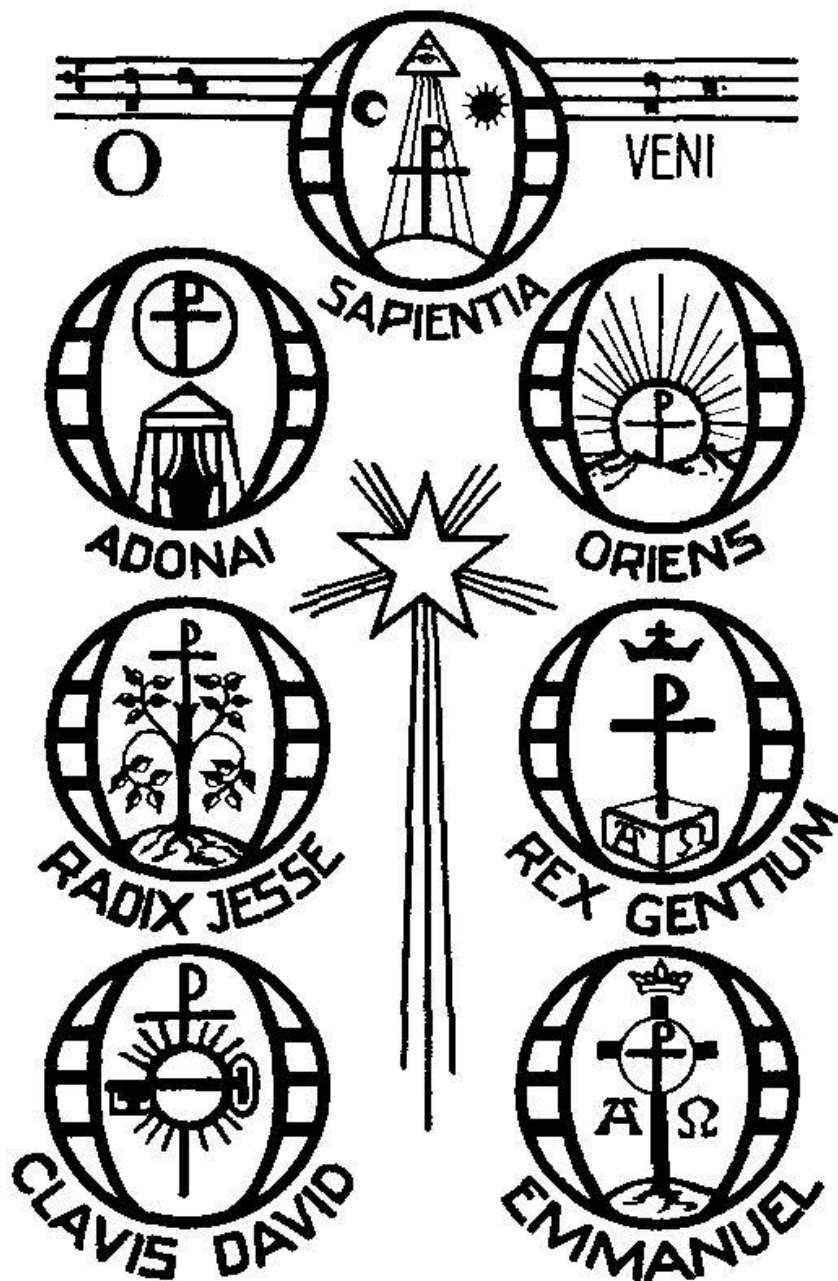


The Chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge

A PROCESSION FOR

# ADVENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021 at 6:00pm





## AN INTRODUCTION TO THIS SERVICE

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ, a season of penitence and expectation.

During the Advent Sunday Procession, the Choir processes from West to East, from darkness into light – a movement symbolising the journey of God’s faithful people.

The readings from the Old Testament reflect the darkness and despair of Israel and their longing for redemption. The Prophets’ predictions of the coming of the Messiah reveal the first signs of the one true Light. In the New Testament readings, the hopes of God’s people are realised.

The Great ‘O’ Antiphons have been in constant Christian use since the eighth century. They are a collage of Old Testament ‘types’ of Jesus, which express the human desire and longing for God. This desire was fulfilled on the night in Bethlehem when Emmanuel – God with us – was born. The Antiphons are gathered together in the hymn ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel’.

**With thanks to all who have worked to prepare music for this service,  
to all readers, wardens and camera operators.**

**After the service drinks will be served in the Old SCR.**

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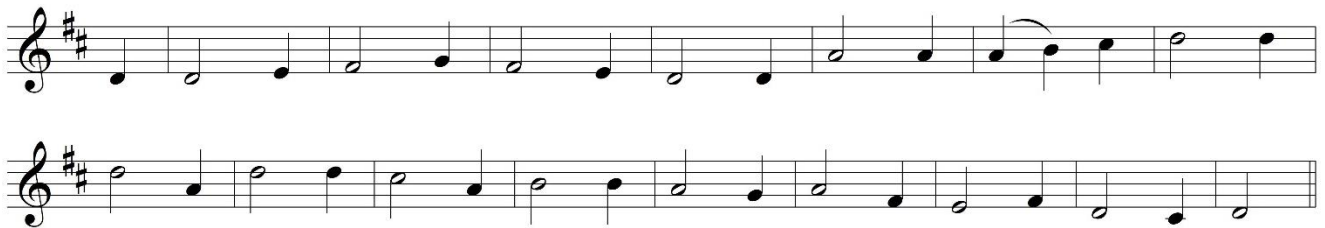
*The service begins in darkness and in silence. Please stand when the bell rings.*

## **CHOIR    Advent 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:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people, Israel?  
Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel,  
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheet.  
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.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. I look from afar...

words: Matin Respond for Advent Sunday  
music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

## **HYMN    Come thou, redeemer of the earth**



*Choir only*                    1        Come thou, Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy Virgin-birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall,  
Such birth befits the God of all.

*Choir only*                    2        Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,  
The Saviour, now to man displayed.

- Full*  
*(choir & congregation)*
- 3    Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
      That royal home of purity,  
      A giant, in twofold substance one,  
      Rejoicing now his course to run.
- 4    From God the Father he proceeds,  
      To God the Father back he speeds,  
      Runs out his course to death and hell,  
      Returns on God's high throne to dwell.
- 5    O equal to the Father, thou!  
      Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,  
      The weakness of our mortal state  
      With deathless might invigorate.
- 6    O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee  
      Eternal praise and glory be,  
      Whom with the Father we adore  
      And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

Minister    As we enter, eager and expectant, into this solemn season of Advent,  
              looking forward to the birth of the Christ child,  
              let us renew in ourselves that vision of God's perfect kingdom  
              which is the end of all our strivings  
              and the consummation of God's loving purposes for us.

In sorrow and penitence we confess our failures and shortcomings,  
and seek pardon for those sins which frustrate his redemptive purposes  
and hinder the advent of his reign of love.

So in prayer, praise and song do we give voice to the hope  
set forth in the Scriptures, that his kingdom shall come;  
and, as we prepare for that day to dawn upon us from on high,  
so we commend ourselves and the whole human family to his keeping.

May he guide us into the way of peace,  
give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and kindle in us the fire of his love.

**All            Amen, come Lord Jesus.**

*Please sit.*

**O ANTIPHON 1      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.

**FIRST LESSON      Genesis 1: 1-5**

*The Lord, the Creator, forms light, creates darkness.*

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

**CHOIR      O Radiant Dawn**

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:  
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied, The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone. Amen. O Radiant Dawn...

words: Advent O Antiphons and Isaiah 9: 2  
music: James MacMillan (b. 1959)

**O ANTIPHON 2      O Adonai**

O Adonai,  
and Leader of the house of Israel,  
who appearedst in the Bush of Moses in a flame of fire,  
and gavest him the law in Sinai:  
Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

## **SECOND LESSON    Isaiah 45: 2-8**

*God outlines his plans for Jerusalem.*

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

### **CHOIR    Drop down, ye heavens**

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

words: Isaiah 45: 8 (the Advent Prose)  
music: Anna Semple (b. 1997)

### **O ANTIPHON 3      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.

### THIRD LESSON

### Baruch 4: 36–5: 9

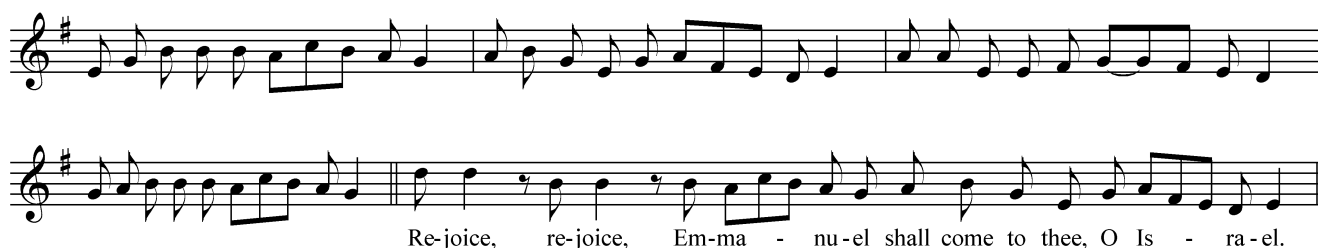
*Look to the East for the light of God's glory.*

O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever. Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven. For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship.

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God. For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom. For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God, Moreover even the woods and every sweet-smelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God. For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

*Please stand.*

### HYMN O Come, O come, Emmanuel



Re-joyce, re-joyce, Em-ma - nu-el shall come to thee, O Is - ra-el.

*Choir only*

- 1 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.*



- Choir only*                    2    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...*
- Upper voices*  
*(choir & congregation)*        3    O come, O come, Adonai,  
 Who in thy glorious majesty  
 From Sinai's mountain clothed with awe,  
 Gavest thy folk the ancient law.    *Rejoice...*
- Upper voices*  
*(choir & congregation)*        4    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...*
- Lower voices*  
*(choir & congregation)*        5    O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
 The royal door fling wide and free;  
 Safeguard for us the heav'nward road,  
 And bar the way to death's abode.    *Rejoice...*
- Full*  
*(choir & congregation)*        6    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...*
- Full*  
*(choir & congregation)*        7    O come, Desire of nations! Show  
 Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
 Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
 Restore the ruin of our fall.    *Rejoice...*
- Choir only (twice)*                *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
     *Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

words: Cologne 1710, based on Advent Antiphons, tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931)  
 music: VENI EMMANUEL, arranged by Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

*Please sit.*

**O ANTIPHON 4      O Clavis David**

O Key of David,  
and Sceptre of the house of Israel;  
that openest, and no man shuttest, and shuttest, and no man openeth:  
come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house,  
and him that sittest in darkness, and the shadow of death.

**FOURTH LESSON      Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7**

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light*

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 not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

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.

**CHOIR      A tender shoot**

A tender shoot hath started  
Up from a root of grace  
As ancient seers imparted  
From Jesse's holy race  
It blooms without a blight  
It blooms without a blight  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us  
From Jesse's root should spring  
The Virgin Mary brought us  
The branch of which we sing  
Our God of endless might  
Our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us  
Thus turning darkness into light.

words: based on Isaiah 11; German 15thC,  
versified Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907), tr. William Bartholomew (1793-1867)  
music: Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

## O ANTIPHON 5

## 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.

## FIFTH LESSON

## Matthew 1: 18-23

### *The birth of the Messiah*

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." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**CHOIR**            **Earth grown old**

Earth grown old, yet still so green,  
And deep beneath her crust of cold  
Hidden fire, unfelt, unsees:  
Earth grown old.

The race that long in darkness pined  
Have seen a glorious light:  
The people dwell in day who dwelt  
In death's surrounding night.

When will fire break through her screen?  
And when will life burst through her mould?  
Earth, reborn, thy light is seen:  
Silver gold.

A Child of Hope to us is born,  
A Son to us is giv'n.  
The tribes of earth obey his word,  
Likewise the hosts of heav'n.

Welcome all wonders in one sight!  
Eternity shut in a span!  
Summer in winter, day in night,  
God in man!

The Prince of Peace shall be his name,  
For evermore adored;  
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
The Great and mighty Lord!

words: vv. 1-2 Christina Rossetti (1830-1894); v. 5 Richard Crashaw (1613-1649)  
vv. 2, 4, & 6 Isiah 9: 2, 6, paraphrased by John Morison (1750-1798)  
music: Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

**O ANTIPHON 6**            **O Rex Gentium**

O King of the Nations,  
and their Desire;  
the Cornerstone, who makest both one:  
Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

## SIXTH LESSON      John 3: 16-21

*Jesus is the light of the world*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

### **CHOIR      And art thou come with us to dwell?**

And art Thou come with us to dwell,  
Our Prince, our Guide, our Love, our Lord?  
And is Thy name Emmanuel,  
God present with His world restored?

The heart is glad for Thee! it knows  
None now shall bid it err or mourn;  
And o'er its desert breaks the rose  
In triumph o'er the grieving thorn.

Thou bringest all again; with Thee  
Is light, is space, is breadth and room  
For each thing fair, beloved, and free  
To have its hour of life and bloom.

The world is glad for Thee! the heart  
Is glad for Thee! and all is well,  
And fixed and sure, because Thou art,  
Whose name is called Emmanuel!

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

words: Dora Greenwell (1821-1882)  
music: Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

## O ANTIPHON 7

## 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 COLLECTS FOR ADVENT

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

**All     Amen.**

O God, who makest us glad  
with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ;  
Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our Judge;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
one God, world without end.

**All     Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## HYMN

## Lo, he comes with clouds descending



- 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand, thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!  
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 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.
- 3 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!
- 4 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: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: HELMSLEY, arranged by Martin How and Sarah MacDonald

*Please remain standing.*

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Minister We wait for your loving kindness, O God,  
**All In the midst of your temple.**

Minister Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**All Who made heaven and earth.**

Minister May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy  
of a place in his Kingdom.  
**All Amen.**

Minister May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.  
**All Amen.**

Minister May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope, and constant in love.  
**All Amen.**

Minister And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

Minister Go in the peace of Christ.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR VESPER RESPONSORY

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.

words: Vesper Responsory for Advent Sunday  
music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

*Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645) – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)