

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Advent Procession

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INTRODUCTION

Advent is a season of both quiet preparation and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual reflection, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ in his Incarnation, and also look ahead to his final advent at the end of time and the coming of the Kingdom of God.

The symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work in this service. The darkness in which the service begins reminds us of the darkness within ourselves and of the dark places of the world. The light which spreads throughout the Cathedral emanates from a single candle, illuminating the darkness and inviting us to see what the darkness hides. The candlelight symbolises the light of Christ in the world, the light of his judgement which invites us to live in the light of his redemption. In the Procession we visit every part of the Cathedral, filling its space with adoration and hope.

Saviour eternal,
life of the world unfailing,
light everlasting
and our true redemption.

Taking our humanity
in your loving freedom,
you rescued our lost earth
and filled the world with joy.

By your first advent justify us,
by your second, set us free:
that when the great light dawns
and you come as judge of all,
we may be robed in immortality
and ready, Lord, to follow
in your footsteps blest, wherever they may lead.

Salus Aeterna

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Played by Thomas Howell, Organ Scholar:

VERSES ON THE MAGNIFICAT
OP.41 No.2

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN
BWV 600

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Played by Timothy Ravalde, Assistant Organist:

FANTASIA AND FUGUE IN C MINOR
BWV 537

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

ORDER OF SERVICE

The service begins in darkness. Please remain seated.

From the Shrine of St Richard, the choir sings

THE MATIN 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.

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a
sheep.

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Matin Responsory for Advent Sunday

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

READING

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of
the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the
waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the
light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the
darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was
morning, the first day.

Genesis 1: 1-5

A candle is lit on the Arundel screen from which the candles around the Cathedral will be lit as the Service continues. The procession moves to the Presbytery as the choir sings

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

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.

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.

The Dean leads the following response:

Now is the time to wake out of sleep,
for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

READINGS

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.

Isaiah 60: 1-3

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

‘And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.’

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Luke 1: 57-58, 67, 76-80

The choir sings

BENEDICTUS

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited, and redeemed
his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his
servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been
since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands
of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to
remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham:
that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might
serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for
thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission
of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring
from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of
death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

READING

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40: 1-11

ORGAN MUSIC

As the procession moves to the Nave, the Assistant Organist plays

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT
BWV 602

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

The Dean leads the following response:

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

READING

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

Mark 1: 1-8

The choir sings

THIS IS THE RECORD OF JOHN

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou that Prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What say'st thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

John 1: 19-23

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

READING

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.

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

ORGAN MUSIC

As the procession moves to the North Chapels, the Assistant Organist plays

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND
BUXWV 211

Dieterich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

The Dean leads the following response:

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

READING

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'.

Matthew 1: 18-23

The choir sings

O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio.
Beata virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.

*O great mystery and wonderful sacrament,
that beasts should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger.
Blessed virgin, whose body was worthy to bear the Lord Christ.*

Words from the office of Matins on Christmas Day

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

READINGS

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.

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Luke 12: 35-40

The choir sings

E'EN SO, LORD JESUS, QUICKLY COME

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 saved be.

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, 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!

Revelation 22
adapted by Ruth Manẏ (1919-2008)

Paul Manẏ (1919-2009)

READING

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-10

ORGAN MUSIC

Organ music is played as the procession moves to the West Doors.

The Dean leads the following response:

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.

The choir sings

LUX AURUMQUE

Lux,
calida gravisque pura velut aurum
et canunt angeli molliter
modo natum.

*Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and angels sing softly
to the new-born babe.*

*Edward Esch (b. 1970)
tr. Charles Anthony Silvestri (b. 1965)*

Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Please stand and face the West Doors.

The Dean, The Very Reverend Stephen Waine, prays

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Please remain standing as the procession withdraws to the South Transept and the choir alone sings

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

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.*

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.

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.

O come, thou Lord of David's key!
the royal door fling wide and free;
safeguard for us the heavenward road,
and bar the way to death's abode.

O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the ancient law.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Based on the ancient Advent Antiphons
tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) and others*

*Melody adapted from a French Missal
by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)*

MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

PRELUDE IN C MINOR
BWV 546i

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)