

JESUS COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 28th November 2021
6.00pm

ADVENT is a season of expectation and preparation in the Christian year, as the Church makes ready to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation as a babe in Bethlehem, but also looks forward to his final advent at the consummation of all things. The tone therefore is one of keeping vigil, of watching and waiting with expectation and hope for God's reign of justice, mercy, and peace.

Our service this evening begins with the sense of longing and hope for divine deliverance which arose in the people of Israel during their experience of exile. This found voice especially in the vivid prophecies of Isaiah, which expand to encompass not just Israel, but the salvation of the whole world.

The wondrous fulfilment of these prophecies unravels in the little town of Nazareth, with the Virgin Mary, whose assent to the angel's annunciation makes possible the incarnation of the Word of God. As Mary waits through the weeks and pains of pregnancy to bring to birth the Christ-child, so we hear the call to wait patiently and expectantly for the coming of God to his people, to right wrongs and establish his reign for the good of all his children.

From this point we are recalled to our own time, and our theme of vigil and penitence, by Christ's account of His return. The Kingdom of God has already begun among us, yet we must continue to watch and pray in hope, asking 'Thy Kingdom come' until the glorious fulfilment of all things when Christ will return to judge the earth, and to dwell among us forever.

Please do not use your mobile phone while in Chapel, including before and after services, in order not to distract other worshippers.



Recording of any kind is not permitted during this service.

The congregation are encouraged to wear face coverings, if they can, throughout the service, including for the singing of hymn(s).

The service is conducted by the Reverend James Crockford, Dean of Chapel.

*The College Choir is conducted by
Mr Richard Pinel, Director of Music*

*The Hudleston Organ is played by
Drew Sellis & Christopher Too, Organ Scholars*

Music before the service:

La Nativité du Seigneur

viii. Les Mages

v. Les Enfants

Olivier Messiaen (1908–92)

Chorale Prelude Wacht Auf BWV 645

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Chorale Prelude Es ist ein Ros entsprungen op. 122, no. 8

Johannes Brahms (1833–97)

The Choir assembles at the Tower Crossing, and the lights are dimmed

Remain seated as the Choir sings:

O SAPIENTIA, quae ex ore
Altissimi prodiisti,
attingens a fine usque
ad finem, fortiter suaviterque
disponens omnia: veni ad docendum
nos viam prudentiae.

*O Wisdom, coming forth from
the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end
to the other, mightily and sweetly
ordering all things: Come and
teach us the way of prudence.*

Words: *Magnificat Antiphon for Advent*

Music: *Plainsong*

Dean: ‘Now is the time to wake out of sleep, for now our
salvation is nearer than when we first believed!’

Romans 13: 11

All STAND to sing 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! ...

Upper Voices: 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! ...

Lower Voices: 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! ...

All: 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! ...

Words: *Magnificat Antiphons for Advent*,
trans. J.M. Neale (1818–66)

Music: VENI EMMANUEL *from a 15th-century French melody*

Remain standing for **THE BIDDING:**

Dean: Dearly beloved, in the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

We prepare today to enter the coming solemn season of Advent. This is a time in which the Church bids us to prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ. Let us in this holy season cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who are surrounded by darkness or despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light:

Silence is kept

STIR UP, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

All SIT as the Choir sings:

O ADONAI, et Dux
domus Israel,
qui Moysi in igne
flammae rubi apparuisti,
et ei in Sina legem dedisti:
veni ad redimendum nos
in brachio extento.

*O Adonai, and leader
of the House of Israel
who appeared to Moses
in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us
with an outstretched arm.*

Words: Magnificat Antiphon for Advent

Music: Roderick Williams (b. 1965)

All remain seated

THE DESIRE AND HOPE OF ISRAEL

Read by Eoghan Butler, Chapel Secretary

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 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 plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:

because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the LORD GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40: 1–11

Silence is kept

All STAND to sing the HYMN:

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 thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Words: *Charles Wesley (1707–88)*

Music: CROSS OF JESUS *John Stainer (1840–1901)*

All SIT

BRIEFLY IT ENTERS, AND BRIEFLY SPEAKS

Read by Alex Haydn-Williams, Undergraduate Student

I AM the blossom pressed in a book,
found again after two hundred years. . . .

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper. . . .

When the young girl who starves
sits down to a table
she will sit beside me. . . .

I am food on the prisoner's plate. . . .

I am water rushing to the wellhead,
filling the pitcher until it spills. . . .

I am the patient gardener
of the dry and weedy garden. . . .

I am the stone step,
the latch and the working hinge. . . .

I am the heart contracted by joy. . .
the longest hair, white
before the rest. . . .

I am there in the basket of fruit
presented to the widow. . . .

I am the musk rose opening
unattended, the fern on the boggy summit. . . .

I am the one whose love
overcomes you, already with you
when you think to call my name. . . .

Jane Kenyon (1947–95)

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All remain seated as the Choir sings:

AUDIVI vocem de caelo
venientem: venite omnes
virgines sapientissime;
oleum recondite in vasis vestris
dum sponsus advenerit.
Media nocte clamor factus est:
ecce sponsus venit.

*I heard a voice coming from
heaven: come all wisest virgins;
fill your vessels with oil,
for the bridegroom is coming.
In the middle of the night
there was a cry:
behold the bridegroom comes.*

Words: *Jeremiah 40:10 and Matthew 25:6*

Music: *Thomas Tallis (c.1505–1585)*

THE PROMISED KINGDOM

Read by Charlotte Milbank, MCR President

THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35: 1–10

Silence is kept

All STAND to sing the HYMN as the Choir processes into the Inner Chapel:

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.

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.

Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn,
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.

Words: based on *Charles Oakley (1832–65)*

Music: *LITTLE CORNARD Martin Shaw (1875–1958)*

All SIT

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Read by Dr Anthony Bowen, Emeritus Fellow

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1: 26–38

Silence is kept

All remain seated as the Choir sings:

A VE MARIA, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Amen.	<i>Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Amen.</i>
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Words: *Luke 1:28, 41*

Music: *Robert Parsons (c.1535–71/2)*

NEWS

Read by Dr Rebecca Barr, Fellow

NEW from a foreign country came
As if my treasure and my wealth lay there;
So much it did my heart inflame,
'Twas wont to call my Soul into mine ear;
Which thither went to meet
The approaching sweet,
And on the threshold stood
To entertain the unknown Good.
It hover'd there
As if 'twould leave mine ear,
And was so eager to embrace
The joyful tidings as they came,
'Twould almost leave its dwelling-place
To entertain that same.

As if the tidings were the things,
My very joys themselves, my foreign treasure—
Or else did bear them on their wings—
With so much joy there came, with so much pleasure.

My Soul stood at that gate
To recreate
Itself with bliss, and to
Be pleased with speed. A fuller view
It fain would take,
Yet journeys back would make
Until my heart; as if 'twould fain
Go out to meet, yet stay within
To fit a place to entertain
And bring the tidings in.

What sacred instinct did inspire
My soul in childhood with a hope so strong?
What secret force moved my desire
To expect my joys beyond the seas, so young?
Felicity I knew
Was out of view,
And being here alone,
I saw that happiness was gone
From me! For this
I thirsted absent bliss,
And thought that sure beyond the seas,
Or else in something near at hand—
I knew not yet—since naught did please
I knew—my Bliss did stand.

Thomas Traherne (1637–74)

Silence is kept

All STAND for the 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.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation
By the Holy Ghost conceived,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer
In her loving arms received,
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.***

Words: *Prudentius (c.348–413)*, trans. *R.F. Davis (1866–1937)*

Music: *DIVINUM MYSTERIUM Piae Cantiones (1582)*,
arranged by *David Willcocks (1919–2015)*

All SIT

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

Read by Esther Anthony-Ajileye, Undergraduate Student

BUT in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Mark 13: 24–37

All remain seated as the Choir sings:

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, 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, today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People look East, today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People look East, today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: *Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)*

Music: *Besançon carol*, arranged by *Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)*

THE FULFILMENT OF ALL THINGS

Read by the President

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, 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. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21: 1–7

Silence is kept

All KNEEL or remain seated for THE PRAYERS:

Led by the Assistant Chaplain (Dean's Clerk)

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

MAKE US, we beseech thee, O Lord, our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of thy Son, Christ our Lord; that when he shall come and knock, he may find us not sleeping in our sins, but awake, and rejoicing in his praises.

All: **Amen.**

KEEP WATCH, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake.

All: **Amen.**

Concluding with 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.

All SIT as the Choir sings:

ES IST ein Ros entsprungen
aus einer Wurzel zart,
als uns die Alten sungen:
von Jesse kam die Art
und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter,
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

Words: Anon. 15th century
Music: Jan Sandström (b. 1954)
after Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

All STAND to sing the HYMN:

L O! 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!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Music: HELMSLEY Thomas Olivers (1725–99)

Descant by Martin How (b. 1931)

All remain standing for **THE BLESSING:**

Dean: 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 fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Ghost. And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Please remain standing while the Choir and Clergy leave the Chapel, after which you are invited to SIT for the **ORGAN VOLUNTARY:**

Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 548
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

The **RETIRING COLLECTION** will be divided between **UNICEF** and **Catholic Association for Racial Justice** (CARJ). UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, addresses health, sanitation, food and educational needs for children and families in poverty across the world, as well as working to safeguard children's rights. CARJ works with schools, youth groups, and churches to promote awareness of concerns of racial justice, and to facilitate education, action and empowerment in working towards a diverse and just society and church.

**JESUS COLLEGE CHAPEL
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

On Tuesday 30th November, Wednesday 1st, and Thursday 2nd December, a short carol service will replace Evensong at 6.30pm before Christmas Dinner in Hall.

Sunday 12th December, 5.00pm

Christmas Carol Service for Staff and Fellows of the College

Monday 13th December, 6.00pm

Christmas Carol Service for Chorister Families and Choir Patrons



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