The Chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge

EPIPHANYTIDE CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024 at 6:00pm
Please note that this service is being livestreamed:

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Adoration of the Kings, Jacobus Trajectensis Claessens (Jacob van Utrecht 1480-ca.1530), Fitzwilliam Museum

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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

We are delighted to be joined for services this week by members of the Choral Music Programme from the University of Delaware.
Prélude sur l’Introït de l’Épiphanie
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Please stand when the bell rings.

INTROIT

Tribus miraculis
words: Antiphon for the Second Vespers of Epiphany
music: G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

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 
ad 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.

Please remain standing.

SENTENCE

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

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 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.
Dean of Chapel  
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.  

All  
Amen.

Please sit.

† ANTHEM  
Illuminare Jerusalem  
words: Anon. 15thC Scottis (Bannatyne MS, f. 27v)  
music: Judith Weir (b. 1954)

Jerusalem rejoss for joy:  
Jesus the sterne of most bewte  
In thee is rissin, as richtous roy,  
Fro dirknes to illumyne thee.  
With glorius sound of angell gle  
Thy prince is borne in Baithlem  
quhilk sall thee mak of thraldome fre.  
Illuminare, Jerusalem.

With angellis licht in legionis  
Thow art illumynit all about.  
Thre kingis of strenge regionis  
To the ar cumin with lusty rout,  
All drest with dyamantis but dout,  
Reverst with gold in every hem,  
Sounding attonis with a schout,  
Illuminare, Jerusalem.

The regeand tirrant that in the rang,  
Herod, is exilit and his ofspring,  
The land of Juda that josit wrang;  
And rissin is now thy richtouss king.  
So he so mychtie is and ding,  
Quhen men his glorius name dois nem,  
Hevin, erd and hell makis inclying.  
Illuminare, Jerusalem.
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.
HYMN

In our darkness light has shone (SP 27)
words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on John 1
tune: UPTON CHEYNEY; John Barnard (SE 1976)

1
In our darkness light has shone,
Alleluia,
still today the light shines on,
Alleluia;
Word made flesh in human birth,
Alleluia,
Light and Life of all the earth,
Alleluia!

2
Christ the Son incarnate see,
Alleluia,
by whom all things came to be,
Alleluia;
through the world his splendours shine,
Alleluia,
full of grace and truth divine,
Alleluia!

3
All who now in him believe,
Alleluia,
everlasting life receive,
Alleluia;
born of God and in his care,
Alleluia,
we his name and nature share,
Alleluia!

4
Christ a child on earth appears,
Alleluia,
crown of all creation’s years,
Alleluia;
God’s eternal Word has come,
Alleluia,
he shall lead his people home,
Alleluia!

Please sit.
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.

Brightest and best

Brightest and best of the stars 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 stars 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.

¶ 3rd 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  Seeing the star
words: Antiphon for the First Vespers of Epiphany
music: Ben Ponniah (b. 1984)

Seeing the star, the Wise Men rejoiced with great joy,
and entering the house,
they offered the Lord gold, incense and myrrh.
Seeing the star, seeing the Lord.

¶ 4th 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.”
Fairest Lord Jesus

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

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.
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.

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.

Please sit or kneel.
Leader  God of our salvation,  
hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray:  

All  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:
Mercifuly grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All
Amen.

Please stand.

¶ HYMN
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (NEH 52)
words: J. S. B. Monsell  (1811-1875)
music: WAS LEBET; Johann Heinrich Reinhardt (1754)

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!

Please remain standing.

CHALK BLESSING HERE

¶ 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.

   All  Amen.

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

   All  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.

   All  Amen.

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

   All  Amen.

¶ ORGAN VOLUNTARY  – Litanies (JA 119) - Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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.