

Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday



28 November 2021
7:00pm



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

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Prelude: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Please stand as the choir and clergy enter the Cathedral.
As you are able, stand for the hymns.

The Matin Responsory

I look from afar; and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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Adapted by David Willcocks 1919-2015
from a *Magnificat* by Palestrina

Translated from the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the
Office of Matins (early medieval Roman rite)

Gathering Hymn

Choir:

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,

Come, manifest thy Virgin-birth:

Let every age adoring fall;

Such birth befits the God of all.

2 Forth from his chamber goeth he,

That royal home of purity,

A giant in twofold substance one,

Rejoicing now his course to run

All:

3 From God the Father he proceeds,

To God the Father back he speeds;

Runs out his course to death and hell,

Returns on God's high throne to dwell.

4 O Equal to thy Father, thou!

Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;

The weakness of our mortal state

With deathless might invigorate

5 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,

And darkness breathe a newer light,

Where endless faith shall shine serene,

And twilight never intervene.

6 All laud, eternal Son, to thee

Whose advent sets the people free,

Whom with the Father we adore,

And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

Veni, Redemptor gentium

Traditional Melody

St Ambrose 340-397
tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66 and others

The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

**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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-12 God commissions Isaiah to be the Prophet of the Advent

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes;

lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, and the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

Carol

'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died,
A vision by Isaiah was espied;
A lofty throne, the Lord was set thereon;
And with his glory all the temple shone.

2 Bright seraphim were standing round
about
Six wings had every of that quire devout;
With twain he awesome veiled his face, and
so
With twain he dreadful veiled his feet
below.

Charles Wood 1866-1926

3 With twain did he now hither, thither fly:
And thus aloud did one to other cry:
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth,
Full of his glory are earth and heaven, both.

4 And at their cry the lintels moved apace,
And clouds of incense filled the holy place.

Isaiah 6, vv. 1-4

Hymn

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

Merton
William Monk 1823-89

4 That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Edward Caswell 1814-78

Second Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-8 The Prophet proclaims goods news to a people in exile

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.

Carol

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

2. The first thing which I do relate,
Is That God did man create
The next thing which to you I tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

3. Then after this was God's own choice
To place them both in Paradise,
There to remain from evil free
Except they eat of such a tree.

4. But they did eat, which was a sin,
And thus their ruin did begin –
Ruin'd themselves, both you and me,
And all of their posterity.

5. Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose
And so a promise soon did run
That He would redeem us by His Son

Traditional Herefordshire melody collected and arr. by
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958 &
Christopher Robinson b. 1936

Traditional Herefordshire Text

Third Lesson: Zechariah 2:10-13 The Prophet foretells the coming of the Lord and the increase of His Kingdom.

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

Carol

This 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.

Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

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.

John 1:19-23

Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

*Winchester New
Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690*

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749
tr. John Chandler 1806-76

The Gospel of the Salutation: St Luke 1:26-28

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

Carols

Hail blessed virgin Mary,"
For so when he did meet thee,
Spake mighty Gabriel,
And thus we greet thee.
Come weal, come woe, our hymn shall
never vary:
"Hail blessed virgin Mary,
Hail blessed virgin Mary!"

Ave, ave Maria,
To gladden priest and people,
The Angelus shall ring
From every steeple;
To sound his virgin birth, Alleluia,
Ave, ave Maria,
Ave, ave Maria.

Traditional Italian Carol, arr. Charles Wood 1866-1926

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 scatter'd the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

From the *Short Service*
Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

Archangels chant, "Osanna",
And, "Holy, holy, holy",
Before the infant born
Of thee, thou lowly;
Aye maiden child of Joachim and Anna,
Archangels chant, "Osanna,"
Archangels chant, "Osanna!"

Translation by G. R. Woodward 1848-1934

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 rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his
servant Israel:
As he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever.
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, Amen.

Luke 1:46-55

The Gospel of the Advent: St Mark 1:1-15

Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; as it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judæa, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; and preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: and there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

4 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

Veni Emmanuel

Anonymous, arr. Healey Willan 1880-1968

Latin, 8th Century
tr. John M. Neale 1818-66

Carol

Thou shalt know Him when he comes
not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners nor his airs,
nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be
by the holy harmony which his coming
makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes.
Amen.

Mark Sirett b. 1952

This carol is dedicated to "for the Gentlemen and Boy
Choristers of the Cathedral Church of St. George,
Kingston, Ontario, Canada."

The author of the text is unknown, but the poem was
included in Robert Louis Stevenson's collection entitled
"A Child's Garden of Verses", which first appeared in
1885 under the title "Penny Whistles".

Vesper Responsory

The Bishop Judah and Jerusalem fear not, neither be dismayed.
People **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.**

The Bishop Stand ye still and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
People **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.**

The Bishop Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
People **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.**

The Bishop We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.
People **In the midst of thy temple**

The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and 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 both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Blessing

Hymn

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;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Helmsley

Thomas Arne 1710-88

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:
Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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