/sound/with their/throat.

8 Those who/make them are/like them, \*  
and so are/all who/put their/trust in them.

9 O Israel,/trust in the/Lord; \*  
he is their/help/and their/shield.

10 O house of Aaron,/trust in the/Lord; \*  
he is their/help/and their/shield.

11 You who fear the Lord,/trust in the/Lord; \*  
he is their/help/and their/shield.

12 The Lord has been mindful of us, and/he will/bless us; \*  
he will bless the house of Israel;

he will/bless the/house of/Aaron;

13 He will bless those who/fear the/Lord, \*  
both/small and/great to/gether.

14 May the Lord increase you/more and/more, \*  
-/you and your/children/after you.

15 May you be/blessed by the/Lord, \*  
the/maker of/heaven and/earth.



**The Collects**

For the Second Sunday of Advent

For Sunday

For Peace

For the Mission of the Church

Anthems

O Nata Lux

Tallis

*O Light of light, by love inclined,  
Jesu, redeemer of mankind,  
With loving-kindness deign to hear  
From suppliant voices praise and prayer*

*Thou who to raise our souls from hell  
Didst deign in fleshly form to dwell,  
Vouchsafe us, when our race is run,  
In thy fair body to be one.*

There is no rose

Anon., c. 1420

Laetentur coeli

Byrd

*Rejoice, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth.  
Give praise, O hills, for our Lord shall come  
and show mercy to his humble people.  
There shall rise up in those days justice and  
abundance of peace.*

The General Thanksgiving

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Postlude *Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland BWV661* Bach

This evening's offering is designated for the music ministry of Christ Episcopal Church, Blacksburg. The offering will be used to support special musical events, guest musicians, larger musical scores, etc. to enhance the musical offerings of Christ Church.

**Choral Evensong**

Choral Evensong has a long tradition among Episcopalians and Anglicans. It is a quiet, reflective service for the end of the day that includes prayers, hymns, the reading of Scripture, and choral and organ music.

In the season of Advent, when nights are long, the sounds of Evensong are heard in great cathedrals, university chapels, and town and country churches.

This evening's service is a gift from Christ Church, which we hope, will enrich you spiritually in this season of wonder, joy, and love.

**Christ Church, Blacksburg, Virginia**  
**The Rev. Scott A. West, Rector**  
**The Rev. D. Scott Russell, Campus Minister**  
**Pamela Trent, Organist**