

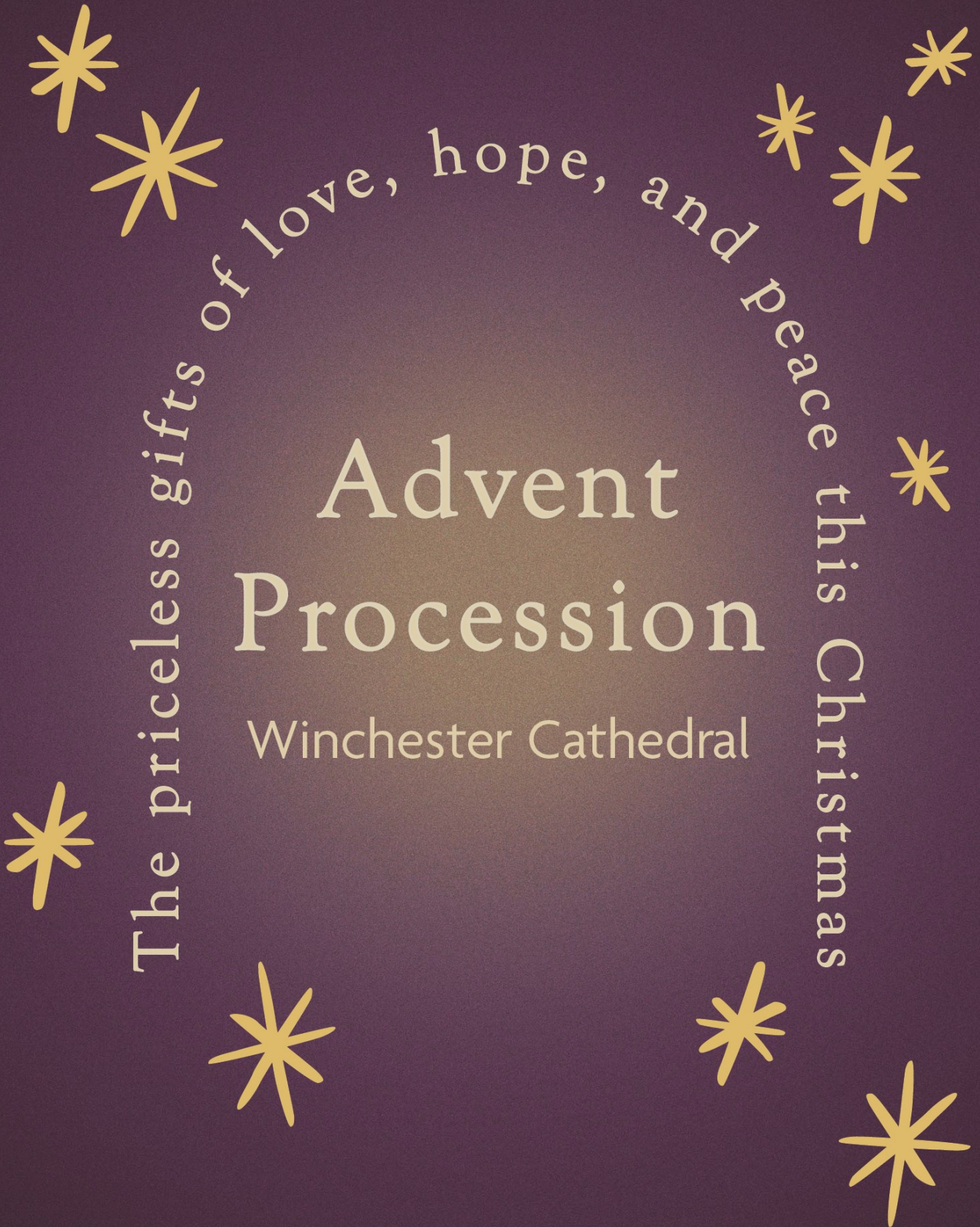


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The priceless gifts of love, hope, and peace this Christmas

Advent Procession

Winchester Cathedral



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Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation. This service begins this Cathedral's annual celebration of these great mysteries.

In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout. This service is a movement from darkness to light, mirroring the journey of the human race from the darkness of sorrow and death into the light of Christ's dawning Kingdom.

The service begins in darkness as the Choir sings the Advent Prose. As the great Advent Antiphons and words of scripture proclaim the coming of a new King of Love, that light spreads gradually eastward until the Cathedral is ablaze with the light and hope of Christ's promised dawn.

This central theme of the Advent service is reinforced by the words of the Advent Antiphons, each calling Christ to return by one of his prophetic titles 'O wisdom, O root of Jesse, O Key of David - come!'. The first letters of each antiphon's title for Christ in Latin, when reversed, form the Latin phrase: ERO CRAS, which stands as a reminder of the Christian hope. 'Tomorrow I will be there.'

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Even so, come Lord Jesus.

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

PLAYED BY JOSHUA STEPHENS AND OLIVER MORRELL,
SUB-ORGANISTS

Toccata on “Wachet Auf”
David Halls (b.1963)

Nun komm’ der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Prélude (Suite, Op. 5, i)
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Fantasy on ‘Veni Emmanuel’
Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BuxWV 211
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Chorale Fantasia ‘Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland’
Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–97)

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland op. 67, no. 29
Max Reger (1873–1916)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The robed candle-bearers light the candles of the people at the end of each row. **Please pass the light along the row, but not forwards.** To avoid spillage, it is simpler to keep the lit candle vertical, holding the unlit candle horizontally.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester, welcomes the congregation and says a prayer

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

THE ROYAL ACCLAMATION

All remain seated for the procession to the West End. The Choir sings

Christus vincit, Christus regnat,
Christus imperat. Exaudi, Christe.
Ecclesiae sanctae Dei.

Supra regnorum fines nectenti animas: salus perpetua!

Christ conquers, Christ is King,

Christ is the Lord. O Christ, hear us.

To the Holy Church of God,

uniting souls across the divisions of nations: perpetual peace!

Rex regum. Rex noster. Spes nostra,

Gloria nostra. Exaudi, Christe.

Cunctis gentium principibus

et omnibus sibi commissis:

honor illaesus, vita et Victoria. Exaudi, Christe.

O Rex gentium, et desideratus earum.

Lapisque angularis qui facit utraque unum.

King of kings. Our King. Our hope,

our glory. O Christ, hear us!

To the leaders of the nations,

and all those entrusted to their care:

honour unstained, life and victory. O Christ, hear us!

O King of the nations, and their desire,

the Corner-stone, who makest both one.

Auxilium nostrum. Fortitudo nostra,
Arma nostra invictissima.
Murus noster inexpugnabilis. Lux,
via, et vita nostra. Exaudi, Christe.
O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster,
expectatio gentium et Salvator earum.

*Our aid, our strength,
our invincible shield,
our impregnable wall. The light,
our way and our life. O Christ, hear us!
O Emmanuel, our King and Law-giver,
the goal of all nations and their Saviour.*

Ipsi soli imperium laus et jubilatio
per infinita saecula saeculorum. Amen.
Tempora bona habeant, redempti sanguine Christi! Feliciter!
Pax Christi veniat! Regnum Christi veniat!
Deo gratias. Amen.

*To him alone be sovereignty, praise and rejoicing,
through unending ages of ages. Amen.
May they have happiness who are redeemed
by the Blood of Christ! and joy!
May Christ's peace come! May Christ's kingdom come!
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*Stand. The Reverend Canon Tess Kuin Lawton, Canon Missioner,
reads from the Presbytery Steps*

Now is the time for us to wake out of sleep,
for deliverance is nearer to us now
than it was when first we believed.
It is far on in the night; day is near.
Let us therefore cast off the deeds of darkness
and put on our armour as soldiers of the light.

THE WELCOME AND BIDDING

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester, offers the welcome

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

My sisters and brothers,
we enter today the season of Advent,
a season full of hope and expectation.

In the days ahead, the Gospel calls us
to prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ;
a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem;
a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit,
in the bread of the Eucharist,
in the joy of human lives that are shared;
a coming we wait for when God gathers up
all things in Christ.

So in this holy season,
let us reflect on the coming of Christ
who brings light to the world.
Let us leave behind the darkness of sin,
walk in the light that shines on our path,
and renew within ourselves the hope of glory
to which he beckons us.

And as we turn towards the light,
let us have in our hearts all those who see no light,
for whom all is darkness and despair.
Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ
who is our light.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

O Sapientia

Remain standing

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.

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT

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 for ever.
Amen.

THE MATIN RESPONSORY

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?

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525—1594)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

O Adonai

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7.30-34, 37-38

God meets Moses at the burning bush

Sit. The Lesson is read by Canon Chris Roles

Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning bush. When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight; and as he approached to look, there came the voice of the Lord: "I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Moses began to tremble and did not dare to look. Then the Lord said to him, "Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. I have surely seen the mistreatment of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them. Come now, I will send you to Egypt."

This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, "God will raise up a prophet for you from your own people as he raised me up." He is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our ancestors; and he received living oracles to give to us.

This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

The Choir sings

O nata lux de lumine
Jesu Redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes precesque sumere.

*O Light born of light,
Jesus Redeemer of the world:
deign in mercy to hear the prayers and praises
of those who kneel before you.*

Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis,
nos membra confer effici
tui beati corporis.

*You who once deigned to take flesh
for the sake of those who were lost:
make us members
of your blessed body.*

10th century

Thomas Tallis (c.1505–85)

During an Organ interlude, the first section of candles is lit at the West End and the Procession moves to the middle of the Nave

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 599

J S Bach (1685-1750)

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O Radix Jesse

Stand

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 23.5-6

The Davidic Messiah is foretold

Sit. The lesson is read by Canon Sarah Peppiatt

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE CAROL

The Choir sings a carol, during which the second section of candles is lit

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness: let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.

Be not very angry, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *Drop down...*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Drop down...*

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...*

adapted from Revelation 22

Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

THE HYMN

Stand to sing the hymn, during which the Procession moves to the Crossing

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

Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run.

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.

St Ambrose (340-97)
tr. J. M. Neale and others

Puer nobis nascitur
adapted by Michael Praetorius

THE FOURTH ANTIPHON

O Clavis David

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.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9.2,6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold

Sit. The third lesson is read by Canon Alan Lovell

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

During the Organ interlude, candles are lit as far as the Crossing

Rorate caeli

Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

THE FIFTH ANTIPHON

O Oriens

Stand

O Day-spring, Brightness of Light Everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness: Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 7.10-15

The Virgin birth is foretold

Sit. The fourth lesson is read by The Reverend Canon Professor Liz Stuart

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 Emmanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

During the Anthem, the remaining candles in the Nave are lit

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.

A voice said: Cry; and I said: what shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. Yea, the people are as grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

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.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain: O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid. Say unto the cities of Judah: Behold your God.

Ecce Dominus Deus in fortitudine veniet, et bracchium eius dominabitur: ecce merces eius cum eo, et opus illius coram illo.

Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

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

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Words: Isaiah 40: 6–11

Music: E W Naylor (1867–1934)

THE HYMN

All stand to sing

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.

Charles Coffin (1676–1749)
tr. John Chandler (1808–76)

Winchester New 12 NEH
adapted from a chorale in the
Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1690

THE SIXTH ANTIPHON
O Rex Gentium

Remain standing

O King of the Nations, and their Desire; the Corner-stone,
who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou
formedst of clay.

THE FIFTH LESSON

St Luke 1.26-38

The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Gospel is read by The Right Reverend Rhiannon King, Bishop of Southampton

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And having come in, the angel said to her, 'Rejoice, favoured one, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women!'

But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. And he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Then Mary said to the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?'

And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will

overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now, indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age: and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.'

Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE ANTHEM

All sit. The Choir sings

How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee:
Blessed art thou among women.

Gospel according to St. Luke

Sir John Tavener (1944 - 2013)

During the Organ interlude, the candles on the Nave Altar and the West End of the Quire are lit

Ecce Dominus veniet op. 48, no. 1

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

THE SEVENTH ANTIPHON

O Emmanuel

Stand

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all the nations, and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

THE SIXTH LESSON

Romans 12.1-2; 13.11-14

Now is the moment to wake from sleep

Sit. The lesson is read by The Reverend Canon Julian Poppleton

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN

All stand to sing the hymn, during which the Procession moves to the High Altar and the remaining candles within the Cathedral are lit

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 Branch of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed with awe
Gavest thy folk the elder law.

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

18th century

15th-century French

Final refrain: Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE PRAYERS

Sit or kneel. The prayers are led by The Reverend Canon Roland Riem, Vice-Dean and Canon Chancellor

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come, O Christ, to your Church as Lord and Judge.
Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your Kingdom.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, O Christ, to your world as King of the nations.
Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, O Christ, to the suffering
as Saviour and Comforter.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, O Christ, to us as shepherd
and guardian of our souls.
Give us with all the faithful departed
a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, O Christ, from heaven,
with power and great glory.
Lift us up to meet you,
that we may live and reign with you
in your new creation.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray for the coming of the kingdom
in the words our Saviour 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,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CAROL

Remain seated as the Choir sings

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death. Isaiah had prophesied, the people who walked in
darkness have seen the great light upon those who dwelt in
the land of gloom a light has shone. Amen.

O Oriens

James Macmillan (b.1959)

Stand. The Dean says

He who receives our prayers says:
Surely I come quickly.
I am the root and offspring of David.
I am the bright and morning star.
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The congregation extinguish their candles

THE HYMN

*Remain standing to sing the hymn, during which a collection will
be taken for the Cathedral's ministry*

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.

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!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*Helmsley, 18th-century English
Descant: David Hill (b.1957)*

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and 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
this night and for evermore. **Amen.**

THE VESPER RESPONSORY

Remain standing as the Choir sings, and the Procession leaves

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not; nor be dismayed;
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Medieval Liturgical Text

Adapted from G. P. da Palestrina (c.1525-94)

All then depart



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WINCHESTER
CATHEDRAL



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday 24th December

8.00am - Stillness and Morning Prayer

8.30am - Eucharist

5.30pm - Carols with Blessing of the Crib
sung by the Choristers

11.00pm - Midnight Mass
sung by the Cathedral Choir and former Choristers

Christmas Day Services

Wednesday 25th December

8.00am - Holy Communion

9.45am - Festal Mattins
sung by the Cathedral Choir

11.15am - Festal Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Choir

3.30pm - Festal Evensong with Procession from the Tree
sung by the Cathedral Choir