



*Stratford Anglicans*  
*Advent Carol Service*

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November 30, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

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This service is based on the Advent Carol Service sung annually on Advent Sunday at King's College Chapel, Cambridge.

**Prelude:** The Service begins in silence.

**Choir:** Matin Responsory - G. Palestrina  
(Please remain seated)

**Processional Hymn:** Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth  
v.1 Choir Only

Please Stand and sing

- v. 2 Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,  
The promised fruit to us displayed.
- v. 3 The virgin womb that burden gained  
With virgin honour all unstained;  
The banners there of virgin glow;  
God in his temple dwells below.
- v. 4 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.
- v. 5 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.

v. 6 All laud, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

## The Bidding and Lord's Prayer

**Lesson I**                      Isaiah 40:1-8                      *Rick Falshaw*

Choir                      People Look East – Besancon Carol

**Lesson II**                      Jeremiah 23:5-6                      *Lori Colbeck*

Choir Adam Lay Ybounden – Peter Warlock

Lesson III                  Haggai 2:6-9                  Karen Haslam

**Hymn** O Come, O Come Emmanuel #89

**Lesson IV**                      Isaiah 35:1-6                      *Jane Foster*

**Hymn** On Jordan's Bank #103

**Lesson V**                      Luke 1:26-35, 38                      *Mark Allwood*

**Choir**                      Song of Mary - C.V. Stanford

**Lesson VI**                      Romans 8 :28-39                      *Pam Ayres*

Choir                      There is No Rose – J. Joubert

**Lesson VII**                      Mark 1:1-4, 7-15                      *Jack Nahrgang*

Choir                      Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light  
J.S. Bach

## Vesper Responsory:

*Priest:* Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

*People:* **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

*People:* **In the midst of thy temple.**

## Closing Collect and Blessing

**Recessional Hymn:** Lo, He Comes with Clouds #114

## Postlude

Toccata on 'Vom Himmel Hoch'  
Garth Edmundson

