



## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

### **The Advent Carol Service 2020**

Welcome to our Advent Carol Service from University College, Oxford.

*Today we look forward both to our celebration  
of Christ's coming as a child at Christmas,  
and to his return in glory as Judge and King.*

*We rejoice in what God has done in the past,  
and from this we take hope for the future.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### *The opening prayer ends:*

...the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his kingdom, in the words he himself has  
taught us, saying:

**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.**

### **Introit: 'O nata lux de lumine'**

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 kindness deign to receive  
the praise and prayer of suppliants.  
You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be made members  
of your blessed body.

Words: Office hymn at Lauds at the Feast of the Transfiguration (and the last Sunday before Lent)  
Music: Kerry Andrew (b.1978)

## The Advent Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and 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;  
so that, at 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 and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## Carol: 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'

O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
that into exile drear is gone  
far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
creating man from dust and clay:  
to us reveal salvation's way. *Refrain*

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

*Men's voices:*  
O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw  
the quarry from the lion's claw;  
from those dread caverns of the grave,  
from nether hell, thy people save. *Refrain.*

*Women's voices:*  
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. *Refrain.*

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. *Refrain.*

O come, Desire of nations! show  
thy kingly reign on earth below;  
thou corner-stone, uniting all,  
restore the ruin of our fall. *Refrain.*

Text: based on the ancient Advent Antiphons

Music: Melody 'adapted from a French Missal' by T. Helmore (1811-90)

### **First Lesson: Genesis 3.1-19**

'The nature of our human condition'

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Carol: 'Adam lay ybounden'**

Adam lay ybounden,  
bounden in a bond;  
four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple,  
an apple that he took,  
as clerkës finden written  
In their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been,  
the apple taken been,  
ne had never Our Lady  
a-been heavené queen.  
Blessed be the time  
that apple taken was.  
Therefore we moun singen  
Deo gratias

Text: Anon, 15th century

Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

### **Second Lesson: Isaiah 64.1-9**

'The judgment and mercy of God'

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

**Carol: 'This is the truth sent from above'**

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.

Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice  
to place them both in Paradise,  
there to remain, from evil free,  
except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin,  
and thus their ruin did begin.  
Ruined themselves, both you and me,  
and all of their posterity.

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.

Words: Traditional English

Music: Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**Third Lesson: 40.1-8**

'The glory of the Lord shall be revealed'

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

**Carol: 'How lovely are the messengers'**

How lovely are the messengers  
that preach us the gospel of peace.  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Words: Romans 10:15, 18

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47), from *St Paul*

## **Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11.1-9**

'A righteous branch from the root of Jesse'

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Carol: 'Hills of the North rejoice'**

Hills of the North, rejoice,  
echoing songs arise,  
hail with united voice  
him who made earth and skies:  
he comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.

*Women's voices:*

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:  
the God whom you have longed to know  
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

*Men's voices:*

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 on,  
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 sons of earth be blest.

Text: Charles E. Oakley (1832-65)

Music: Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

**Fifth lesson: Isaiah 9.1-7**

'Light in the darkness'

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

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.

By his Word was all created  
he commanded and 'twas done;  
earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
universe of three in one,  
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
all that breathes beneath the sun,  
evermore and evermore.

He assumed this mortal body,  
frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
that the race from dust created,  
doomed by sin to endless woe,  
may not henceforth die and perish,  
in the dreadful gulf below,  
evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
when the maid the curse retrieved,  
brought to birth mankind's salvation  
by the Holy Ghost conceived,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer  
in her loving arms received,  
evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
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.

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.

Text: Prudentius, trans. R. F. Davis (1866-1937), adapted  
Music: 'Divinum Mysterium', from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

### **Sixth lesson: Isaiah 7.1-14**

'A young woman shall bear a child'

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Carol: 'I sing of a maiden'**

I sing of a maiden that is make-less;  
king of all kings  
to her son she ches.  
He came all so still  
where his mother was,  
as dew in April  
that falleth on the grass.  
He came all so still  
to his mother's bower,  
as dew in April  
that falleth on the flower.  
He came came all so still  
where his mother lay,  
as dew in April  
that falleth on the spray.  
Mother and maiden  
was never none but she:  
well may such a lady  
God's mother be.

Text: Traditional  
Music: Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

### **Seventh lesson: Matthew 1.18b-24**

'Emmanuel: God with us'

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Carol: 'There is no rose'**

There is no rose of such virtue  
as is the rose that bare Jesu;  
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was  
heaven and earth in little space;  
Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see  
that he is God in persons three,  
Pari forma.

Now leave we all this worldly mirth  
And follow we this joyful birth;  
Transeamus.

Text: English traditional  
Music: John Joubert (b.1927)

### **Sermon**

#### **Carol: 'Lo, he comes'**

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya!  
God 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 the glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)  
Music: Charles Wesley, based on a melody by T Olivers (1725-99)

## **Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
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 always.  
**Amen.**

## **Voluntary**

Moderato, from Symphony Gothique, Opus 70  
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

## **Services next term**

Thank you for joining us for the Advent Carol service this year. We are sorry that we could not welcome you to Chapel in person, and hope to do so next year.

Our Christmas Carol Service will be posted on Friday 4 December, 5.45pm.

We expect that our first service next term will be an Epiphany Carol Service on Sunday 17 January 2021, and that Choral Evensong will resume from Sunday 24 January onwards.