



Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 1, 2024
10am

*All Saints' is committed to the
Pattern of Life of Jesus the Christ lived out in
Radical Inclusion
Extravagant Equity and
Compassion that leads to Justice*

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Welcome Home

to the
Anglican Church



Welcome into the sacred space of All Saints' Peterborough, we are so glad you are here. All Saints' is an Anglican Church that is rooted in the pattern of life of Jesus the Christ, our ministry and worship is based on Christ's, Radical Inclusion, Extravagant Equity, and Compassion that Leads to Justice. We invite you to fill out one of our Welcome cards so that we can keep in touch, and please pick up one of our Welcome packages.

Land Acknowledgement

All Saints' Peterborough resides on the sacred land of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the first peoples of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be buried in this land. This sacred land is part of the Rice Lake Purchase, Treaty 20. All Saints' is committed to continued reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings, through continued education and the inclusion of readings from the First Nations Bible.

Liturgical Notes

1. In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews (also called Israelites) of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in God as the ancient peoples of God.
2. Younger and Elder Testament. The traditional terms for the testaments 'Old' and 'New' have been changed to Elder and Younger. This has been done as an act of equity and promise. Old and New are words in our society that add value to things – often anything that is old is considered less valuable than things that are new. In our Christian context the New Testament has replaced the Old Testament, which is not only an incorrect theology, but it has also tied to it ethnic value, and antisemitic tones. The words Elder and Younger are born out of equity, and the Younger Testament is born out of the Elder Testament.

PRELUDE

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader A long time ago, a baby was born in a town called "House of Bread." The baby's name was Jesus. Mary, his mother, laid him in a feed trough to rest. Soon, he would grow up to be called the Bread of Life. He would fill their hungry bellies then, he would feed their hearts with love and truth. Today, we light the candle of hope. Hope is believing things can get better with compassion and imagination.

All **As we light this candle, we remember that, from the manger, hope is growing...growing to be God with us. His name is Jesus, the Bread of Life.**

Reader Compassionate God, when we look outward,

All the season of Advent heightens our awareness of the hunger in the world around us. Just as Jesus came to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people, you also call us to that high and holy task. Increase our willingness to serve and our capacity to show generosity and compassion. May our actions reflect the character of Jesus, who fed people everywhere he went. Transform us to be your hands and feet, feeding the hungry and comforting the afflicted. Amen.

INTROIT: MATINS RESPONSORY

PALESTRINA ARR CLEOBURY

Cantor I look from afar:

Solo and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Cantor Go ye out to meet him and say:

Choir Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Solo High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

Choir Go ye out to meet him and say:

Solo Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Choir Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Choir Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come

Choir To reign over thy people Israel.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Choir Go ye out to meet him and say:
Choir Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

HYMN 89 O COME O COME EMMANUEL

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflicts cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

WELCOME

Officiant Welcome to All Saints' this morning for this service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch, wait, and participate in the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the sense of Advent movement — through holy and sacred music and the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. May these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

OPENING PRAYERS

Officiant Beloved in Christ: in this season of Advent, it is our responsibility and our delight to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the angels, to go even unto Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in our sacred texts the story of God's loving purpose from the time of creation until the new covenant begun in the birth of the Word made flesh. As we begin our Advent journey let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church. And because Jesus particularly loves them, let us pray for and remember the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children. Finally, let us remember before God, Jesus' mother Mary, and the whole communion of saints which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with who, in Jesus, we are one forever. And now, we gather these prayers spoken and unspoken together in the words Jesus taught us, Our Father,

All in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Genesis 1:24-2:4a, Inclusive Bible

A reading from the Elder Testament and the book of beginnings, Genesis. Then God said, "Earth: bring forth all kinds of living soul—cattle, things that crawl, and wild animals of all kinds!" So it was: God made all kinds of wild animals, and cattle, and everything that crawls on the ground, and God saw that this was good.

Then God Said, "Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground."

Humankind was created as God's reflection: in the divine image God created them; with diversity and dignity, God made them. God blessed them and said, "Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth—and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all living things on the earth! God then told them, "Look! I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree whose fruit carries its seed inside itself: they will be your food; and to all the animals on the earth and the birds of the air and things that crawl on the ground—everything that has a living soul in it—I give all green plants for

food." So, it was. God looked at all of this creation and proclaimed that this was good—very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. On the seventh day God had finished all the work of creation, and so, on that seventh day, God rested. God blessed the seventh day and called it sacred, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.

These are all the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader
All Listen for the leading of the Spirit
Thanks be to God

CHOIR THIS IS THE TRUTH SENT FROM ABOVE *VAUGHAN WILLIAMS*

This is the truth sent from above. The truth of God, the God of love,
therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all both rich and poor.

This is the first thing which I do relate. Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell, Woman was made with man to dwell.

Then after this t'was God's own choice, to place them both in Paradise,
There to remain from evil free, except they ate of such a tree.

And they did eat, which was a sin, and thus their ruin did begin;
Ruined themselves, both you and me, And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes. Till God the Lord did interpose.
And so a promise soon did run, That He would redeem us by His Son.

HYMN 96 CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT *CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM*

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, Redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour, thou didst in love's redeeming power, like bridegroom from his chamber, come forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore, and own thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34, NRSV

"Behold, the days are coming, says God, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says God. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says God: I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to God. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me, says God, for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.

Reader

Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All

Thanks be to God

CHOIR

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love a right, she bore to us a Saviour,
When half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

READING

Isaiah 40:1-11, Inclusive Bible

A reading from the Elder Testament and the writings of the prophet Isaiah. "Console my people, give them comfort," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem's heart and tell it that its time of service is ended, that its iniquity is atoned for, that it has received from God's hand double punishment for all its sins." A voice cries out, "Clear a path through the wilderness for God! Make a straight road through the desert for our God!

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low; let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges become a valley! Then the glory of God will be revealed, and all humankind will see it."

The mouth of God has spoken! A voice commands, "Cry out!" and I answer, "What will I say?"— "All flesh is grass, and its beauty is like the wildflowers: the grass withers and the flower wilts when the breath of God blows on them. How the people are like grass! Grass withers, and flowers wilt, but the promise of our God will stand forever." Go up on a high mountain, you who bring good news to Zion! Shout with a loud voice, you who bring good news to Jerusalem! Shout without fear and say to the towns of Judah "Here is your God!"

God, O Sovereign One, you come with power and rule with a strong arm! You bring your reward with you, and your reparation comes before you. Like a shepherd you feed your flock, gathering the lambs, and holding them close, and leading mother ewes with gentleness.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit
All Thanks be to God

BOWTIE BAND

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

READING

Jeremiah 3:31-34, NRSV

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Jerimiah.

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CHOIR

CAROL: WACHET AUF

GERMAN TRADITIONAL ARR JAKOB PRAETORIUS

Up! Awake! From highest steeple the watchmen cry, Awake ye people;
O Salem from thy slumber Rise! Hear those claron voices kneeling,
the hour of midnight loud forth telling; Say where are ye O virgins wise?
The bridegroom comes, Awake! Up! Lamp and lantern take; Alleluya!

With ready light ye must tonight go forth to join the marriage rite.
Glory unto thee in heaven by men and angel tongues be given;
With harp and cymbals thrilling tone: Syon hath twelve pearly portals,
Wherein, with angel choir, we mortals on high may stand around your
throne. Eye ne'er saw aught like this; ear ne'er heard tell such bliss;
Alleluya! And we therefore will thee adore, and hymn thy praises evermore.

HYMN 108 HARK A HERALD VOICE IS SOUNDING

MERTON

Hark, a herald voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us all with deep repentance, pray that we may be forgiven.

That when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
With his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

READING

MICAH 5:2-4, NRSV

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of
Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, God shall give
them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then
the rest of God's kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And the
Ruler shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of God, in the majesty
of the name of God. And they shall live secure, for now the Ruler shall be
great to the ends of the earth.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

BOWTIE BAND

HYMN 103 ON JORDAN'S BANK

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

READING

ISAIAH 11:1-9, INCLUSIVE BIBLE

A reading from the Elder Testament and the writing of the prophet Isaiah. Then a shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse; from Jesse's roots, a branch will blossom: The Spirit of God will rest on you—a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and strength, a spirit of knowledge and reverence for God.

You will delight in obeying God, and you will not judge by appearances, or make decisions by hearsay. You will treat poor people with fairness and will uphold the rights of the land's downtrodden. With a single word you will strike down tyrants; with your decrees you will execute evil people. Justice will be the belt around this your waist—faithfulness will gird you up. Then the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the lion cub will graze together, and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear; their young will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like the ox. The baby will play next to the den of the cobra, and the toddler will dance over the viper's nest. There will be no harm, no destruction anywhere in my holy mountain; for as water fills the sea, so the land will be filled with knowledge of God.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit
All Thanks be to God

ADVENT PRAYER

Officiant God of all wisdom,

All our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love, and our minds search for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour, and strengthen us to grow in love, that at the dawn of his coming we may rejoice in his presence and welcome the light of his truth. This we ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, Saviour, Redeemer, and Pattern of Life.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:1-17

NRSV

Gospeller May God be with you.

All And also with you

Gospeller A reading from the Younger Testament and the gospel account of Matthew as interpreted by our Indigenous siblings.

All Glory be to you, Jesus the Christ.

Here is the record of the ancestry of Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One, a descendant of Much Loved One (*David*) and of Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*). From the Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*) to Much Loved One (*David*), his ancestors were: Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*), He Made Us Laugh (*Isaac*), Heel Grabber (*Jacob*), Give Him Praise (*Judah*) and his brothers, He Breaks Through (*Perez*) and his brother First Light (*Zerah*), whose mother was Fruit of Palm Tree (*Tamar*), Circle of Tipis (*Hezron*), Lifted Up (*Ram*), Noble Relative (*Amminadab*), Talk with Snakes (*Nahshon*), He Makes Peace (*Salmon*), Moves with Strength (*Boaz*), whose mother was Boastful Woman (*Rahab*), He Works Hard (*Obed*), whose mother was Beautiful Friend (*Ruth*), Original Man (*Jesse*), who was the father of the great chief Much Loved One (*David*).

From Much Loved One (*David*) to the removal to Village of Confusion (*Babylon*), the ancestors of Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) were:

Much Loved One (*David*), Stand in Peace (*Solomon*), whose mother Daughter of Seven (*Bathsheba*), was the wife of Fire from Creator (*Uriah*), Big People Maker (*Rehoboam*), He is my Father (*Abijah*), Gathers the People (*Asa*), He Makes Wrongs Right Again (*Jehoshaphat*), Creator Is Above (*Jehoram*), My Great Power (*Uzziah*), Creator Has No Equal (*Jotham*), Held by Creator (*Ahaz*), He Will Be Strong (*Hezekiah*), He Made Them Forget (*Manasseh*), Burden Bearer (*Amon*), Good Medicine (*Josiah*), and Chosen by Creator (*Jeconiah*) and his brothers at the time of the removal to Village of Confusion (*Babylon*).

From the removal to Village of Confusion (*Babylon*) to the birth of Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), his ancestors were:

Chosen by Creator (*Jeconiah*), Ask Creator (*Shealtiel*), Born in Village of Confusion (*Zerubbababel*), Father Boast in Him (*Abihud*), He Builds Up (*Eliakim*), He Helps (*Azor*), Stands with a Good Heart (*Zadok*), Stands Firm (*Achim*), Power of Creator (*Eliud*), Creator Helps Him (*Eleazar*), Gifted by Creator (*Matthan*), Heel Grabber (*Jacob*), and He Give Sons (*Joseph*), who was the husband of Bitter Tears (*Mary*), who gave birth to Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), who is the Chosen One.

And so there were fourteen generations from Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*) to Much Loved One (*David*), fourteen more generations from Much Loved One (*David*) until the removal to Village of Confusion (*Babylon*), and then Fourteen more from the removal to Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), the Chosen One.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

HYMN 91 PEOPLE, LOOK EAST! THE TIME IS NEAR

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad; though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength, the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

Inclusive Bible

Gospeller May God be with you.

All And also with you

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke.

All Glory be to you, Jesus the Christ.

Six months later, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, "Rejoice highly favored one! God is with you! Blessed are you among women!" Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered what the angel's greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus—which means 'Deliverance.' His dignity will be great, and he will be called the Only Begotten of God. God will give Jesus the judgment seat of David, his ancestor, to rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have never been with a man?" The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you—hence the offspring to be born will be called the Holy One of God. Know too that Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has conceived a child in her old age; she who was thought to be infertile is now in her sixth month. Nothing is impossible with God." Mary said, "I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say." With that, the angel left her.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

CHOIR THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

BASQUE CAROL ARR. PROWER

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame:
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady", Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favour lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favour lady, Gloria!

Oh her, Emanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
Most highly favour lady", Gloria!

HYMN 90 HOW THE WORLD LONGS FOR YOUR BIRTH

TUNE 435 MOZART

How the world longs for your birth, bearing news of human worth;
to our labour bring your mirth, Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

How the earth awaits your seed, parched and barren from our greed;
now to hallow it we need: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

How we ache to know your peace; wars and weapons still increase;
bid our fears and hate to cease: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

How our minds for healing long, broken bodies to be strong,
wounded hears to learn your song: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

God, who sets your people free, God, who comes, our flesh to be,
now we wait, your reign to see: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

To our darkness bring your light; fill our longing eyes with sight.
In our lives shine ever bright: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

COLLECT FOR ADVENT

Officiant God of unveiled truth,

All faithful flame in times of darkened sun and waning moon: as we journey
through Advent lift up our unknowing hearts, and waken our sleeping
love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; through Jesus
the Christ, the one who is, and who is to come. Amen.

PRAYER

Officiant O God, our deliverer,

All you cast down the mighty and lift up those of no account; like Elizabeth
and Mary, who embraced one another with songs of liberation, may we,
pregnant with your Spirit, affirm one another in hope for the world; in
the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION SUNG BY CHOIR - NIGERIAN

Ki ore ofe Oluwa, Ife ti Baba
Ati Idapo emi mimo, ko ma ba wa gbe
Lati gba yi lo, ati lai-lai
AMIN O ASE !

Deacon Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!
All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 95 O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day,
When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

REFRAIN Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day,
When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come, break the captives' fetters, redeem the long-lost fold. **R**

You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness, shall we your Godhead see. **R**

POSTLUDE