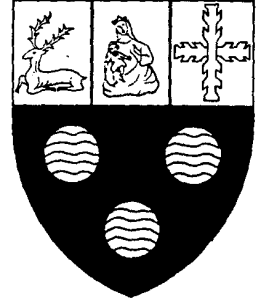


**Southwell
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



DARKNESS TO LIGHT

The Cathedral Advent Procession

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 1 December 2024

6.30pm

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About the Advent Procession

For many centuries, Christians have observed the Sundays before Christmas as a time of expectation and preparation for the great festival of the Nativity, when we celebrate God becoming flesh and blood, being born as one of us. Advent is a time of joyful waiting: we know that Jesus is coming to us, so we can almost begin to celebrate even as we prepare. But Advent simultaneously focuses our attention on another event, still in the future — the final Advent of Christ as judge at the end of time. The Old Testament prophets looked forward to both of these happenings, almost as though they were the same thing. In our Advent Procession, through words and music, we enter more deeply into the mystery of Advent, learning to live in God's time as we wait joyfully for Jesus both as the baby of Bethlehem, and as the Son of God who will one day return and take us to himself.

This service is structured around the **Advent Antiphons**, which were already in use by the eighth century, and subsequently became one of the key musical features of the days leading up to Christmas. Each of the first seven antiphons is based upon an attribute of Christ mentioned in scripture:

17 December: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)	<i>Isaiah 11: 2-3; 28:29</i>
18 December: O Adonai	<i>Exodus 6: 2-3; 2 Chronicles 6:5</i>
19 December: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)	<i>Isaiah 11: 1,10; 52:15</i>
20 December: O Clavis David (O Key of David)	<i>Isaiah 22:22</i>
21 December: O Oriens (O Dawn of the East)	<i>Luke 1:78; Hebrews 3:20</i>
22 December: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)	<i>Jeremiah 10:7</i>
23 December: O Emmanuel	<i>Isaiah 7:14</i>

An English medieval practice was to add an eighth antiphon – O Virgo virginum (O virgin of virgins).

The first seven antiphons are best known today in an amalgamated form as the Advent hymn 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel', which we sing towards the end of this service.

Music at this Service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

Organ Music before the Service

<i>Prélude</i> (from <i>Suite</i>)	Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
<i>Passacaglia</i> , BUXWV 161	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
<i>Louange à l'éternité de Jésus</i> (from <i>Quatuor pour la fin du temps</i>)	Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)
<i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland</i> , BUXWV 211	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Before the final organ prelude, The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, Interim Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

MATIN RESPONSORY *sung by the choir*

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: from the first Responsory
on the First Sunday of Advent in the
Office of Matins (early medieval rite)*

*Music: adapted from NUNC DIMITTIS TERTII TONI
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94)*

THE MESSAGE OF ADVENT

O SAPIENTIA and O ADONAI

ANTIPHONS *sung by the choir, during which the congregation's candles are lit.*

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the Most High,
and reachest from one end to another,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai, and leader of the house of Israel,
Who appearedst in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire,
And gavest him the law in Sinai:
Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

READING *read by Maggie Peel*

Malachi 4: 1–3, 5–6

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

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. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando dominus domus veniat, sero, an media nocte, an galli cantu, an mane. Vigilate ergo, ne cum venerit repente inveniatis vos dormientes. Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico: Vigilate.

Watch therefore – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. Watch therefore, lest when he comes without warning he find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch.

Words: Mark 13: 35-37

Music: William Byrd (c. 1539-1623)

SENTENCE AND COLLECT

Minister Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man shall come.

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

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.

Please stand

HYMN *during which the processions move down the Nave Aisles to the West End*

Choir Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin-birth;
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
The Saviour, now to man displayed.

A - - - men.

All **From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds,
His course he runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell.**

**O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.**

**Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.**

**All laud, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.**

*Words: Latin, St Ambrose (c. 340-97)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) et al.*

*Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR NEH 19 (t. ii)
German traditional, ad. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
harm. George Woodward (1848-1934)*

Please sit

THE PROMISE OF THE LORD'S ANOINTED

O RADIX JESSE and O CLAVIS DAVID

ANTIPHONS *sung by the choir*

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people,
at whom kings shall shut their mouths,
to whom the Gentiles shall seek:
Come, and deliver us, and tarry not.

O Key of David and Sceptre of the house of Israel;
that openest and no man shutteth;
and shuttest and no man openeth:
Come, and bring the prisoner out of the prison house,
and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

READING *read by Jan Richardson*

Isaiah 11: 1–5

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

Original German text: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)
Trans. William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

Music: Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

SENTENCE AND COLLECT

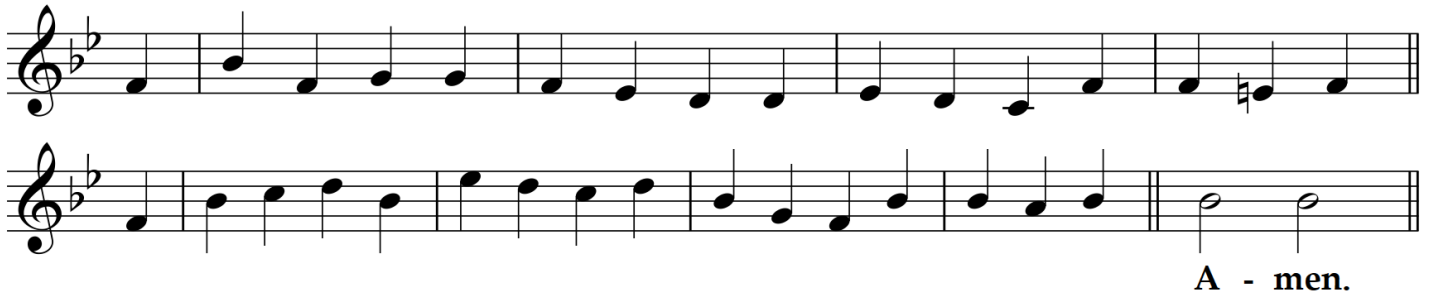
Minister O people of Sion, behold the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations,
and in the gladness of our heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to
be heard.

Declare his honour unto the nations:
and his wonders unto all people.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Please stand

HYMN *during which the procession moves to the Cross-Aisle*



On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from 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: Latin, Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
trans. John Chandler (1808-76)

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW NEH 12
adapted from a 17th century German chorale

Please sit

THE FORERUNNER

O ORIENS and O REX GENITUM

ANTIPHONS *sung by the choir*

O Dayspring, Brightness of Light everlasting,
and Sun of righteousness:
Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness,
and the shadow of death.

O King of the nations, and their desire;
The cornerstone who makest both one:
Come, and save mankind, who thou formest of clay.

READING *read by Thelma Clark*

Isaiah 40: 1–11

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.

READING *read by Hugh Middleton*

John 1: 19–28

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,
'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord"',
as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Vox dicentis: Clama:
et dixi: Quid clamabo?
Omnis caro foenum,
et omnis gloria eius quasi flos agri.

Vere foenum est populus.

Exsiccatum est foenum, et cecidit flos:
verbum autem Domini nostri manet
in aeternum.

Super montem excelsum ascende tu,
qui evangelizas Sion:
exalta in fortitudine vocem tuam,
qui evangelizas Jerusalem:
exalta, noli timere.
Dic civitatibus Judae:
Ecce Deus vester.
Ecce Dominus Deus in fortitudine
veniet, et brachium eius dominabitur:
ecce merces eius cum eo,
et opus illius coram illo.

Sicut pastor gregem suum pascet,
in brachio suo congregabit agnos,
et in sinu suo levabit,
foetas ipse portabit.

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their constancy is like the flower of the
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*The grass withers, the flower fades,
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*He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
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and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.*

Words: Isaiah 40: 6-11

Music: Edward W. Naylor (1867-1934)

SENTENCE AND COLLECT

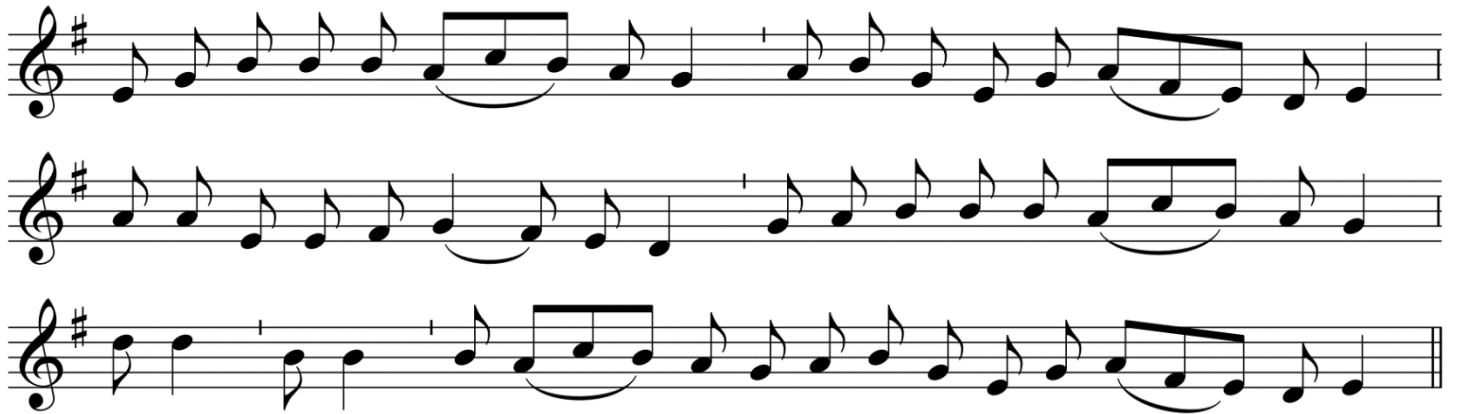
Minister Behold, I will send my Messenger and he shall prepare the way before me.

Prepare the way of the Lord:
make his paths straight.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please stand

HYMN *during which the procession moves to the Nave choir stalls*



1. 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.

2. 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.
Rejoice!...

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

4. 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.
Rejoice!...

5. 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!...

Words: Latin, Cologne, 1710
after the 'O Antiphons'
trans. Thomas Lacey (1853-1931) et al.

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL NEH 11
adapted from a French Missal
by Thomas Helmore (1811-90)

Please sit

THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE

O EMMANUEL and O VIRGO VIRGINEM

ANTIPHONS *sung by the choir*

O Emmanuel, our King and law-giver,
The desire of all nations, and their Salvation:
Come and save us, O Lord, our God.

O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be?
For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after.
Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me?
The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

READING *read by Jeremy Pemberton*

Isaiah 7: 10–16

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. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.' And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Of one that is so fair and bright
Velut maris stella, [Like a star of the sea]
Brighter than the day is light,
Parens et puella: [Both mother and maiden]
I cry to thee, thou see to me,
Lady, pray thy Son for me,
Tam pia, [so pure]
That I may come to thee.
Maria! [Mary]

All this world was forlorn,
Eva peccatrice, [because of Eve, a sinner]
Till our Lord was yborn,
De te genetrice. [through you, his mother]
With ave it went away,
Darkest night, and comes the day
Salutis; [of salvation]
The well springeth out of thee.
Virtutis. [of virtue]

Lady, flower of everything,
Rosa sine spina, [Rose without thorn]
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's king,
Gratia divina: [by divine grace]
Of all thou bearest the prize,
Lady, queen of paradise
Electa: [chosen]
Maid mild, mother
es effecta. [you are made]

Words: anonymous, English, c. 1300

*Music: A HYMN TO THE VIRGIN
Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

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.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN G
Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

SENTENCE AND COLLECT

Minister Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, 'God with us.'

Unto us a child is born:
unto us a Son is given.

God our redeemer,
 who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
 to be the mother of your Son:
 grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
 so we may be ready to greet him
 when he comes again as our judge;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

HYMN *during which the procession moves to the Crossing*



**1. 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.**

**2. Every eye shall now behold him
 Robed in dreadful majesty;
 We who set at nought and sold him,
 Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 Deeply grieving
 Shall the true Messiah see.**

**3. 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!**

**4. 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!
 Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) (altd)
 and John Cennick (1718-55)

Tune: HELMSLEY NEH 9
 Thomas Olivers (1725-99)
 Descant: Christopher Robinson (b. 1936)

DISMISSAL

COLLECT

Dean Let us pray.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us
to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign
with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING *given by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams*

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 among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

VESPER RESPONSORY *sung by the choir*

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he shall be with you.

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he shall be with you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he shall be with you.

*Words: from the first Responsory at
Vespers on the First Sunday of Advent*

Music: Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Moderato (from Symphonie gothique)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES at Southwell Minster

Sunday 15 December

5.00pm Christingle Service *Nave*

Monday 23 December

7.00pm Cathedral Carol Service *Nave (and live-streamed)*

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

9.00am Holy Communion *(no service at 12.15pm)* *St Oswald's Chapel*

11.00am Crib Service *Nave*

2.00pm Crib Service *Nave*

3.30pm Evensong BCP *Quire*

7.00pm Cathedral Carol Service *Nave*

11.15pm Eucharist of Christmas Night CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion with Carols BCP *Quire*

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*

11.15am Festal Mattins BCP *Quire*

12.15pm Holy Communion BCP *Quire*

3.30pm Evening Prayer with Carols BCP *Quire*

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