

The Third Sunday of Advent Sunday 14 December 2025

The Cathedral Choir Choral Evensong

Setting – Stanford in G
Anthem – Guererro: Canite Tuba in Sion

Responses – Burk Psalm 12

The order of service is on the cream sheet

Office Hymn

MERTON 5



Hark! a herald voice is calling: 'Christ is nigh' it seems to say; 'cast away the dreams of darkness O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

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.

So when next he comes with glory, wrapping all the earth in fear, may he then as our defender on the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit to the Father and the Son, with the co-eternal Spirit, while unending ages run.

E Caswall (1814-78)

The Word of God

Psalmody Psalm 12
First reading Isaiah 5.8-end
Second reading Acts 13.13-41

Anthem

Canite tuba in Sion, qui a prope est dies Domini. Ecce venit ad salvandum nos. Erunt prava in directa et aspera in vias planas: Veni Domine et noli tardare.

Alleluia F. Guererro, 1528-1599 Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near.
See, he is coming to save us.
Winding paths will be made straight and rough places smooth.
Come, O Lord, and do not delay.
Alleluia.

Final Hymn
BRISTOL A&M 36



Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long: let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, thy welcome shall proclaim; and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

Philip Doddridge (1702-51)

The Organ Voluntary

Postlude in D minor

C. V. Stanford (1852 – 1924)



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