

JESUS COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE



# ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
6.00pm

**A**DVENT 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.

This year's Advent Carol Service traces the theme of expectant attention, beginning with the anticipation and longing of the Hebrew prophets, who call upon God's mercy and help, and exhort us to prepare our hearts and lives for God's glory to dawn on our lives and in our world. Readings and music then reflect on the figure of John the Baptist – seen as the last of those who prepared the way for Christ's coming salvation and judgement, and one who counselled his hearers to be ready to receive Christ when he comes – and the witness of the Virgin Mary, as she receives the news that she will bear the coming Saviour, through the Spirit's gift. The service concludes by looking forward to the promise of Christ's final appearing, in which all darkness will be cast out by his light; all death by his life; all sin by his loving judgement and mercy.

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

*The College Choir is conducted by  
Mr Benjamin Sheen, Director of Music*

*The Hudleston Organ is played by  
Michael D'Avanzo & Miriam Reveley, Organ Scholars*

*Music before the service:*

Chorale Prelude on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645  
*J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*

Chorale Prelude on *Rorate Caeli*  
*Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)*

Chorale Prelude on *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*  
*Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)*

*O Radix Jesse and O Clavis David*  
*from Advent O Antiphons*  
*Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)*

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

*The Choir assembles at the West End of Chapel, and the lights are dimmed*

*All remain seated as the Choir sings:*

**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?

*Words: First Matins Responsory of Advent Sunday*

*Music: adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)*

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

*Advent Antiphon O Oriens, cf. Malachi 4:2*

All STAND to sing the **HYMN** during which the Choir processes to the Crossing:

**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 Rod of Jesse! draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those 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 Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,  
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.  
                          *Rejoice! Rejoice! ...***

Words: *Magnificat Antiphons for Advent,*  
trans. T.A. Lacey (1853–1931)

Music: VENI EMMANUEL *from a 15<sup>th</sup> century French melody*

*All 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 tonight to enter the coming season of Advent. This is a solemn time in which the Church bids us to prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; in harkening to the voices of hope that speak through the ages; in preparing our hearts and lives to receive the gift of the Christ-child; and in praying with longing fervour for the dawn of his saving mercy and peace to enlighten the darkness of our world. As we ready ourselves to receive his salvation, let us put away all selfishness, enmity, and strife, praying that we may be given grace to make ready the way of the Lord, the way of light and life.

*Silence is kept*

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 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 Spirit, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

*All SIT as the Choir sings:*

**D**ROP down ye heavens from above,  
And let the skies pour down righteousness.  
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.

Drop down ye heavens from above,

And let the skies pour down righteousness.

Words: *from the Advent Prose, after Isaiah 45:8*

Music: *Judith Weir (b. 1954)*

*All remain seated*

## THE DESIRE AND HOPE OF ISRAEL

*Read by Amenie Groves, Undergraduate Student*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

*Silence is kept*



*All STAND to sing the HYMN:*

**H**ILLS 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.

**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.**

Words: based on *Charles Oakley (1832–1865)*

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

*All SIT*

### **THE PROMISED GLORY**

*Read by Dr Georgina Wilson, Bye-Fellow*

**A**RISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

*Isaiah 60:1–7*

*All remain seated as the Choir sings:*

**O**UT OF YOUR SLEEP arise and wake,  
For God mankind now hath ytake.  
All of a maid without any make:  
Of all women she beareth the bell.

And through a maidè fair and wise,  
Now man is made of full great price:  
Now angels knelen to man's service,  
An at this time all this befell.

That ever was thrall now is he free:  
That ever was small now great is she:  
Now shall God deem both thee and me  
Unto his bliss if we do well.

Now man is brighter than the sun:  
Now man in heav'n on high shall won:  
Blessèd be God this game is begun  
And his mother the Empress of hell.

Now man he may to heaven wend:  
Now heav'n and earth to him they bend.  
He that was foe now is our friend.  
This is no nay that I you tell.

Now blessèd Brother grant us grace,  
At doomès day to see the face,  
And in thy court to have a place,  
That we may there sing thee nowell.

Words: *Anonymous, 15<sup>th</sup> century*  
Music: *Richard Rodney Bennett (1936–2012)*

## THE COMING SALVATION IS ANNOUNCED

*Read by Lana Gilmartin, Postgraduate Student & President of the MCR*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Isaiah 52:7–10*

*Silence is kept*

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

**O** N JORDAN'S BANK the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
And make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Words: *Charles Coffin (1676–1749)*

Music: from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg 1690*

*All SIT*

### THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Read by Shrey Shah, Undergraduate Student & Gray Reading Prize Winner*

**N**OW the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.'

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.’ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

*Luke 1:57–60, 67–80*

*Silence is kept*

*All remain seated as the Choir sings:*

**T**HIS 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 the 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.

Words: *John 1:19–23*

Music: *Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*

### **PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD**

*Read by Alice Bennett, Postgraduate Student & Chapel Secretary*

**J**OHN WENT into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

*Luke 3:3–6, 15–17*

*Silence is kept*

*All STAND for the HYMN:*

**O** F 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 ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

*Read by Dr Anthony Bowen, Emeritus Fellow*

**A**ND 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*

*All remain seated as the Choir sings:*

**O** F ONE that is so fair and bright  
*Velut maris stella,*  
Brighter than the day is light,  
*Parens et puella:*  
I cry to thee, thou see to me,  
Lady, pray thy Son for me  
*Tam pia,*  
That I may come to thee.  
*Maria!*

All this world was forlorn  
*Eva peccatrice,*  
Till our Lord was y-born  
*De te genetrice.*  
With 'Ave' it went away  
Darkest night, and comes the day:  
*Salutis*  
The well springeth out of thee.  
*Virtutis.*

Lady, flow'r of ev'rything,  
*Rosa sine spina,*  
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King,  
*Gratia divina:*  
Of all thou bear'st the prize,  
Lady, Queen of Paradise  
*Electa:*  
Maid mild, mother es.  
*Effecta.*

Words: *Anonymous, 13<sup>th</sup> century*  
Music: *Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)*

*Silence is kept*

*All KNEEL or remain seated for **THE PRAYERS:***

*Led by the Assistant Chaplain (Dean's Clerk)*

O CHRIST, Wisdom from on high, order this thy world with thy heavenly peace and benediction; cast away from our midst the folly of sin and teach us the truth of thy salvation, for the glory of thy name.

All: **Amen.**

O LORD JESUS, Great Shepherd of thy people, stretch out thy mighty arm and save all thy children that in their distress cry out unto thee; reveal the light of thy presence in the darkness of this world, and bid us on into the strength and protection of thy everlasting love.

All: **Amen.**

O EMMANUEL, Saviour of the nations, enliven our hope as we look to thy coming among us; grant that our hearts may be ready to welcome thee, our hands ready to serve thee, and our lips ready to praise thee for thy great salvation, now and for all eternity.

All: **Amen.**

*Concluding with the **LORD'S PRAYER:***

**O**UR 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 STAND to sing the HYMN as the Choir processes to the Altar steps:*

**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*

## **THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD**

*Read by the President*

**F**OR THIS we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no

escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.'

*1 Thessalonians 4:15–5:10*

*All remain standing as the Choir sings:*

**P**EACE be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved 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 within  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
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!

Words: after *Revelation 22*, adapted *Paul Manz (1919–2009)*

*and Ruth Manz (d. 2008)*

Music: *Paul Manz (1919–2009)*

*All remain standing for* **THE BLESSING:**

Dean: 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.

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)*

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