

# Advent Carol Service

## The King and his Kingdom

*Advent Sunday  
28 November 2021  
4.00pm*

The carols are sung by the  
**Cathedral Choir**

Directed by  
**John Robinson**  
*Organist and Director of Music*

Organist  
**Samantha Poh**  
*Organ Scholar*

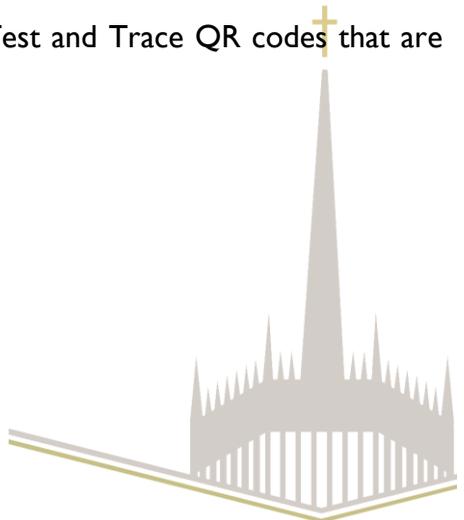
# Welcome to this afternoon's service

The service is led by  
**The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones**  
*The Dean*

We are still taking every care to follow appropriate social distancing good practice in this act of worship. Our current practice remains in principle the same – keep socially distanced and keep safe. Our advice below is now *recommended*, not compulsory.

- Please wear a mask as you enter and leave the cathedral.
- Please do not sit next to another person unless you have their express permission to do so.
- Once you sit down you may choose to keep wearing your mask or remove it.
- You may join in the hymns if you wish.
- There is a retiring collection for you to please give as you leave.

You have the option to use the NHS Test and Trace QR codes that are available in the building.



*Please remain seated for the introit.*

## **Introit**

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?

*Text: Joel 2.1 and Isaiah 40.4*

*Music by Giovanni Perluigi Palestrina (1525- 94)*

*Please stand as the choir and minsters enter*

## **Prelude**

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme  
(Awake, the voice is calling us) BWV 645

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

# Welcome and Bidding Prayer

*The Dean, the Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones.*

It is 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 grace and peace of God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

My brothers and sisters, we enter today the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us 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. Let us in this holy season 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 on 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 whole congregation prays silently.*

*As we pray the choir sings*

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

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

*O light born of light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*You who once did deign  
to be clothed in flesh for those who are lost,  
grant us to be members  
of your blessed body.*

*From Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)*

*The Dean draws all of our prayers together in the Collect for Advent Sunday*

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 to sing*

## Carol

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR 19 ii



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 promised fruit to us displayed.

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.

O Jesu, Virgin-born to thee  
 eternal praise and glory be,  
 whom with the Father we adore  
 and Holy Spirit, evermore.



*St Ambrose (340-97) Tr. J.N. Neale (1818-66) and others*

*Please sit down*

## First Reading (Zechariah 9.9-10)

Rejoice greatly, your king comes to you

Read by Canon Gary O'Neill,

Interim Precentor.

*There is a short silence for reflection on the reading.*

*The choir sings*

## Laetentur coeli

Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra. *Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.*  
Jubilare montes laudem, *Let the mountains be joyful with praise,*  
quia Dominus noster veniet, *because our Lord will come,*  
et pauperum suorum miserebitur. *and will show mercy to his poor.*

*Isaiah 49.13*

*Music by William Byrd (1542-1623)*

*Please stand to sing*

## Carol

HELMSLEY 9



Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
Christ the Lamb for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
alleluia!

Christ appears on earth to reign.

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:  
Alleluia!  
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788), John Cennick (1718-1755)*

*Please sit down*

## **Second Reading**

*(Jeremiah 23.5-6)*

I will raise up for David a righteous branch

*Read by Camilla Seale,*

*a member of the Cathedral Choir.*

*There is a short silence for reflection on the reading.*

*The choir sings*

## **A tender shoot**

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race;  
it blooms without a blight, 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, our God of endless might  
gave her this child to save us,  
thus turning darkness into light.

*William Bartholomew (1793-1867) after Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)*

## **Third Reading**

*(Psalm 118.19-29)*

Open to me the gates of righteousness

*Read by Canon Michael Wedgeworth,*

*Assistant Priest.*

*There is a short silence for reflection on the reading.*

*Please stand to sing*

## Carol

LITTLE CORNARD 7



Hills of the North rejoice,  
river and mountain spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland sing.  
Christ comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
in Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
your seers have longed to know their Lord;  
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the universe be blest.

*Editors of English Praise (1975)  
based on Charles E Oakley (1832-1865)*

*© Oxford University Press.*

*Please sit down*

## Fourth Reading

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light (Isaiah 9.2,6-7)

*Read by Christine O'Neill,*

*Licensed Lay Minister.*

*There is a short silence for reflection on the reading.*

*Please stand to sing*

## Carol

DUNDEE 57



The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the light has shined on them who long  
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
the gathering nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

For unto us a Child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.

His righteous government and power  
shall over all extend;  
on judgement and on justice based,  
his reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit One.

*John Morison (1750-1798) Scottish Paraphrases (1781)*

*Please sit down*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son

*Read by Bishop Philip North,*

*Episcopal Canon.*

*There is a short silence for reflection on the reading.*

*The choir sings*

## **Fifth Reading**

*(Isaiah 7.10-15)*

Softly a light is stealing,  
sweetly a maiden sings.  
Ever wakeful, ever wistful  
Watching faithfully, thankfully,  
tenderly her King of Kings.

## **Mary's Magnificat**

My soul doth magnify, the Lord:  
and my spirit rejoiced In God my Saviour.

Mary her song to Jesus,  
softly, serenely sings:  
'I will love you, I will serve you,  
may my lullaby glorify,  
magnify my King of Kings.'

Lullaby, lullaby.

*Words and music by Andrew Carter (b. 1939)*

## **Sixth Reading**

Salvation is nearer now than when we first believed (*Romans 12.2;13.11-14*)

*Read by Canon Rowena Pailing,*

*Vice Dean and Canon Missioner.*

*There is a short silence for reflection on the reading.*

*The choir sings*

## **E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come**

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
who loved us all, and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord the Lord almighty God,  
who was and is, and is to come; sing holy, holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming!

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
they need no light, no lamp, nor sun for Christ will be their All!

*Revelation 22 adapted by Ruth Manz. Music Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

## **Seventh Reading**

Keep awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour (*Matthew 25.1-13*)

*Read by the Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones,*

*Dean.*

*There is a short silence for reflection on the reading.*

*The choir sings*

## **Wachet auf!**

Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme  
der wächter sehr hoch auf der zinne,  
wach auf, du stadt Jerusalem!  
Mitternacht heißt diese stunde,  
sie rufen uns mit hellem munde:  
wo seid ihr klugen jungfrauen?  
Wohlauf, der Bräut'gam kömmt,  
steht auf, die lampen nehmt.  
Halleluja!  
Macht euch bereit zu der hochzeit,  
ihr müßet ihm entgegengehn.

*Sleepers, wake! the watch-cry pealeth,  
while slumber deep each eyelid sealeth:  
awake, Jerusalem, awake!  
Midnight's solemn hour is tolling,  
and seraph-notes are onward rolling;  
they call on us our part to take.  
Come forth, ye virgins wise:  
the Bridegroom comes, arise.  
Alleluia!  
Each lamp be bright with ready light  
to grace the marriage feast to-night.*

*Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) translated Frances E. Cox (1812-1897).*

*Music by J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)*

*Please stand*

## **Conclusion**

*The Dean says*

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.  
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light.

Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.  
**Even so, Lord, come.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, come  
**at evening time, with light,**  
and in the morning, with your glory,  
**to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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.**

# Carol

VENI EMMANUEL II



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.*

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

*Latin 13th century translated by John M Neale (1818-1866)*

# Blessing

*The Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Revd Julian Henderson*

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**

## The Organ Voluntary

*Le monde dans l'attente du Sauveur*

(The world awaiting the Saviour) from *Symphonie Passion*

*Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

*Please do stay for refreshments provided by the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral.*

*The clergy and ministers will leave in procession to the West end of the Cathedral.*

*Please wear a mask as you leave the building.*

*Please keep conversation socially distanced both inside and outside of the Cathedral.*



*Please stay behind  
for a glass of wine  
or fruit juice*

*Friends of Blackburn Cathedral*



## Christmas Services

### **Thursday 23 December**

7.30pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

### **Friday 24 Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Carols around the Crib

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

### **Saturday 25 Christmas Day**

9.00am Parish Eucharist

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist

## Cathedral Christmas Concerts

### **Saturday 4 December**

7.30pm Handel's Messiah – Blackburn Chamber Choir

### **Saturday 11 December**

7.30pm Christmas Spectacular

### **Friday 17 December**

7.00pm Cathedral Choir Choristers Concert

### **Saturday 18 December**

6.00pm Cathedral Youth Choir