The Chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge

EPIPHANYTIDE CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023 at 6:00pm
Please note that this service is being livestreamed:

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NOTICES

Welcome back to Chapel at the start of this Lent Term, whether you are attending in person or watching online.

For regularly updated information about chapel services this term, and for all YouTube links for watching live or afterwards, see:

https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/about/chapel-and-choir
ORGAN  Prelude on ‘Solothurn’ (The sinless one to Jordan came)
          music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Please stand when the bell rings and the choir and clergy enter.

INTROIT  Tribus miraculis
          words: Antiphon for the Second Vespers of Epiphany
          music: Luca Marenzio (c1553-1599)

Tribus miraculis ornatum,   Three miracles ornament
diem sanctum colimus:      this holy day which we observe:
Hodie stella Magos duxit   Today a star led the Magi
to praesepium;             to the manger;
Hodie vinum ex aqua         Today wine from water
factum est ad nuptias:     was made at the wedding;
Hodie in Jordane a Joanne  Today in the Jordan, by John
Christus baptizari voluit,  Christ desired to be baptised,
ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.  so that he might save us, Alleluia.

SENTECE  Arise, shine, for your light has come:
          and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.        Isaiah 60: 1

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dean of Chapel  Three wonders mark this holy season:
               At this time, a star leads the wise men
               to the manger.
All            Alleluia!

               At this time, water is made wine
               at the wedding feast.
All            Alleluia!

               At this time, Jesus is revealed as the Christ
               in the waters of baptism.
All            Alleluia!
Dean of Chapel  Welcome in the name of Christ, who called us out of darkness into his own marvellous light, to be a kingdom of priests to our God. As we rejoice in the word made flesh, who comes among us to reveal God’s glory, so we pray that his kingly reign may be acknowledged throughout the world.

And so we pray for the unity and mission of Christ’s Church, for the ministers of the gospel of Christ, and for all who bear witness to Christ, the Light of the World.

We pray for this world, which is already Christ’s, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God. And we pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful and the anxious, for the sick and bereaved, and for all who have no one to pray for them. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer in the words which Christ himself 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.
May God the Father take us and use us in his service;  
may he open our eyes to see his glory,  
and equip us to bless his people, now and at all times.  
Amen.

Please sit.

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**ANTHEM**  **Love has come**

words: Sharon Grenham-Thompson (b. 1966)  
music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

1  Beneath the wooden door  
A gentle light is peeping,  
Deep within the hay  
A tiny child is sleeping,  
And carried on the wind  
The scent of hope is creeping,  
For love has come to dwell on earth.

2  High upon a hill  
The angel song, astounding  
Shepherds round the fire,  
All heaven is resounding.  
Hosannas fill the air  
With joyful chords abounding,  
For love has come to rise on earth.

3  Beneath the eastern sky  
Philosophers are kneeling,  
The starlight overhead  
The promised peace revealing.  
As all around the world  
The broken hearts are healing,  
For love has come to reign on earth.

4  A tale from long ago,  
The centuries still turning,  
A world so lost and torn  
Our lives adrift and yearning.  
But though the way is dark,  
The guiding light’s still burning,  
For love has never left the earth.

5  So hear the people’s praise,  
The joyful bells a-ringing,  
Receive the gift of grace  
The new-born Saviour’s bringing.  
Let all creation dance  
And join our voices singing  
That Christmas is upon the earth!
FIRST LESSON    Isaiah 60: 1-11

*Arise, shine, for your light is come.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you down, but in my favour I have had mercy on you. Your gates shall always be open; day and night they shall not be shut, so that nations shall bring you their wealth, with their kings led in procession.

*Please stand.*
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning;
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all!

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning;
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

words: Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
music: EPIPHANY – J. F. Thrupp (1827-1867)
SECOND LESSON   Isaiah 49: 13-23

Israel rejoices at its salvation.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.” Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. Your builders outdo your destroyers, and those who laid you waste go away from you. Lift up your eyes all around and see; they all gather, they come to you.

As I live, says the LORD, you shall put all of them on like an ornament, and like a bride you shall bind them on. Surely your waste and your desolate places and your devastated land — surely now you will be too crowded for your inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up will be far away. The children born in the time of your bereavement will yet say in your hearing: “The place is too crowded for me; make room for me to settle.” Then you will say in your heart, “Who has borne me these? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away — so who has reared these? I was left all alone — where then have these come from?”

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will soon lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame.
When He is King we will give him the King’s gifts,  
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, 
“Beautiful robes”, said the young girl to Joseph 
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight  
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, 
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,  
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown, 
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary 
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,  
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold, 
Mary for love, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.
THIRD LESSON  Matthew 2: 1-15

The visit of the Magi

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”
ANTHEM  A New Year Carol

words: traditional Pembrokeshire
collected by Walter de la Mare in 1931
music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) from *Friday Afternoons*

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,
For to worship God with, this happy New Year.
_Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;_
_The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine._

_Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,_
_Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go._
_Sing levy dew..._

_Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,_
_Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in._
_Sing levy dew..._

Note: _Levy dew_ may be a corruption of Old English _Levedy_ (Lady) or French _Levez à Dieu_ (Raise to God), used at the elevation of the Host. It appears as “residue” in some variants, particularly in Yorkshire, though this may be a mondegreen.

FOURTH LESSON  Matthew 3: 13-17

_The baptism of Christ._

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

_Please stand._
1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
   ruler of all nature,
   O thou of God and man the Son,
   Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour,
   thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
   fairer still the woodlands,
   robed in the blooming garb of spring:
   Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
   who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
   fairer still the moonlight,
   and all the twinkling starry host:
   Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
   than all the angels heav’n can boast.

4 Beautiful Saviour!
   Lord of all the nations!
   Son of God and Son of Man!
   Glory and honour, praise, adoration,
   now and forevermore be thine.

words: German text 1842 tr. Joseph Seiss
music: CRUSADER’S HYMN, traditional Silesian folk song,
descant by Sarah MacDonald

Please sit
On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

ANTHEM  Cana’s Guest
words: Thomas Allain (b. 1969)
music: Richard Allain (b. 1965)

As Cana’s quiet, wondrous guest
Drew richest wine from water bless’d;
Through trembling vow and thankful song
May glory shine, as hearts respond
To Heaven’s theme with love,
Earth’s antiphon.
PRAYERS

Leader

The Lord be with you:

All

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

All

God of our salvation,

hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ

as the Prince of Peace, we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who are estranged and without hope

may be brought near in the blood of Christ, we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be one

in serving and proclaiming the gospel, we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God

while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be generous in giving,

faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming, we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may welcome and support

all whom God calls to faith, we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who serve the gospel may be kept in safety

while your word accomplishes its purpose, we pray:

Your kingdom come.
That all who suffer for the gospel
may know the comfort and glory of Christ, we pray:
**Your kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray:
**Your kingdom come.**

*The Collect for Epiphany*

O God, who by the leading of a star
Manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
Mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

**HYMN NEH 52**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
   Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
   With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
   Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
   High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
   Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
   Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
   Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
   Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
   These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

words: J. S. B. Monsell (1811-1875)
music: WAS LEBET; Johann Heinrich Reinhardt (1754)

BLESSING

Dean of Chapel May God the Father, who led the Wise Men
by the shining of a star to find the Christ,
the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage
to find the Lord. Amen.

May God the Son, who turned water into wine
at the Wedding Feast at Cana, transform your lives
and make glad your hearts. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit
who came upon his beloved Son at his baptism
in the River Jordan, pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth. Amen.

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

VOLUNTARY Prélude sur l’Introït de l’Épiphanie
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Please remain standing as the choir and ministers leave the Chapel.
Please join us for refreshments in the Old Senior Combination Room
after the service. Chapel Supper follows in the Harrison Room
for those who are signed in.