

NEW COLLEGE CHAPEL



A Service of
Readings and Music
for the Season of Advent

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2020
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2020

17.45

Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for the dawning of love in our hearts, as all the earth waited for the birth of the child Jesus. We look back to that birth two thousand years ago, and forward to the time when love comes again and will wipe every tear from our eyes. We wait in darkness, we wait in hope, we wait for renewal, we wait for the eternity of love to break into our frail mortal time and declare that love makes all things new.

Readers, Saturday 28th November

*Charlie Mackintosh, Chapel Officer
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Readers, Sunday 29th November

*Miles Young, Warden
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Susan Bridge, Associate Chaplain*

*Robert Quinney, Organist
Dónal McCann, Assistant Organist
Hamish Fraser, Senior Organ Scholar
Jamie Andrews, Junior Organ Scholar*

a song of mary, *by Lucille Clifton (1936-2010)*

somewhere it being yesterday.
i a maiden in my mother's house.
the animals silent outside.
is morning.
princes sitting on thrones in the east
studying the incomprehensible heavens.
joseph carving a table somewhere
in another place.
i watching my mother.
i smiling an ordinary smile.

PRE-SERVICE ORGAN MUSIC

J.S. Bach (1685–1750), *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659, 660, 661

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Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*, Op. 122, no 8

J.S. Bach, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation remains seated as the choir sings the introit.

RESPONSORY *G. P. da Palestrina, arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

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?

Sir 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.

After the First Responsory of Advent Sunday at Matins

All stand.

BIDDING PRAYER

All sit as the choir sings the hymn.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Lord of David's key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed with awe
Gavest thy folk the elder law.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

FIRST READING
Let there be light

Genesis 1. 1-5

CAROL

arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

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 that season of the year
Our blest redeemer did appear;
He 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.

English traditional carol

SECOND READING
See the joy from the East

Baruch 4. 36-5. 9

ANTHEM

Michael Wise (c. 1648-87)

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway
for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be
made low, and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough
places shall be made plain.

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

And the voice said cry, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and the
goodliness thereof is as a flower that is in the field.

The grass withereth, and the flower fadeth, but the word of the Lord
shall stand fast for ever.

O Zion, that bringest glad tidings, get thee up into the mountains.

O Jerusalem, that bringest glad tidings, lift up thy voice with strength,
and say unto Judah, behold thy God.

Isaiah 40. 3-9

THIRD READING

Luke 1. 5-25

The birth of John the Baptist foretold

MOTET

William Byrd (c. 1535-1623)

Rorate caeli desuper et nubes pluant justum: aperiatur terra et
germinet salvatorem.

Benedixisti Domine terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto: sicut erat in principio et nunc et
semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Drop down ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:
let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour.*

Lord, thou hast blessed thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Introit at Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent

HYMN

Hark! A herald voice is calling:
‘Christ is nigh’, it seems to say;
‘Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!’

Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

*6th century hymn at Lauds in Advent, Vox clara ecce intonat;
trans E. Caswall (1814-78)*

FOURTH READING
The Annunciation

Luke 1. 26-38

MOTET

William Byrd

Ecce virgo concipiet et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen eius
Emmanuel. Alleluia.

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name
Emmanuel, God with us. Alleluia.*

*Communion Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday in Advent and the Feast of the
Annunciation;
Isaiah 7. 14*

CAROL

John Joubert (1927-2019)

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia.

For in this rose containèd was
Heav'n and earth in little space,
Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three,
Pares forma.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyous birth,
Transeamus.

Medieval

FIFTH READING

Mary visits Elizabeth

Luke 1. 39-45

MAGNIFICAT

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God
my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in
the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the
humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent
empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he
promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

Luke 1. 46-55

SIXTH READING

Luke 1. 57-67

The birth of John the Baptist

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 that 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. 19-23

Do not lose heart

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!

John Cennick (1718-55) & Charles Wesley (1707-88)

All stand.

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Let us pray that we may watch faithfully until the coming of our Lord.

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,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be with you all, evermore.

Amen.

All sit as the choir sings the hymn.

HYMN

Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealèd
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! He comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring;
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Prudentius (b. 348) translated by R. F. Davis (1866-1937)

The congregation stands as the clergy leave the chapel, then sits for the organ voluntary.

ORGAN MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

Louis Vierne (1870–1937), *Symphony no. 2, op. 20 - I. Allegro*

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