

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday 28 November 2024, 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 1 December 2024, 6.00 p.m.

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE

Since early times it has been the Church's custom to prepare for the great festival of Christmas with a period of reflection upon the meaning of Christ's coming. This season is called Advent – literally 'the coming' – and tonight's service marks its beginning. During Advent, we unite two kinds of hope: past hope fulfilled, through the first coming of Christ, in humility, in the manger of Bethlehem; and future hope awaited, as we look to the second coming of Christ, in glory, as the Lord of all creation.

Advent is a season rich in symbolism. This evening our reflections are based on the theme of Christ's coming Kingdom. In the Gospels, Jesus compares this kingdom to a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet, when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, so that even the birds of the air may find shade under its branches. It is precisely such an inauspicious beginning that we encounter in our First Lesson, as God calls the elderly Abram away from his home, and from all that is comforting, dependable and familiar. Abram has nothing upon which he can rely, except for the God who promises that, from this small seed, all the families of the earth shall one day be blessed.

Over the centuries, God's people multiplied and grew, yet still they yearned for God's rule and blessing to be known fully in their lives. The prophecy of Isaiah, in our Second Lesson, expresses this longing for God's kingdom of true peace and justice to come. It will indeed come, Isaiah assures us, through a child to be born, who will scatter all darkness and even the shadow of death. The prophet continues, in the Third Lesson, to speak of God's coming King, but subverts our natural expectations. He will not be a warrior, but a servant; his kingdom will not be characterised by force, but by gentleness.

This is the same kingdom joyfully proclaimed in Mary's song, our Fourth Lesson, as she praises the God who acts in mercy to exalt the humble and meek, and to fulfil his promise to Abraham. This is the kingdom that decisively breaks into our world as a baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. Christ is God in the flesh, God with us, God made known. He will gather people to himself as he is exalted on the Cross, and through his resurrection bring life and immortality to light.

The final Lesson, from the Revelation to St John, presents us with a vision of Christ in glory. He is the Alpha and Omega, the sovereign and loving Lord, alive for evermore. He will surely come again, to usher in God's kingdom fully and finally, and all the shadows of this life shall flee away.

¶ It is the custom of the Chapel for the congregation to remain silent before the service

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

*played by Evie Perfect,
Junior Organ Scholar:*

- O Antiphon Preludes:* NICO MUHLY
v. *O Oriens* (1981–)
vi. *O Rex Gentium*
vii. *O Emmanuel*
- Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599* JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
(1685–1750)
- Rorate Caeli* JEANNE DEMESSIEUX
(1921–68)
- Gottes Sohn ist Kommen, BWV 600* JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
- 14 Choral-Improvisationen für Orgel, Op. 65:* SIGFRID KARG-ELERT
Vom Himmel hoch (1877–33)
- Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn, BWV 601* JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
- Le Tombeau de Titelouze, Op. 38* MARCEL DUPRÉ
i. *Creator Alme Siderum* (1686–1971)
- Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott, BWV 602* JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

The cover image is Mariotto Albertinelli's *Visitation*, a painting of 1503 depicting the aged Elizabeth tenderly greeting Mary, and acclaiming her as the mother of the Lord.

ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ *The congregation stands as candle bearers enter the Chapel*

¶ *During the Matin Responsory the light is passed through the Chapel*

MATIN RESPONSORY

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?

Words, trans. from the FIRST RESPONSORY OF ADVENT SUNDAY in the OFFICE OF MATINS
Music, adapted from a Magnificat by GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA (1525–94)

HYMN



Choir

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.*

All

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.
Rejoice! . . .

Lower voices

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

All

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.
Rejoice! . . .

Upper 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.
Rejoice! . . .

All

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.

Rejoice! . . .

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

Rejoice! . . .

Words, COLOGNE 1710, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons,
trans., THOMAS ALEXANDER LACEY (1853–1931)
Music, *Veni Emmanuel*, melody adapted from a French Missal, THOMAS HELMORE (1811–90);
arr. GRAHAM ROSS (1985–, Clare 2003, Director of Music 2010–)

BIDDING

Dean

IN the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the Kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

We are gathered together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's Kingdom of light, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his Kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

And as we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose in Christ, we pray for all those who at this time especially need his comfort and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; the cold, the hungry, the refugee and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression; those who face the future with fear or walk in the shadow of death.

May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence, a new obedience to his sovereign word, and a new awareness of his redeeming love. We offer all these our prayers through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the words he himself has taught us, saying:

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.**

¶ The congregation extinguishes all hand-held candles and sits

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS XII: 1–9

read by a member of the Fellowship

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, 'Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great. And thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed'.

So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, 'Unto thy seed will I give this land'. And there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

MOTET

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 clerkes finden
Written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
Abeen heavené queen.
Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen:
Deo gracias!

Words, ANONYMOUS (15TH CENTURY)
Music, BORIS ORD (1897–1961)

SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH IX: 2–7

read by a Chapel Warden

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

ANTHEM

WE LOOK FOR YOU

EVENTIDE, our single star,
One looking star, this night.
Next to me, the sparrow hen,
Two pilgrims small and bold.
Dusking hour, that lonely hour
The sky dims blue to grey.
Our forest road will fade,
We look for You.
Pines glisten wet with sleet,
She looks with me,
We look for You.
Fog falls in
So close, my breath,
She looks with me,
We look for You:
Great Silent One Unseen,
We look for You.
Eventide, our single star,
One looking star, this night.
We look for You,
Forgiving light, our guide.

Words, REBECCA GAYLE HOWELL (1975–)
Music, REENA ESMail (1983–)

THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH XLII: 1–9

read by an undergraduate student

‘Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth justice to the nations. He shall not cry out, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law’.

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

‘I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them’.

ANTHEM

A BABY SLEEPS

A baby sleeps, the beginning ends
With stable star and stranger's dark,
And those who simply come to be counted
Kneel and rest, and make their mark.

A baby sleeps, this frail-strong child
Safe in his mother's arms now lain,
His arms will one day stretch for you
Before she holds him once again.

A baby sleeps, while robed in glory
Grace and truth soar high above;
Carried on the wings of the morning,
Hope, the victor, bears the love.

Words, LORETTA MINGHELLA OBE (1962–, Clare 1981, Master 2021–)
Music, PHILLIP MATTY (1999–, Clare 2024)
winner of the 2024 Clare College Carol Composition Competition, first performance

MOTET

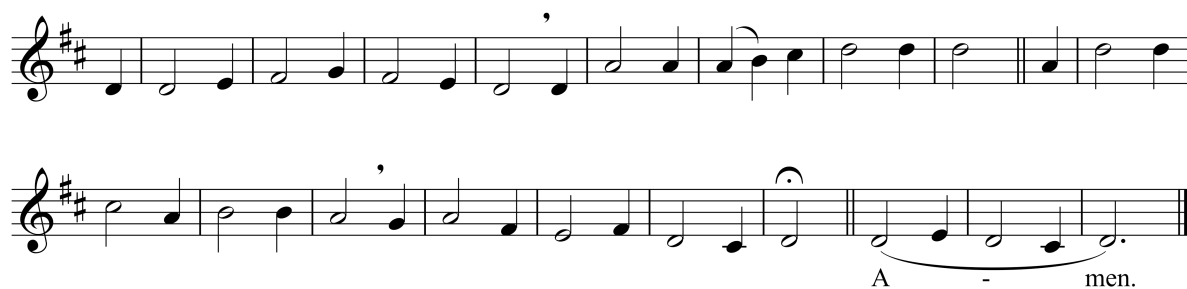
DAS Wort ward Fleisch
und wohnt unter uns,
und wir sahen seine
Herrlichkeit, eine Herrlichkeit als
des eingebornen Sohnes vom
Vater, voller Gnade und
Wahrheit. Alleluia.

*AND the Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as it were of the only
begotten of the Father,
full of grace and truth.
Alleluia.*

Words, JOHN I: 14
Music, ANDREAS HAMMERSCHMIDT (1611–75)

¶ *The congregation stands*

HYMN



Solo

COME, thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let every age adoring fall,
Such birth befits the God of all.

Choir

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
The promised fruit on earth displayed.

All

The virgin womb that burden gained
With virgin honour all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow,
God in his temple dwells below.

Upper voices

Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run.

Lower voices

From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds;
His course he runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

All

O equal to the Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

Words, ST AMBROSE OF MILAN, c. 397, trans. JOHN MASON NEALE (1818–66) and others
Music, *Puer nobis nascitur*, adapt. MICHAEL PRAETORIUS (1571–1621),
harm. GEORGE RATCLIFFE WOODWARD (1848–1934);
arr. GRAHAM ROSS (1985–, Clare 2003, Director of Music 2010–)

¶ *The congregation sits*

FOURTH LESSON

LUKE I: 39–56

read by a member of staff

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and greeted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.

And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, 'Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a fulfilment of those things which were told her from the Lord.'

And Mary said, '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, for ever'.

And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

CANTICLE

MY soul doth magnify the Lord.
And my spirit hath rejoiced: in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his
handmaiden:
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 showed 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, for ever.
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 I: 46–55

Music, *in G*, CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852–1924)

FIFTH LESSON

LUKE II: 1–7

read by a graduate student

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

CAROL

ANGELUS ad virginem,
subintrans in conclave,
Virginis formidinem
demulcens, inquit "Ave!
Ave, regina virginum:
coeli terraeque dominum

concipies et paries intacta
salutem hominum;
tu porta coeli facta,
medela criminum."

"Quomodo conciperem,
quae virum non cognovi?
Qualiter infringerem,
quae firma mente vovi?"

*THE angel came to the Virgin,
entering secretly into her room;
the Virgin's fear
calming, he said, "Hail!
Hail, queen of virgins:
you will conceive the Lord of heaven
and earth
and bear him, still a virgin,
to be the salvation of mankind;
you will be made the gate of heaven,
the cure of sins."*

*"How can I conceive,
when I have never known a man?
How can I transgress
resolutions that I have vowed with a
firm mind?"*

“Spiritus sancti gratia
perficiet haec omnia.
Ne timeas, sed gaudeas
secura, quod castimonia
manebit in te pura
Dei potentia.”

Ad haec, virgo nobilis
respondens inquit ei,
“Ancilla sum humilis
omnipotentis Dei.
Tibi coelesti nuntio,
tanti secreti conscio,
consentiens et cupiens videre
factum quod audio,
parata sum parere
Dei consilio.”

Angelus disparuit
et statim puellaris
uterus intumuit
vi partus salutaris.

Qui, circumdatus utero
novem mensium numero,
hinc exiit et iniit conflictum,
affigens humero
crucem, qua dedit ictum
hosti mortifero.

Eia Mater Domini,
quae pacem reddidisti
angelis et homini
cum Christum genuisti!
Tuum exora filium
ut se nobis propitium
exhibeat, et deleat peccata,
praestans auxilium
vita frui beata
post hoc exsilium.

*“The grace of the Holy Spirit
shall do all this.
Do not be afraid, but rejoice
without a care, since your chastity
will remain in you unspoilt
through the power of God.”*

*To this, the noble Virgin,
replying, said to him,
“I am the humble maidservant
of almighty God.
To you, heavenly messenger,
and bearer of such a great secret,
I give my consent, and wishing to see
done what I hear,
I am ready to obey
the will of God.”*

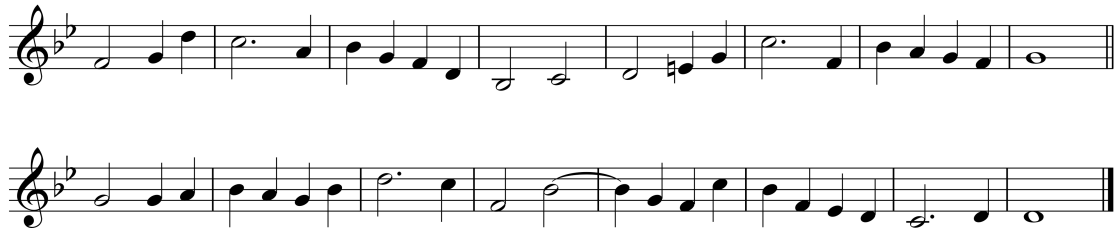
*The angel vanished,
and at once the girl’s
womb swelled
with the force of the pregnancy of
salvation.*

*He, protected by the womb
for nine months in number,
left it and began the struggle,
fixing to his shoulder
a cross, with which he dealt the blow
to the deadly Enemy.*

*Hail, Mother of our Lord,
who brought peace back
to angels and men
when you bore Christ!
Pray your son
that he may show favour to us
and blot out our sins,
giving us help
to enjoy a blessed life
after this exile.*

¶ *The congregation stands*

HYMN



HARK, what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf and dumb;
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through
sinning,
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Words, F. W. H. MYERS (1843–1901)
Music, *Highwood*, RICHARD TERRY (1865–1938);
Final verse, GRAHAM ROSS (1985–, Clare 2003, Director of Music 2010–)

¶ *The congregation sits*

SIXTH LESSON

REVELATION I: 4–18

read by a Choral Scholar

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 'I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End', saith the Lord, 'which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty'.

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, 'I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last', and, 'What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea'.

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks, and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the chest with a golden sash. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire. And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, 'Fear not; I am the First and the Last. I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of death'.

ANTHEM

SEEK him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is
light about me. Amen.

Words, AMOS V: 8; PSALM CXXXIX: 12
Music, JONATHAN DOVE (1959–)

¶ *The congregation remains seated or kneels*

PRAYERS AND COLLECT

Dean 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.**

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

All O Lord Jesus Christ, come
at evening time, with light,

All 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.
All **Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

¶ *The congregation sits*

CAROL

NOEL, noe.
Resonet in laudibus,
cum jucundis
plausibus,
Sion cum fidelibus apparuit
quem genuit Maria.
Noe, noe.
Parvulus filius hodie natus est
nobis,
Salvator mundi.
Cantemus et exultemus et
laetumur in eo dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Noe, noe.

*NOEL, noel.
Let Zion resound in praises
and with joyful acclaim,

together with the faithful, he
whom Mary bore has appeared.
Noel, noel.
A tiny son has been born for us
today,
the saviour of the world.
Let us sing, rejoice, and be glad in
him, saying:
Glory to God in the highest.
Noel, noel.*

Words, ANONYMOUS (MEDIEVAL)
Music, DAVID BEDNALL (1979–)

¶ *The congregation stands*

HYMN



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!

Words, CHARLES WESLEY (1707–88)
Tune, *Helmsley*, Melody noted by THOMAS OLIVERS (1725–99);
Final verse, TIMOTHY BROWN (1946–, Director of Music 1979–2010)

BLESSING

Dean Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from 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 upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The congregation remains standing as the Choir and Clergy depart*

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(1908–92)

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