The Chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge

EPIPHANY TIDE CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022 at 6:00pm
Please note that this service is being livestreamed:

https://youtu.be/zOCCpJ_DJ8Q

If you wish to sit out of view of the camera, please speak to a chapel warden.
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  In Bethlehem above
words and music: Yshani Perinpanayagam (b. 1983)

In Bethlehem above a star
pierces the midnight sky
to proclaim the child is born!
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

In a stall below a babe
fed by a mother loving and brave.
The oxen whisper:
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherd, take knee with king.
Rejoice! Heaven and earth resound with his glory,
The angels singing:
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

SENTENCE  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.
*Alleluia!*

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

At this time, Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.
*Alleluia!*
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:

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.

ANTHEM  The shepherds' farewell
words and music: Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)
from ‘L’Enfance du Christ’ (Op. 25)
translated from the French by Paul England (c1863-1932)

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling,
the humble crib, the stable bare.
Babe, all mortal babes excelling,
content our earthly lot to share.
Loving father, Loving mother,
shelter thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore thee
with humble love and holy fear.
In the land that lies before thee,
forget not us who linger here!
May the shepherd's lowly calling,
ever to thy heart be dear!

Blest are ye beyond all measure,
thou happy father, mother mild!
Guard ye well your heav’nly treasure,
the Prince of Peace, The Holy Child!
God go with you, God protect you,
guide you safely through the wild!
FIRST LESSON  Isaiah 60: 1-11

_Arise, shine, for thy 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._
HYMN  Brightest and best

1  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.

2  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!

3  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?

4  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.

5  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.

Please sit
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.
ANTHEM

Here is the little door
words: Frances Chesterton (1869-1938):
music: Herbert Howells (1893-1982)

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold,
Gold that was never bought nor sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
Incense in clouds about his head;
All for the Child who stirs not in his sleep.
But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Bend low about his bed, for each he has a gift;
See how his eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, he gives a keen-edged sword
(Defend with it Thy little Lord!),
For incense, smoke of battle red.
Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;
Gifts for his children terrible and sweet,
Touched by such tiny hands and
Oh such tiny feet.

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**

**Tomorrow shall be my dancing day**

words: traditional English 
music: John Gardiner (1917-2011)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;

*Sing, O! my love, O! my love, my love, my love,*  
*This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her, I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man’s nature  
To call my true love to my dance.
In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterward baptised I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father’s voice heard I from above,
To call my true love to my dance.

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 baptized 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.
HYMN

The sinless one to Jordan came

1

The sinless one to Jordan came
To share our fallen nature’s blame;
God’s righteousness he thus fulfilled
And chose the path his Father willed.

2

Uprising from the waters there,
The voice from heaven did witness bear
That he, the Son of God, had come
To lead his scattered people home.

3

Above him see the heavenly Dove,
The sign of God the Father’s love,
Now by the Holy Spirit shed
Upon the Son’s anointed head.

4

How blest that mission then begun
To heal and save a race undone;
Straight to the wilderness he goes
To wrestle with his people’s foes.

5

Dear Lord, let those baptised from sin
Go forth with you, a world to win,
And send the Holy Spirit’s power
To shield them in temptation’s hour.

words: G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

music: Solothurn (Swiss traditional melody)

Please sit
FIFTH LESSON  John 2: 1-11

*The wedding at Cana.*

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.” 4 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  

Come to the wedding

words and music: James Whitbourn (b. 1963)

Come to the wedding; Jesus, come as our guest.
Take the water, the simple water, pure and clear.
Pour your love, your plentiful love, into the vessel,
And turn it into wine, fragrant and fine.
Like Mary, your mother, may we store in our hearts
The wonder and miracle of your love.
THE PRAYERS

Leader
The Lord be with you:
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

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.

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

Tribus miraculis ornatum,
diem sanctum colimus:
Hodie stella Magos duxit
ad praesepium:
Hodie vinum ex aqua
factum est ad nuptias:
Hodie in Jordane a Joanne
Christus baptizari voluit,
ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.

Three miracles ornament
this holy day which we observe:
Today a star led the Magi
to the manger;
Today wine was made from water
at the wedding;
Today in the Jordan, by John
Christ desired to be baptised,
so that he might save us, Alleluia.

Please stand.
HYMN

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.
SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 25 Jan  
8:30am  Morning Prayer  
_Conversion of St Paul_

Tues 26 Jan  
8:30am  Morning Prayer  
6:30pm  Choral Evensong with microsermon

Weds 27 Jan  
8:30am  Morning Prayer

Thurs 28 Jan  
8.30am  Morning Prayer  
6:30pm  Choral Evensong

Friday 29 Jan  
8.30am  Morning Prayer

Sunday 30 Jan  
6:00pm  Choral Eucharist for Candlemas

NOTICES

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

Refreshments after services and Chapel Suppers will resume in February. Tonight, if you wish to have supper, the cafeteria will remain open until 7.15pm.

Sunday morning holy communion services will recommence on Sunday 6 February at the new time of 10.30am.

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