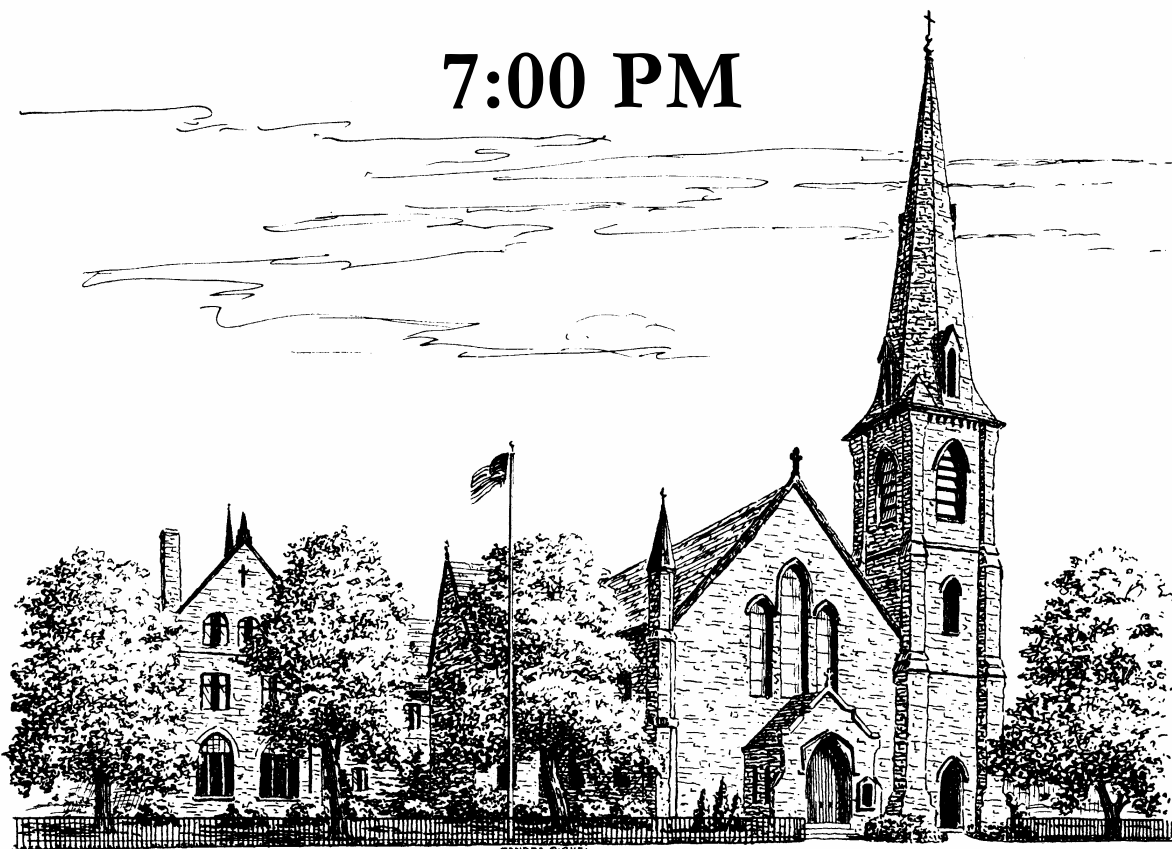


**A Service of Advent**

**Lessons and Carols**

**December 8, 2009**

**7:00 PM**



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## WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH IN NEWARK

Grace Church was founded in 1837 to be the standard-bearer for high church Episcopalianism in northern New Jersey. The church building, designed by Richard Upjohn, who was also the architect of Trinity Church Wall Street, was consecrated on October 5, 1848. It is widely esteemed as an outstanding example of Gothic Revival architecture in the United States.

Grace Church has a rich musical history dating back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The first prominent organist was Samuel Augustus Ward, composer of the hymn tune *Materna* (known by its coupling with the patriotic text 'America the Beautiful'). The Schola of men and women sings for the principal masses with repertoire focuses on Gregorian Chant and Renaissance polyphony. Joseph Arndt began as Director of Music in July 2008. He succeeds James McGregor, who held the position for 48 years.

This evening we welcome the choir of Clare College, Cambridge University for Lessons and Carols. Their visit here is sponsored by Grace Church's Music Society.

### THE CHOIR OF CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Clare College, founded in 1326, is the second oldest of the colleges of Cambridge University. Situated on the banks of the River Cam in the heart of Cambridge with its main buildings dating from the seventeenth century, Clare is a flourishing community of some 75 fellows, 400 undergraduates, and 130 graduate students. Music plays an important role in the life of the college. In 1971, the hitherto all-male chapel choir was re-established as a mixed-voice group of some 24 voices, since when it has gained an international reputation as one of the leading choral groups in Britain. The choir is conducted by the Director of Music, a Fellow of the college, and accompanied by two undergraduate organ scholars. It exists primarily to sing regular choral services in the college chapel, but in addition gives frequent concerts, both in Britain and abroad. Radio and television broadcasts and recordings form a regular part of the choir's increasingly busy schedule.

Timothy Brown, Director of Music at Clare College, succeeded John Rutter as director of the Clare College Choir in 1979. With the choir he has made many recordings and broadcasts, and undertaken numerous overseas tours. He also directs Cambridge University Chamber Choir and the London-based professional chamber choir English Voices. Described recently in a leading newspaper as 'one of Britain's most effective choir conductors and a prime custodian of the tradition that makes Oxbridge chapels famous from Seattle to St Petersburg,' he undertakes many freelance conducting engagements and is a popular tutor at international singing courses. He has edited a number of choral volumes for Faber Music and is a contributing editor to the complete edition of music by William Walton, published by Oxford University Press.

## PRELUDE MUSIC

Chorale Prelude on *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Three Chorale Preludes on *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
BWV 659, 660, 661

Chorale Prelude on *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

## A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

*All stand as the procession enters the church.*

**Matins Responory** adapted from music by Palestrina (1525-1594)

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 ledest 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.

**Hymn—*Puer nobis*** arr. Timothy Brown (b. 1946)

*Solo* Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
and manifest thy virgin-birth:  
let ev'ry age adoring fall;  
such birth befits the God of all.

*Choir* Begotten of no human will,  
but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
the promised fruit to all displayed.

*All* The virgin womb that burden gained  
with virgin honour all unstained;  
the banners there of virtue glow;  
God in his temple dwells below.

*Women* Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
that royal home of purity,  
a giant in twofold substance one,  
rejoicing now his course to run.

*Men* 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.

*Choir* O equal to the Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;  
the weakness of our mortal state  
with deathless might invigorate.

*All* All laud to God the Father be,  
all praise, eternal Son, to thee;  
all glory, as is ever meet,  
to God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

### **Bidding Prayer**

*The minister says,*

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, and its celebration of the coming of Christ, let us prepare ourselves so that we may know its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would come to and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk; the sick are healed and the deaf hear; liberty is proclaimed to the captive, and the poor and homeless are brought to the fullness of joy and given a place in God's house; and the dead are raised to eternal life. But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all fear and evil, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer before the throne of Grace, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

*Our father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*The congregation is seated.*

**First Lesson—Isaiah 40:1-8**

*Read by Louie Crew, a vestryman of Grace Church*

**Carol**

Arranged by Timothy Brown (b. 1946)

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.

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, 'twas 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.

And at this season of the year  
 our blest Redeemer did appear,  
 and here did live, and here did preach,  
 and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,  
 to show us how we must be saved;  
 and if you want to know the way,  
 be pleased to hear what he did say.

**Second Lesson—Jeremiah 23:5-6***Read by Andreas Sabar, a parishioner of Grace Church***Anthem**

Regis regum rectissimi  
 prope est dies domini,  
 dies irae et vindictae,  
 tenebrarum et nebulae,  
 Regis regum rectissimi

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

*King of kings and of lords most high,  
 come his day of judgement nigh:  
 day of wrath and vengeance stark,  
 day of shadows and cloudy dark,  
 King of kings and of lords most high.*

Diesque mirabilium  
tonitruorum fortium.  
dies quoque angustiae,  
maeroris ac tristitiae.  
Regis regum rectissimi.

*Thunder shall rend that day apart,  
wonders amaze each fearful heart,  
Anguish and pain and deep distress  
Shall mark that day of bitterness.  
King of kings and of lords most high.*

In quo cessabit mulierum  
amor et desiderium;  
nominumque contentio  
mundi hujus et cupido.  
Regis regum rectissimi.

*That day the pangs of lust will cease,  
man's questing heart shall be at peace;  
then shall the great no more contend  
and worldly fame be at an end.  
King of kings and of lords most high.*

Text attributed to St. Columba (532-597)

### **Carol**

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
laden with fruit and always green:  
the tree of nature fruitless be  
compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
the glory which I now can see  
in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
and pleasure dearly have I bought:  
I missed of all: but now I see  
'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil.  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
under the shadow I will be  
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be  
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*

### **Hymn 59** *Sung by all, standing*

**Third Lesson**—Zechariah 9:9-10

*Read by Hyacinth McCaulay, a vestrywoman of Grace Church*

**Anthem**

Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the King of Israel. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens. (*II Samuel 18*)

**Fourth Lesson**—Haggai 2:6-9

*Read by Joseph Arndt, the Organist of Grace Church*

**Anthem**

Edgar Bainton (1889-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (*Revelation 21*)

**Hymn 66** *Sung by all, standing***Fifth Lesson**—Isaiah 35:1-7, 10

*Read by Bruce Ford, the Senior Warden of Grace Church*

**Anthem**

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name. (*Amos 5*)

**Sixth Lesson**—Luke 1:26-38

*Read by Christine Salaycik, a parishioner of Grace Church*

**Carol**

Basque, arranged by Edgar Bettman (1865-1943)

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 known a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.'

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.'

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say -  
*Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

S. Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

**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 the cold, 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, cold winter's night.

Words 14<sup>th</sup> century

**Hymn 269** *Sung by all, standing*

**Seventh Lesson**—Mark 1:1-15

*Read by Nathan Ritter, the Seminarian of Grace Church*

**Anthem**

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou, that we may give an answer unto them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; Make straight the way of the Lord. (*John 1*)

**Hymn 57** *Sung by all, standing*

final stanza arr. by James McGregor (b. 1930)

*The Congregation kneels for prayers.*

℣ We wait for your loving kindness, O Lord.  
℟ In the midst of your temple.  
℣ Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
℟ Who has made Heaven and Earth.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in humility; that, on the last day, when he shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

God our Redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again to be our judge, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of your coming: grant that, as we joyfully receive your only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he comes again to be our judge. This we ask through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The congregation remains kneeling as the choir sings the carol.*

**Carol**

Thomas Neal (b. 1990)

Veni, redemptor gentium.  
This world wonders of all things  
How a maid conceived a king:  
To give us all thereof showing,  
Veni, redemptor gentium.

When Gabriel came with his greeting  
To Mary mother, that sweet thing,  
He granted and said with great liking,  
Veni, redemptor gentium.

Ambrose said in his writing  
Christ should be in a maid dwelling,  
To make true all that singing:  
Veni, redemptor gentium.

And David said in his speaking  
That Truth should be on earth growing,  
To you, bearer of all things.  
Veni, redemptor gentium.  
Christ, crowned at our beginning,  
Be with us at our ending,  
Us to thy joy for to bring;  
Veni, redemptor gentium.

Words 15<sup>th</sup> century

*All stand for the Blessing.*

## **The Blessing**

*The minister says*

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The people remain standing until the procession leaves the church.*

## **Postlude**

Prelude and Fugue in B Major, Op. 7 No. 1

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

*Please join us for a reception upstairs in the Parish Hall  
where you can greet the Clare College Choir.*

## **Upcoming Concerts at Grace Church**

*Hope and Expectation: Music for Advent & Christmas*

Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 4:00 PM

The Choir of Grace Church

Joseph Arndt performs works of J. S. Bach

A free-will offering will be received

*'Tis the Season*

*The Newark Boys Chorus Holiday Concert*

Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Donald Morris and Mike Sanfilippo, conductors

Joseph Arndt and Donald Morris, organ

Tickets at the door: \$10 adults, \$5 children

## **Christmas at Grace Church**

*Christmas Eve*

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Carols and organ music at 10:30 PM

High Mass at 11:00 PM

*Christmas Day*

Friday, December 25, 2009

High Mass at 10:00 AM