



Advent Carols in Procession

A SERVICE OF LESSONS, MOTETS, CAROLS & HYMNS
FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022
3.30PM

CATHEDRAL DIARY

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December

Both at 7.00pm - Handel's *Messiah* sung by the Cathedral Choir with Orchestra.

Tickets €25 available from the Cathedral Shop or on the webstore page of the Cathedral website.

Sunday 11th December - The Third Sunday of Advent

11.15am Choral Eucharist with the 'Great Os'

12 noon - 4.00pm - Saint Fin Barre's National School Christmas Fair in the Cathedral Hall, Dean Street.

Face painting, crafts making, Christmas music, raffle, treats and coffee. Also good quality books, toys and holiday foods to take away. All proceeds in aid of school funds.

Entrance €10 per family or €5 per person.

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The Great O Antiphons originate in at least the eighth century, and were designed to be sung as the antiphons before and after the Magnificat at Vespers in the latter half of Advent. They were also used in the Sarum rite, from which much early Anglican liturgy was derived, and are traditionally used from 16th December onwards. Tonight's service uses five of the seven antiphons which takes us on a journey around the Cathedral representing the journey of God's people through history, from Creation and Fall to Redemption in Christ.

IN THE AMBULATORY

All stand

CHOIR: ADVENT RESPONSORY

adapted from a Magnificat by G. P. da Palestrina (c. 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 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.

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?

HYMN

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;

Thousand thousand saints attending,
swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluya!

God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE WELCOME AND BIDDING PRAYER

The people are welcomed and are called to prayer.

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's Kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us - how that when we were far off, he met us in his Son and brought us home; how he humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share his divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness. So first we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry, and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise his name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his Kingdom, in the words he himself has taught us, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Old Form

ACCLAMATION

We wait for your loving-kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all flesh shall see it together.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

AT THE HIGH ALTAR

CHOIR **Antiphon: 'O Sapientia'**

O wisdom, coming forth from the Most High,
filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth;
come and teach us the way of truth.

Sit for the

READING Genesis 3: 1-15 (*Sit*)

CHOIR: Adam lay ybounden *Howard Skempton (b. 1947)*

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
as clerkès finden written in their book.

Nè had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
ne had never Our Lady abeen heavenè queen.

Blessèd be the time that apple taken was;
therefore we moun singen
Deo gracias!

(15th century English)

AT THE FONT

CHOIR **Antiphon: ‘O Adonai’**
O Lord of Lords, and ruler of the House of Israel,
you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush,
and gave him the law on Sinai:
come with your outstretched arm and ransom us.

Sit for the

READING Exodus 3: 1-6

CHOIR People look east *Arr. Peter Stobart (Director of Music)*

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.

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.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

IN THE NORTH AISLE

CHOIR **Antiphon: ‘O Radix Jesse’**
O root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations;
kings will keep silence before you for whom the nations long;
come and save us and delay no longer.

Sit for the

READING Isaiah 11: 1-9

Stand to sing the

HYMN

A great and mighty wonder,
a full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the Infant
with virgin-honour pure.

*Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men!'*

The Word becomes incarnate
and yet remains on high!
And Cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky.

While thus they sing your Monarch,
those bright angelic bands,
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
ye oceans clap your hands.

Since all he comes to ransom,
by all be he adored,
the Infant born in Bethl'em,
the Saviour and the Lord.

And idol forms shall perish,
and error shall decay,
and Christ shall wield his sceptre,
Our Lord and God for ay.

*Greek, St Germanus 634-734;
Tr J. M. Neale 1818-66 and others*

IN THE NAVE

CHOIR **Antiphon: 'O Oriens'**

O Morning Star,
splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

Sit for the

READING Malachi 4: 1-3 (*Sit*)

CHOIR O nata lux *Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of everthing,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.

IN THE SOUTH AISLE

CHOIR **Antiphon: 'O Rex Gentium'**
O King of the nations, and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay.

Sit for the

READING Jeremiah 30: 7-11

Stand to sing the

HYMN

Hills of the North, rejoice,
 echoing songs arise,
 hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love,
 he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest mourn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the sons of earth be blest.

based on C.E. Oakley (1832-1865)

AT THE CROSSING

CHOIR **Antiphon 'O Virgo Virginum'**
O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be?
For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after.
Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me?
The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

READING Luke 1: 26-33, 38

CHOIR Ave Maria *Jacques Arcadelt (1507 - 1568)*
Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesu.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, pray for us. Amen.*

AT THE ALTAR RAILS

Stand for the reading of

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12: 35-40

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Luke,
chapter twelve, beginning at verse thirty-five.

Choir Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the Gospel

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Choir Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

CHOIR Canite tuba *Francisco Guerrero (1528 - 1599)*

Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope est dies Domini.
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.
Erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.

*Blow the trumpet in Zion,
for the day of the Lord is nigh.
Lo, He comes for our salvation.
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways plain.
Come, Lord, and do not delay.*

Kneel or sit for

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations
his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures
and recognise him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,
restore the sick
and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

THE DISMISSAL

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light.

Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.
Even so, Lord, come.

O Lord Jesus Christ, come
at evening time, with light,

and in the morning, with your glory,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

He who receives our prayers says:
Surely I come quickly.
I am the root and offspring of David,
I am the bright and morning star.
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

THE BLESSING

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Stand to sing the

HYMN

Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya!
The wedding song
swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare
to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
from men and from angelic voices
be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with Angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluya!
Grant us to raise,
to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
Tr. F.C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

*The Service concludes with the Choir processing to the Ambulatory
during the singing of*

THE ADVENT PROSE

‘Rorate caeli desuper’

All sing: **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Cantor: 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.

All sing: **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Cantor: 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.

All sing: **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Cantor: 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 Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

All sing: **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Cantor: 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.

All sing: **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

ADVENT SERVICES 2022

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022 - *The Second Sunday of Advent*

11.15am Choral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022 - *The Third Sunday of Advent*

11.15am Choral Eucharist & the 'Great Os'

3.30pm Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2022 - *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

11.15am Choral Eucharist

4.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2022 - *Christmas Eve*

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

4.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas services overleaf ...

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022 - 2023

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2022 - CHRISTMAS DAY

(Details of a service earlier in the morning will be announced shortly.)

11.15am Blessing of the Crib and Festival Choral Eucharist
of the Nativity. *Celebrant & Preacher: The Bishop*

MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2022 - *The Feast of Saint Stephen*

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2022 - *The Feast of Saint John the Evangelist*

12.00 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2022 - *The Feast of the Holy Innocents*

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2022

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2022

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2022

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023 - *The First Sunday of Christmas*

11.15am The Eucharist (said, with hymns)

MONDAY 2ND JANUARY 2023

Cathedral closed.

TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

Feast of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus (Transferred)

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

WEDNESDAY 4TH - SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY 2023

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

11.15am Choral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong