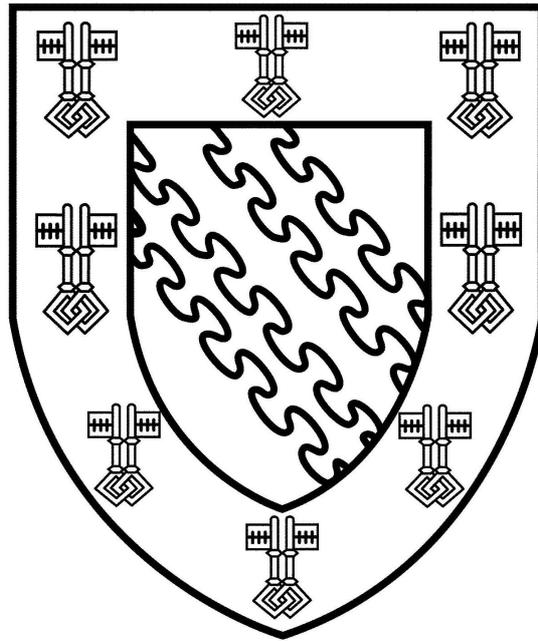


EXETER COLLEGE CHAPEL



ADVENT SUNDAY

2021

WELCOME TO EXETER COLLEGE CHAPEL

Please use tonight's service as a time of reflection, of calm, and, hopefully of sustenance before the busyness of the end of term and Christmas starts.

After the organ preludes have been played, the lights in the Chapel will be extinguished. Handheld candles will then be lit, symbolising the coming of Christ, the Light of the World, and the role we all play in carrying his light.

As the Chapel will be very full, please take care with naked flames.

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*The Choir is conducted by the Parry Wood Organ Scholar, Christopher Holman
The Organ is played by the Junior Organ Scholar, Miles Swinden
The Service is led by the Chaplain, the Rev'd Andrew Allen,
assisted by the Catechist, the Rev'd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp*

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ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 *J.S. Bach*
Herr Gott, der einige Gottes Sohn, BWV 601 *J.S. Bach*
Als een Hardt ghajaeght *Speuy*
Finale, Organ Sonata 6 *Mendelssohn*
Andante religioso, Organ Sonata 4 *Mendelssohn*
Adagio, Organ Sonata 1 *Mendelssohn*

¶ *The Choir sings THE INTROIT in procession from the Quadrangle.
As they sing, candles are lit in the Chapel.*

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.

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

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.

And at this season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear,
He here did live, and here did preach;
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

*Words: English Folk Carols, collected C. Sharpe
Music: arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams*

¶ *All stand and sing:*

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.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and piece the shadows of the tomb.

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.

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who, in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

*Words: C18th Latin, trans. T. A Lacey
Music: C15th French, arr. David Willcocks*

¶ *Remain standing for:*

THE BIDDING PRAYER

As we enter into this solemn season of Advent, we cannot fail to be aware of the lamentations of our world: of extremism, displacement, fear, ecological disaster, poverty, and uncertainty. Through our readings, music, and silence we are reminded of God's loving purposes towards the world. We recall the desolation humanity has endured, and we pray that we may respond to the promise of God's kingdom, its works of justice, and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

This Advent let us recall anew the transformative hope that comes from God's love. Let us cry out to God to deliver and help us, to comfort and console us, and to give us hope, and to show us love.

May we not only see God's transformative power, but be channels of transformation in our friendships, communities, and world. May we share in the great mystery of God-made-flesh. And may God grant this to us, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise, world without end. **Amen.**

Conditor alme siderum,
aeterna lux credentium,
Christe, redemptor omnium,
exaudi preces supplicum.

*Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
and hear thy servants when they call.*

Qui condolens interitu
mortis perire saeculum,
salvastis mundum languidum,
donans reis remedium,

*Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
should doom to death a universe,
hast found the medicine, full of grace,
to save and heal a ruined race.*

Te deprecamur agie,
venture iudex saeculi,
conserva nos in tempore
hostis a telo perfidi.

*To thee, O holy One, we pray,
our judge in that tremendous day,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every onslaught of the foe.*

*Words: Latin, trans. John Neal
Music: plainsong, arr. Guillaume DuFay*

THE FUTILITY OF HUMAN VANITY IS EXPOSED

Why do the nations so furiously rage together, and why do the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against his Anointed. Let us break their bonds asunder and cast away their cords from us. He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Sion. I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron, and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings. Be learned, ye that are judges of the earth. Serve the Lord in fear, and rejoyce unto him with reverence. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way if his wrath be kindled, (yea, but a little,) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Psalm 2

¶ *The Choir sings:
A Hymne to Christ*

In what torne ship soever I embarke,
That ship shall be my embleme of Thy Arke;
What sea soever swallow mee, that flood
Shall be to mee an embleme of Thy blood;
Though thou with clouds of anger do disguise
Thy face; yet through that maske I know those eyes,
Which, though they turne away sometimes,
They never will despise.

I sacrifice this Iland unto thee,
And all whom I love'd there, and who lov'd mee;
When I have put our seas twixt them and mee,
Put thou thy sea betwixt my sinnes and thee.
As the trees sap doth seeke the root below

In winter, in my winter now I goe,
Where none but thee, th'Eternall root
Of true Love, I may know.

*Words: John Donne
Music: Imogen Holst*

¶ *Remain seated as the first of the Great Advent Antiphons is read:*

O Wisdom, Breath of the Most High,
Love pervading and permeating all creation;
Come and make us friends of God.

In our watching and our waiting:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our hearts and in our homes:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our life and in our world:

Come, Lord Jesus.

THE NEED FOR HUMANITY TO BE REFINED

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3, read in German

¶ *The Choir sings:*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of kings and Lord of lords,
Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for food to the faithful.

Before him come the choirs of angels,
with every principality and power;
the Cherubim with many eyes,
and winged Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout
exultingly the hymn, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Words: from the Divine Liturgy of St James

Music: Edward Bairstow

¶ *All stand and sing:*

**Of the Father's heart begotten
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain,
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.**

**This is he, whom seer and sybil
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.**

Let the storm and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr.
Day and night their Lord adore:
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering:
Evermore and evermore.

Words: Prudentius, trans. R. Davis

*Music: from Piae Contiones,
arr. D. Willcocks*

¶ *All sit as the next antiphon is read:*

O Adonai and leader of the House of Israel,
Who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
And gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched hand.

In our watching and our waiting:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our hearts and in our homes:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our life and in our world:

Come, Lord Jesus.

REFINED, THE POSITIVITY OF LIFE IS REVEALED TO HUMANITY

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11

¶ *The Choir sings:*

I
Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
aus einer Wurzel zart,
als uns die Alten sungen,
von Jesse kam die Art
und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

II
Das Röslein, das ich meine,
davon Jesaias sagt,
ist Maria, die reine,
die uns das Blümlein bracht.
Aus Gottes ew'gem Rat
hat sie ein Kind geboren
und blieb ein' reine Magd.

I
*A rose has sprung
from a tender root,
as the old ones sang to us,
from Jesse came the shoot
and has brought forth a blossom
in the middle of the cold winter,
surely in the middle of the night.*

II
*The little rose of which I speak,
which Isaiah foretold,
is Mary, the pure,
who brought the blossom to us.
From God's eternal counsel
she has borne a child
and remained a pure maiden.*

III

Meine Seele erhebt Gott, den Herren
und mein Geist freut sich Gottes,
meines Heilandes, denn er hat
die Niedrigkeit seiner Magd
angesehen. Siehe, von nun an
werden mich preisen alle Kindeskind,
denn er hat große Dinge ab nun
getan, der da mächtig ist und des
Name heilig ist. Seine Barmherzigkeit
währet immer für und für,
bei denen, die ihn fürchten.

Wir bitten dich von Herzen,
du edle Königin,
durch deines Sohnes Schmerzen,
wann wir fahren dahin
aus diesem Jammertal,
du wollest uns geleiten
bis in der Engel Saal.

IV

Das Blümelein so kleine,
das duftet uns so süß;
mit seinem hellen Scheine
vertreibt's die Finsternis.
Wahr Mensch und wahrer Gott,
hilft uns aus allem Leide,
rettet von Sünd und Tod.

V

Die Hirten zu der Stunden
machten sich auf die Fahrt;
das Kindlein bald sie funden
mit seiner Mutter zart.
Die Engel sangen schon,
sie lobten Gott, den Herren
in seinem höchsten Thron.

VI

Lob, Ehr' sei Gott, dem Vater,
dem Sohn und Heil'gen Geist.
Maria, Gottes Mutter,

III

*My soul magnifies God, the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has seen the lowliness
of his handmaiden.
See, from now on all generations
shall praise me, for he that is mighty has
done great things,
and holy is his name.
His mercy will last
for ever and ever
for those who fear him.*

*We entreat you from our hearts,
O noble Queen,
through your Son's sufferings,
as we move along
out of this vale of tears.
May you accompany us
all the way to the Angel's realm.*

IV

*The blossom so small,
that to us smells so sweet;
with its bright light
banishes the darkness.
True man and truer God,
helps us out of all sorrows,
rescues us from sin and death.*

V

*The shepherds, at that hour,
started out on their journey;
they soon found the little child
with his tender young Mother.
The angels sang already,
they praised God, the Lord,
on his highest throne.*

VI

*Praise, honour be to God, the Father,
to the Son and the Holy Ghost.
Mary, God's Mother,*

dein Hilf an uns beweis
verzeihen unser Sünd.
und bitt' dein liebes Kind,
daß es uns woll behüten,
VII

So singen wir all Amen,
das heißt: nun wird es wahr,
was wir begeh'r'n allsammen.
O Jesu, hilf uns dar
in deines Vaters Reich,
drin wollen wir dich loben.
O Gott, uns das verleih!

*show your help for us,
and entreat your beloved child
that He watch over us,
and forgive us our sins.*

*VII
So sing we all Amen,
that is, now may it come to pass
which we all desire.
O Jesus, help us enter into
Your Father's Kingdom,
Wherein we will praise you;
O God, grant us our desire!*

*Words: unknown, C16
Music: Hugo Distler*

O Root of Jesse, standing as a signal to the nations,
Before you all kings are silent,
To you all nations will do homage;
Come and save us, delay no longer.

In our watching and our waiting:
Come, Lord Jesus.
In our hearts and in our homes:
Come, Lord Jesus.
In our life and in our world:
Come, Lord Jesus.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF HOPE IN CREATION

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 goodness 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. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! 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. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40

¶ *All stand and sing:*

**Hills of the North, rejoice;
River and mountain spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and lowland, sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgment brings and victory.**

**Isles of the southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes his great highway.**

**Lands of the East, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
Has dawned the everlasting day.**

Shores of the utmost West,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

Words: C. Oakley

Music: M. Shaw

¶ *Remain seated as the next antiphon is read:*

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and no one can shut;
you shut and no one can open:
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

In our watching and our waiting:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our hearts and in our homes:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our life and in our world:

Come, Lord Jesus.

THE NEED FOR TRANSFORMATION IS PROCLAIMED

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 Judaea, 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.

Mark 1, read in Mandarin

¶ *All stand and sing:*

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and harken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry human 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 Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.**

Words: C. Coffin

Music: adapted from a German melody

¶ *All sit as the next antiphon is read:*

O Morning Star,
Splendour of eternal light and bright sun of justice;
Come and give light to those who live in darkness
And the shadow of death.

In our watching and our waiting:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our hearts and in our homes:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our life and in our world:

Come, Lord Jesus.

WE RECEIVE GOD

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. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with

God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1

¶*The Choir sings:*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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 scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.
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 remembering 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.

Words: Luke 1

Music: José Maurício Nunes Garcia

¶ *The next antiphon is read:*

O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be?
For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after.
Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me?
The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

In our watching and our waiting:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our hearts and in our homes:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our life and in our world:

Come, Lord Jesus.

RECONCILED, THE WHOLE CREATION IS DRAWN INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

And the angel shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said unto me, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22

¶ *All stand to sing:*

Wake, o wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
"The hour has come!" we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluia! The wedding song
Swells long and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.

Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
Hosanna! Let us prepare
To follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
From earth and from angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluya! Grant us to raise
To length of days
The triumph chorus of thy praise.

Words: P. Nicolai; trans. F. Burkitt

Music: P. Nicolai, arr. J.S. Bach

¶ *All sit as the next antiphon is read:*

O king of the nations, and their Desire;
The Cornerstone, who makest both one.
Come and save us, whom thou formedst of dust.

In our watching and our waiting:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our hearts and in our homes:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our life and in our world:

Come, Lord Jesus.

THE PRAYERS

¶ *All kneel or sit*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

We wait for thy loving kindness O Lord:

In the midst of thy temple.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:

And all flesh shall see it together.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:

And grant us thy salvation.

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 dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

¶ *All stand to sing:*

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
We who set at naught 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!**

Words: C. Wesley

Music: T. Olivers, arr. Christopher Holman

THE BLESSING

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace. Send forth thy Spirit from on high that our hearts may be uplifted unto thee. O Lord, who for us wast of a Virgin born, make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage. And the blessing of the God of Love: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be with you now and always. **Amen.**

¶ *All remain standing as the Choir sings:*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: trad.

Music: Edward Elgar

¶ *A moment of silent reflection and prayer is kept.*

O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver
The hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Come, and save us, O Lord our God.

In our watching and our waiting:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our hearts and in our homes:

Come, Lord Jesus.

In our life and in our world:

Come, Lord Jesus.

¶ *Please remain standing until the Choir and Clergy leave the Chapel.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro moderato, Sonata 1 Mendelssohn

There will be a retiring collection to support the work and ministry of the Choir. Everyone is invited to a reception in the Marquee following the service. The Choir's latest CD, *Masters in this Hall*, is available for purchase at the drinks reception.

Further Advent and Christmas Services

Tuesday 30 November 1.10pm	Organ Recital: Vierne <i>Symphony 2</i> by George de Voil (<i>Wellington College</i>)
Tuesday 30 November 6.15pm	Choral Compline by Candlelight
Wednesday 1 December 12noon	Christmas Carols on the Quad
Thursday 2 December 9.00pm	Choral Compline by Candlelight
Friday 3 December 5.30pm (<i>doors open at 5pm</i>)	Christmas Carol Service

Choral Services in Hilary Term resume
on Sunday, 16 January, 2022 at 6pm.