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# Advent Procession

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## **Music before the service**

### **Chorale Preludes on Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWVs 659-661 by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

*Please remain seated as the Choir sings the Introit for Advent Sunday from the Retrochoir.*

#### **Introit • Ad te levavi animam meam**

**Tune:** Plainchant mode viii

**Text:** Psalm 25.1-3

Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul:  
O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded; neither  
let mine enemies triumph over me;  
for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

*Please remain seated as the Choir alone sing the hymn. During the hymn, the procession proceeds to the Transepts and the candles held by the congregation are lit.*

#### **Office Hymn • Conditor alme siderum**

**Music:** Plainchant mode iv

**Text:** Latin, trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Creator of the stars of night,  
Thy people's everlasting light;  
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,  
Regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry  
Of all creation doomed to die,  
Did'st come to save a ruined race  
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,  
As drew the world to evening-tide;  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,  
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

At thy great name, exalted now,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow  
And things in heaven and earth shall own  
That thou art Lord and King alone.

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.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

## **The Gathering, The Bidding Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor**

In the name of God we welcome you; grace mercy and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are gathered together to prepare ourselves for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ and of his kingdom. He will come in wisdom, as deliverer and king; as Root of Jesse and Key of David; as day-spring to banish the darkness from before us. He will come as Emmanuel, God-with-us, as the fulfilment of our desire and the hope of our salvation. With the whole church we cry, 'O come, Lord Jesus' and with eager expectation we look to him for our deliverance.

Therefore, as we look to him who will come, we pray for those who wait with us in expectation, the poor and the marginalised, the weary and the afraid, the sick and the dying.

We pray for those who seek to build the kingdom today, for all who have positions of leadership in our society and all who are an influence for good amongst whom they live. We pray also for the church that we may be faithful in these days of preparation, that Christians everywhere may look with eager longing for the God who comes and in heart and soul prepare a place and welcome for the one who dwells with us.

With Advent hope and joy we bring our prayers to the Lord and pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us:

**All      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.**

*Please stand for the hymn, during which the procession proceeds to the West Crossing.*

## **Hymn**

### **NEH 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 in glory,  
And earth's final hour draws near,  
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. Amen.

**Tune: Merton**

W. H. Monk  
(1823-1889)

**Text:**

Latin (*Vox clara ecce intonat*)  
trans. E. Caswall (1814-1878)

*Please sit as the Choir sing:*

## **The Vesper Responsory**

**Music:** Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)  
*adapted by Philip Ledger (1937-2012)*

**Text:** *after* 2 Chronicles 20

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!

*Please stand.*

*During the hymn, the procession proceeds to the Tower.*

## **Hymn**

### **NEH 16**

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!  
            Alleluya!  
        The wedding song  
        Swells loud and strong:  
    Go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion 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 Jesu, God's own Son!  
            Hosanna!  
        Let us prepare  
        To follow there,  
    Where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;  
From men 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.

**Tune: Wachet Auf**

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Text:**

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
trans. F. C. Burkitt (1865-1935)

*Please sit. The congregation extinguishes their candles.*

## **O Sapientia**

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 First Reading**

### **Ecclesiasticus 24.1-9**

*Read by Sr Joyce, Community of Saint Francis*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

Wisdom praises herself,  
    and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.  
In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,  
    and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:  
'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
    and covered the earth like a mist.  
I dwelt in the highest heavens,  
    and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.  
Alone I compassed the vault of heaven  
    and traversed the depths of the abyss.



Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,  
and over every people and nation I have held sway.  
Among all these I sought a resting-place;  
in whose territory should I abide?  
'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,  
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.  
He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob,  
and in Israel receive your inheritance."  
Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem • All wisdom cometh from the Lord**

**Music:** Philip Moore (b. 1943)

**Text:** Ecclesiasticus 1.1-12 and Psalm 119.33-40

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with Him forever. Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heav'n, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom. Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.

The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? Or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and number'd her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Behold my delight is in they commandments. O quicken me in thy righteousness.

## O Adonai

O Adonai and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared'st 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 Second Reading

### Exodus 3.1-9

Read by **Neil Worsley, Lay Clerk**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*During the hymn, the procession proceeds to the Quire.*

## Hymn

### NEH 7

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.

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.

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.

**Tune: Little Cornard**

Martin Shaw  
(1875-1958)

**Text:**

C. E. Oakley  
(1832-1865)

*Please sit.*

## **O Radix Jesse**

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 Third Reading

### Isaiah 11.1-4a

Read by **Iris K Mqotsi**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem • A Tender Shoot**

**Music:** Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

**Text:** Otto Goldschmidt, trans. William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

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, 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 gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

*Please stand.*

## Hymn

### NEH 3

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

#### **Tune: Cross of Jesus**

John Stainer  
(1840-1901)

#### **Text:**

Charles Wesley  
(1707-1788)

*Please sit.*

## O Oriens

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 Reading

**Luke 1.76-79**

*Read by* **Malcolm Baines**

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke.

Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to his son, John,

'You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people

by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem • People look East**

**Music:** trad. Besançon carol, arr. Harry Brama (b. 1936)

**Text:** Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

People, look east. The time is near

Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,

Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth be bare,

One more seed is planted there:

Give up your strength the seed to nourish,

That in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the rose, is on the way.

Angels, announce on this great feast  
Him Who cometh from the East.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word: "The Lord is coming!"  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

People, look east: The time is near.

## **O Rex Gentium**

O King of the Nations, and their desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formed'st of clay.

## **The Fifth Reading**

### **1 Peter 2.4-7**

Read by **Linda Ridgers-Waite**

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

    a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

    has become the very head of the corner',

This is the word of the Lord.

**All      Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem • Surely thou hast tasted**

**Music:** Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

**Text:** 1 Peter 2.3-5

Surely, thou hast tasted that the Lord is good.  
So come to him, our living stone,  
the stone rejected by Men,  
but choice and precious in the presence of God.  
Come, and let yourselves be built,  
as living stones, into a spiritual temple;  
become a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,  
through Jesus Christ.

## **O Emmanuel**

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

## **The Sixth Reading**

**Matthew 1.18-23**

*Read by* **The Dean of Southwark**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',  
which means, 'God is with us.'



This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand. During the hymn, a collection will be taken.*

## Hymn

### NEH 11

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.

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

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.

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, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O Come, Desire of Nations! show  
Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.

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

**Tune: Veni Emmanuel**

adapted from a French Missal  
by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

**Text:**

Cologne 1710, based on the  
ancient Advent Antiphons  
trans. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) et al.

*Please sit.*

**Anthem • Hail gladdening light**

**Music:** Charles Wood (1866-1926)

**Text:** *Phós Hilarón*, trans. John Keble (1792-1866)

Hail! gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured  
Who is th'immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
Holiest of Holies—Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest;  
The lights of evening round us shine;  
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
With undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen.

*Please stand.*

## Final Prayer and Blessing

### The Bishop of Southwark

Let us pray.

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.

**All Amen.**

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.

**All Amen.**

*Remain standing.*

## Recessional Hymn

### NEH 9

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.

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!  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

**Tune: Helmsley**

Thomas Olivers  
(1725-1799)

**Text:**

Charles Wesley  
(1707-1788)

## **Voluntary**

### **Toccata-Prelude on Wacht Auf by Francis Jackson (1917-2022)**

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Welcome to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

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