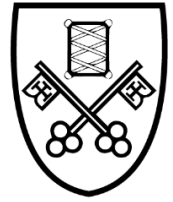




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The Advent Procession: 'The King and his Kingdom'

The First Sunday of Advent
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Before the service, the lights will be turned off, and the service will begin in darkness.

The Gathering

The Matin Responsory

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.

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and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

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Music: Adapted from a setting of the Magnificat by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

The Introduction

Sisters and brothers, today Advent begins, and we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ: a coming we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread and wine of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ the King.

Let us reflect on the coming of Christ to judge the living and the dead. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light of his holy word, and be renewed in the hope of glory to which God beckons us. And as we turn to Christ, let us have on our hearts all those for whom all seems darkness and despair. Let us pray that they, too, may know the glory of Christ's kingdom.

The congregation prays silently.

The Advent Collect

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.**

O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

Antiphon

Choir: O Wisdom, which came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching to the ends of the earth, ordering all things mightily and gently:
come to teach us the way of prudence.

Zechariah 9.9-10

Read by Stephen Gant

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from
Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command
peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from
the River to the ends of the earth.

Hymn

We stand to sing:

**Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**

**O that birth for ever blessed
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.**

**O ye heights of heaven, adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King:
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.**

*Words: Prudentius (348-c.413); tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)
Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM; Melody from Piae Cantiones (1582); CP 64*

We sit.

O Adonai (O My Lord)

Antiphon

O Adonai, and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and gave him the Law on Sinai: come to redeem us with an outstretched arm.

Jeremiah 23.5-6

Read by Susan Ibnouzaki

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Choir: Canite tuba in Sion

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini. Ecce venit ad salvandum nos: erunt prava in directa, et asperra in vias planas: veni Domine et noli tardare.

Blow ye the trumpet in Sion, for the day of God now is near at hand.
See, he cometh and will save us: he will make the crooked ways
straight, and the rough places will he make plain:
come then, O Lord, and do not tarry.

*Words: Joel 2.1, Isaiah 11.4
Music: Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)*

O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

Antiphon

Choir: O Root of Jesse, you stand as a sign to the peoples, before whom kings
will shut their mouths, and nations make supplications: come to set us
free, and do not tarry.

Psalm 118.19-29

Read by John Whitham

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Hymn

We stand to sing:

**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 for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

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

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: CROSS OF JESUS; John Stainer (1840-1901); CP 24*

We sit

O Clavis David (O Key of David)

Antiphon

O Key of David, and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none shuts, you shut and none opens: come to lead the captives out of prison, those who sit in the darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 9.2, 6-7

Read by Jane Thompson

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Choir: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!

*Words: Liturgy of St James, c.4th cent., tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-85)
Music: PICARDY, arr. P.W. Gunstone (b.1977)*

O Oriens (O Morning Star)

Antiphon

O Morning star, the brightness of light eternal, and the sun of righteousness, come to enlighten those who sit in the darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 7.10-15

Read by John Chuter

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Hymn

We stand to sing:

**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
is it the music of his people's prayer?**

**Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!**

**This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.**

**Yet through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**

*Words: Frederic W H Myers (1843-1901)
Music: HIGHWOOD; R R Terry (1865-1938); CP 28*

We sit.

○ Rex Gentium (○ King of the nations)

Antiphon

○ King of the nations, for whom they have longed, the cornerstone, joining both sides together: come to save mankind, whom you have fashioned from clay.

Romans 12.1, 2; 13.8, 11-14

Read by Revd Emma Wilkinson

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Choir: Set me as a seal

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm:
for love is strong as death;
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

*Words: Song of Solomon 8.6-7
Music: William Walton (1902-1983)*

O Emmanuel (O God with us)

Antiphon

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the nations' hope and their saviour: come to save us, O Lord our God.

We keep silence.

We stand for the reading of The Gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

Read by the Very Revd Andy Bowerman

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

We sit or kneel.

The Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

As we long for his coming to reign we pray to the Lord, saying,
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.
Before you, rulers will stand in silence.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.
Give us the grace to live in the light of your coming,
and give us a longing to do your will.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your people as Saviour and bearer of pain.
Enfold us all in your love and mercy,
wipe away the tears of failure, fear, and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us from heaven with power and great glory,
and lift us up to meet you,
where with all your saints and angels we shall live with you for ever.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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 Sending

We stand to sing:

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught 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:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick (1718-1755)
Music: HELMSLEY, melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799); CP 31*

The Blessing

**Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.**

Choir: E'en so Lord Jesus

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might savèd be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come; sing holy, holy Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Text: Revelation 22, adapted Ruth Manz (1919-2008)

Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Organ Voluntary

Fantasy on 'Helmsley', op. 72 no. 1

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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