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ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12 AT 12 NOON

First Lesson - The prophet proclaims the good news to a people in exile.

Hymn - "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" (choir)

Tune Psalm 42 from
Genevan Psalter
Psalter (1551)

Second Lesson - The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.

HYMN - "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (choir)

Op. 10 by Hugo Distler
(1908-1942)

Third Lesson - The Lord promises that the king will come to Israel in peace.

HYMN 718 - "Lo, He Comes."

Fourth Lesson - The Lord promises Israel more splendor than ever before.

HYMN 213 - "Lift up your heads"

Fifth Lesson - The prophet foretells the advent of the Desire of all nations.

HYMN - "People Look East" (choir)

French carol tune
Besancon (1875 - 1958)

Sixth Lesson - The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

HYMN 200 - "Tell out, my soul"

Seventh Lesson - Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.

HYMN - "On Jordan's Bank"

(1982)

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, and let each heart
prepare 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 Spirit evermore.

CLOSING PRAYER - ADVENT

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to
preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.

Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our
sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the
nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory
of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**