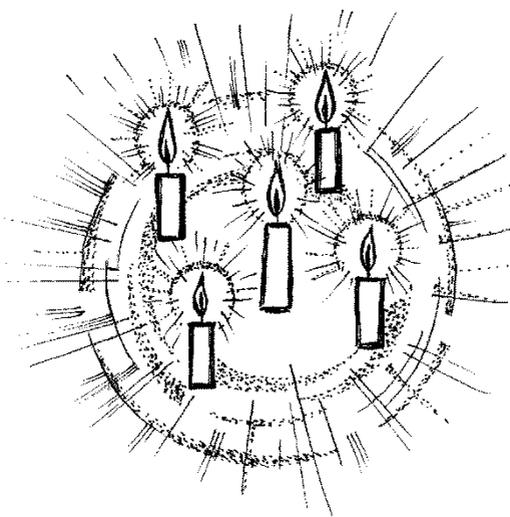


Chelmsford Cathedral



The Advent Procession

Sunday 28th November 2021
at 6pm

You are warmly welcomed to Chelmsford Cathedral, especially if you are a visitor or here for the first time. Today is Advent Sunday. Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off.

Music: The service this evening will be sung by the Cathedral Choirs, and will be directed by James Davy, Organist and Master of the Choristers. The organist is Hilary Punnett, Assistant Organist and Director of the Girls' Choir.

Candles: Please take care with your lighted candle. There is a box by the South door to leave your candles and drip trays at the end of the service.

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If the alarm sounds, please exit the Cathedral and, if safe, assemble at the rear of the Shire Hall in the South Eastern corner of the churchyard. Please leave your belongings until it is safe to collect them.

Rubrics: Please stand or sit as is comfortable for you.

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The Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral

A warm thank you to the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral, who have generously funded and helped to install the Cathedral's new lighting system in use tonight.

What is happening tonight?

The Advent procession is a feast for the senses. Through the use of light and darkness, music and movement, we explore the themes of the season. Gradually, light spreads through the cathedral, just as God's Word illumines the world. Voices of song call to us from all directions in the cathedral, just as we hear the voice of God's prophets calling to us in Advent. In Advent we are called to "awake out of sleep" and hear God's voice calling us to action.

Organ music before the service

Played by Matthew Kelley, the Graham Rogers Organ Scholar.

Fantasia in G minor BWV 542i

*J S Bach
1685 – 1750*

Carillon on "Besançon"

*Rebecca Groom te Velde
b. 1956*

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen op 122, no 8

*Johannes Brahms
1833 – 1897*

Ave Maria, Op. 80

*Max Reger
1873 – 1916*

As this service takes place in very low light, please take time to familiarise yourself with the contents of this booklet beforehand.

The service begins with the Cathedral in darkness. Please stand as the clergy and choir enter the Cathedral. The choir sings the Matin Responsory

Matin Responsory

I look from afar: and lo, I see the pow'r of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring 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 ledest 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: early medieval Roman rite

Music: James Davy b.1980

Please remain standing

The Bidding Prayer

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.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us - how that when we were far off, he met us in his Son and brought us home; how he humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share his divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness. So first we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's Body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise his name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his kingdom, in the words that he taught us.

In the darkness, the Vice-Dean blesses the Advent candle.

The Blessing of the Light

People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the works of God.
God calls you out of the darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.

All **Amen.**

During the hymn, the congregational candles will be lit; please share the light with people near you.

Hymn

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Melody adapted by
Michael Praetorius 1571-1621

A
men.

Choir Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.

All **Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
as drew the world to evening-tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.**

**At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own
that thou art Lord and King alone.**

To thee, O holy One, we pray,
our judge in that tremendous day,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every onslaught of the foe.

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.**

Words: Latin, translated by J M Neale 1818 - 1866

Music: arr. David Willcocks 1919 – 2015

Please remain standing

Collect

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.**

Please sit

The First Reading

Zechariah 9 v 9 - 10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Please remain seated as the choir sings

Anthem

Adam lay y-bounden, 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 a-been heavené queen. Blessèd be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!

Words: English, 15th century

Music: Boris Ord 1897 - 1961

The Second Reading

Jeremiah 23 v 5 - 6

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called:
“The Lord is our righteousness.”

The choir sings

Anthem

There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: And with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign unto the people; and his rest shall be glorious.

Words: Isaiah 11:1-6, 9-10

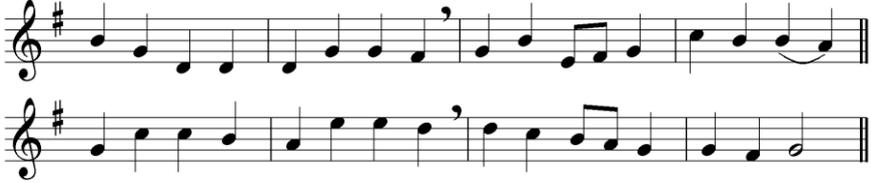
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford 1852 – 1924

Please stand

Hymn

CROSS OF JESUS

John Stainer 1840-1901



**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1707 – 1788

Please sit

The Third Reading

Psalm 118 v 19 - 29

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar. You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

The choir sings

Anthem

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might be saved. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

*Words: Revelation 22: 5
(adapt. Paul & Ruth Manz)*

Music: Paul Manz 1919 – 2009

The Fourth Reading

Isaiah 9 v 2, 6, 7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Please stand

Hymn

BRISTOL

from Thomas Ravenscroft's *Psalmes* 1621



**Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.**

**He comes the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.**

Words: Philip Doddridge 1702 – 1751

Please sit

The Fifth Reading

Isaiah 7 v 10 - 15

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

The choir sings

Anthem

He will come like last leaf's fall. One night when the November wind has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth wakes choking on the mould, the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost. One morning when the shrinking earth opens on mist, to find itself arrested in the net of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark. One evening when the bursting red December sun draws up the sheet and penny-masks its eye to yield the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come, will come like crying in the night, like blood, like breaking, as the earth writhes to toss him free. He will come like child.

Words: Rowan Williams b.1950

Music: Simon Beattie b. 1975

The Sixth Reading

Romans 12 v 1, 2; 13 v 11 - 14

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Prayer

God, our Judge and Saviour,
set before us the vision of your purity,
and let us see our sins in the light of your holiness.
Pierce our self-contentment
with the shafts of your burning love,
and let that love consume all that hinders us
from perfect service of your cause;
for as your holiness is our judgement,
so are your wounds our salvation.

Archbishop William Temple 1881 – 1944

Please stand to sing

Hymn

HIGHWOOD

Richard Runciman Terry 1865-1938



**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 are 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.**

**Through life and 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: Frederic W H Myers 1843 – 1901

Homily

Canon Ivor Moody

Please remain seated as the choir sings the first verse of Zion hears the watchmen's voices and stand to join in verse two.

Choir Zion hears the watchmen's voices,
 with gladness all her heart rejoices,
 she eager wakes to greet the day.
 See, her Lord from heav'n descending
 with grace and truth and power unending,
 her daystar dawns with brightest ray.
 O come, thou blessed One,
 Lord Jesu, God's own Son,
 Hosianna!
 We follow there Thy feast to share,
 and taste the joys beyond compare.

WACHET AUF

Melody by Philipp Nicolai 1556-1608

All **Glory now to God we render,
who reigns on high in heav'nly splendour;
let every tongue in praise unite.
Lo, we enter heaven's bright portal
to join the song of saints immortal
with angels round thy throne of light.
No mortal joy can e'er
with heaven's true bliss compare;
Alleluia!
Rejoice below, *io, io!*
Sing out *in dulci jubilo.***

Words: Philipp Nicolai, tr. John Rutter b. 194

Music: J S Bach, Cantata 140

Seventh Reading
Matthew 25 v 1 – 13

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their

lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Prayers

Please sit or kneel

The Vice-Dean says

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

This response is used after each bidding:

Maranatha.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Please stand. The Vice-Dean leads the final acclamation.

With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,
come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,
come, Lord Jesus.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light.

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

O Lord Jesus Christ, come
At evening time, with light,

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.
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All
Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
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.

Please stand

Hymn

HELMSLEY

Melody noted by T. Oliviers 1725-1799
Included in Wesley's *Select Hymns* 1765



**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

Descant: David Cooper 1949 - 2008

The Blessing

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal.
Amen.

May God the Son,
who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness.
Amen.

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you,
now and always.
Amen.

Vesper Responory

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go ye forth,
and the Lord, he will be with you. Stand ye still, and see the salvation of
the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Words: early medieval Roman rite

Music: James Davy

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

Organ voluntary

Choral Fantasia on Wachet auf

Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877 – 1933

After the organ voluntary, you are invited to join us outside in the Cathedral grounds where the Cathedral's Christmas lights will be switched on.

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The glory of God is a human being fully alive
and human life is the vision of God.

Irenaeus of Lyon

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8.15am: Eucharist

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Sundays

7.45am: Morning Prayer

8am: Eucharist (BCP)

8.45am: Breakfast with the Bible

10.30am: Eucharist

11.30am: Coffee

3.30pm: Evensong

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Friday 10th December

Carols for Everyone at 12.30pm

Sunday 12th December

Muddy Christingle at 3pm
Ceremony of Carols at 6pm

Thursday 16th December

Carols by Candlelight at 7pm

Friday 17th December

Carols for Everyone at 12.30pm

Saturday 18th December

Christingle Service at 4pm

Monday 20th December

Blue Christmas Reflection at 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st December

Carols for Kids at 11am
Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd December

Carols for Kids at 11am
Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm

Thursday 23rd December

Nine Lesson and Carols at 6.30pm

Friday 24th December

Crib Service at 4pm
Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm

Saturday 25th December

Family Eucharist at 9am
Christmas Day Eucharist at 10.30am

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