



St Anne's

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Advent Carol Service

6.30p.m. Sunday 3 December 2023

Matin Responsory

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525 - 1594)

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 Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.**

**O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.**

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

**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.**

**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.**

**O come Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.**

Cologne 1710, based on the
ancient Advent Antiphons
Tr T A Lacey 1853 - 1931 and Editors

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, the season of Advent bids us prepare ourselves both for the celebration of Christ's nativity as also for the day when he shall come to judge the hearts of us all. So, in sorrow and penitence, let us confess our failures and shortcomings, and renew in ourselves the vision of God's perfect kingdom, which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes for us. In word and music we will give voice to the hope set forth in the scriptures, that God's kingdom will come; and, with John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will prepare for its coming, celebrating its dawning in the birth, life and death of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

But first let us pray for those who, by reason of their adversity, yearn especially for its coming: the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowful, the lonely and the unloved; those who sit in the darkness of despair or who walk in the shadow of death. Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and for all who strive for the establishment of justice, righteousness and peace; and, that it may bear witness to this hope in a world divided by wrath and sorrow, let us pray for the well-being and unity of Christ's body, the Church.

Let us then pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on 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. Amen.**

May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting.
All: **Amen.**

Antiphon I

O Sapientia

O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodisti,
O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High,
atingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter, suaviter disponensque
omnia:
pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:
Veni, ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

First Reading
Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon
the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light
from the darkness.
And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
And the evening and the morning were the first day.

(Silence)

Choir

O Lord, how shall I meet thee

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607 - 1676)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827 - 1878)
Music: Johann Crüger (1598 - 1662)

O Adonai

O Adonai, et dux domus Israel,
O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel,
qui Moisi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti,
who appeared to Moses in the burning bush
et ei in Syna legem dedisti:
and gave him the Law on Sinai:
Veni, ad redimendum nos in brachio extento
Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

Second Reading
Psalm 13

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever : how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart : how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God : lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him : for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in thy mercy : and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me : yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

(Silence)

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Text: Isaiah 40: 3-9
Music: Michael Wise (1648 - 1687)

Antiphon 3

O Radix Jesse

O Radix Jesse, quistas in signum populorum,
O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples,
super quem reges continebunt os suum,
before whom all kings are mute,
quem gentes deprecabuntur:
to whom the nations will do homage:
Veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.
Come quickly to deliver us.

Third Reading
Isaiah 45: 2-8

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me:

I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else.

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil:

I the Lord do all these things.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it.

(Silence)

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.**

Charles Wesley 1707 - 88

Antiphon 4

O Clavis David

*O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel,
O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel,
qui aperis et nemo claudit,
you open and no one can close,
claudis et nemo aperit:
and close and no one can open:
Veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris,
Come and rescue the prisoners from the prison house,
sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis.
those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Arise, 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.

Choir

O nata lux de lumine

Text: Anon 10th century
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505 - 85)

O nata lux de lumine,
O Light born of Light,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Dignare clemens supplicum
with loving-kindness deign to receive
Laudes preces que sumere.
suppliant praise and prayer.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
Dignatus es pro perditis,
for the sake of the lost,
Nos membra confer effici

*grant us to be members
Tui beati corporis.
of thy blessed body.*

Antiphon 5

O Oriens

O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae et sol justitiae:
O Dayspring splendour of light everlasting and sun of righteousness:
Veni, et illumina sedentem in tenebris
*Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness
et umbra mortis.
and in the shadow of death.*

Fifth Reading
Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

(Silence)

Hymn

**The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.**

**Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.**

**Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.**

**The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.**

**For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.**

John Milton 1608 - 74
cento Psalms 85, 82, 86

Antiphon 6

O Rex gentium

O Rex gentium, et desideratus earum
O King of the nations, and their desire,
lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum:
the cornerstone making both one:
Veni, salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.
Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

(Silence)

Advent Reflections: Fr Nick Darby

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando

Text: Mark 13: 35-37
Music: William Byrd (1543 - 1623)

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando Dominus domus veniat,
Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh,
sero, an media nocte, an galli cantu, an mane.
at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning,
Vigilate ergo, ne, cum venerit repente, inveniat vos dormientes.
Watch ye therefore: lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.
Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico; Vigilate.
And what I say unto you I say unto all; Watch.

Antiphon 7

O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, Rex et Legifer noster,
O Emmanuel, our King and our lawgiver,
expectatio gentium et Salvator eorum:
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Veni, ad salvandum nos, Domine Deus noster.
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Gospel
John 3: 16-21

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but
that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth
not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name
of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Choir

A Spotless Rose

Text: Catherine Winkworth (1827 - 1878)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)

Advent Collect

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 forever.

All: Amen.

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 upon you this night and for evermore.

All: Amen.

Recessional 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 - 88

Antiphon 8

O Virgo virginum

O Virgo virginum, quomodo fiet istud?
O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be?
Quia nec primam similem visa es nec habere sequentem.

*For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after.
Filiae Jerusalem, quid me admiramini?
Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me?
Divinum est mysterium hoc quod cernitis.
The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.*