TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

CAROL SERVICE
FOR ADVENT

Sunday 25 November 2012
6.15 PM

God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years. (Genesis 1:14)
Members of the congregation are asked to take particular care with the candles

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Prelude and Fugue in a, BWV 543  J.S. Bach
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645  J.S. Bach
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659  J.S. Bach
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660  J.S. Bach
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661  J.S. Bach

All remain seated in silence as the lights are dimmed

Prelude on Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122 No. 8       Johannes Brahms

All stand as the lights are switched off at the end of the organ music

CHOIR

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,
go ye out to meet him and say:
‘Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?’
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest 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.

Words: Early medieval Roman rite (Matins Responsory for the First Sunday of Advent)
Music: Richard Marlow

All remain standing
THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 1: 1–5, read by the Master*

God creates light, and separates it from darkness

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*A candle is lit and the light is passed from person to person*

A Chaplain says

God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

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.

Thou cam’st, the 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: Anon., 7th century  
Music: 'Conditor alme siderum' (Mode iv)

HYMN

Of the Father’s heart begotten,  
ere the world from chaos rose,  
he is Alpha: from that Fountain  
all that is and hath been flows;  
he is Omega, of all things  
yet to come the mystic Close,  
evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created;  
he commanded and was done;  
earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
universe of three in one,  
all that sees the moon’s soft radiance,  
all that breathes beneath the sun,  
evermore and evermore.
He assumed this mortal body,  
frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
that the race from dust created  
might not perish utterly,  
which the dreadful law had sentenced  
in the depths of Hell to lie,  
evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
when the Maid the curse retrieved,  
brought to birth mankind’s salvation,  
by the Holy Ghost conceived;  
and the Babe, the world’s Redeemer,  
in her loving arms received,  
evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe’er ye be, ye faithful,  
let your joyous anthems ring,  
every tongue his name confessing,  
countless voices answering,  
evermore and evermore.

Words: Prudentius (348–413), translated R. F. Davis (1866–1937)  
Music: melody from Piae Cantiones 1582, arr. Sir David Willcocks (b. 1919)
Beloved in Christ, as we prepare this Advent to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, let us hear again in the words of the Scriptures the story of God’s loving purpose in our creation and redemption. Let us bring to mind the goodness of God in calling the creation into his light; his mercy in Christ Jesus in drawing us from the darkness of sin; and his grace to us and to all sinners in summoning us by his Holy Spirit, as the dawn of his kingdom breaks upon us.

But first let us pray for ourselves and for all people, acknowledging before God our sins and the sins of the world, bringing before him our needs and the needs of those who dwell in the darkness of sickness, injustice, want, and fear; commending to him especially those who live without the hope which we have in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

These prayers we offer in his name who himself taught us to say:

Our Father
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.
Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth: let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.

The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honour all sustained; the banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.

Forth from his chamber goeth he, that royal home of purity, a giant in twofold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run.

O equal to the Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now; the weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.

All laud, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

Words: St Ambrose of Milan (340–397)
Music: Michael Praetorius (1571–1621), arranged Sir David Willcocks

All sit
THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1–9, read by a Member of Staff
The Prophet foretells the coming of God’s kingdom

And 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 L ORD 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 L ORD; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the L ORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for 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. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the L ORD, as the waters cover the sea.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia.
For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda.
By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three, Pares forma.
The Angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo: Gaudeamus.
Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus.

Words: from a 15th century carol roll, now in the College Library
Music: Anon., arranged John Stevens (1921–2002)
HYMN

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 Branch of Jesse! draw
the quarry from the lion’s claw;
from the 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, Adonaï,
who in thy glorious majesty
from that high mountain clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the elder law.

Words: Anon., first recorded 1710
Music: adapted Thomas Helmore (1811–90), arr. Sir David Willcocks
And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
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Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae:
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules fill Evæ;
ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrymarum valle.

Eja ergo, Advocata nostra, illo tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis virgo Maria.

Hail, Queen, Mother of mercies:
our life, our sweetness, and our hope, hail.
We cry to you, exiled children of Eve;
we sigh to you, mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.

Come then, our Advocate,
turn your merciful eyes upon us.
And after this exile, show us Jesus,
blessed fruit of your womb.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Words: Compline (Antiphon of the Virgin Mary)
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)
The Fourth Lesson

Matthew 3: 1–12, read by an Undergraduate
John the Baptist announces the coming of Christ

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel’s hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand
HYMN

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every Christian breast, and furnished for so great a guest! Yea, let us each our heart prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thy hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth and let thy light restore Earth’s own true loveliness once more.

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: Charles Coffin (1676–1749)
Music: Anon., Hamburg, 1690, descant Sir Philip Ledger (b. 1937)
Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
'Wachet auf!' ruft uns die Stimme
der Wächter, sehr hoch auf der Zinne;
‘Wach auf, du Stadt Jerusalem!’

Mitternacht heisst diese Stunde;
sie rufen uns mit hellem Munde:
‘Wo seid ihr, kluge Jungfrauen?
Wohl auf, der Bräut’gam kommt;
steht auf, die Lampen nehmt!
Halleluja! Macht euch bereit zu der Hochzeit.
Ihr müsset ihm entgegen gehn!'

‘Wake, O wake!’ – with tidings thrilling
the watchman’s cry the air is filling:
‘Arise, Jerusalem, arise.’
Midnight strikes, no more delaying.
‘The hour has come!’ we hear them saying:
‘Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom now is nigh:
stand forth! Your lamps raise high!
Alleluia. In bright array, this nuptial day,
go forth and meet him in the way!’

Words: Philipp Nicolai, translated F. C. Birkitt (1864–1935)

THE SIXTH LESSON

from The Revelation of St John the Divine, chapters 21–2
read by a member of the Clergy

The Seer sees the New Jerusalem and hears the Church’s plea for her Lord’s return

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and
the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from
God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God
is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And he said unto me, Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

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!

Words: Revelation 22, adapted Ruth Manz (1919–2008)
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 (1707–88)
Music: John Stainer (1840–1901)
Proceeding to the boy who comes forth, yea, our year is come!
From the Virgin’s womb:
Glory! Praises! God is become man and immortal.

Without a man’s seed, yea, our year is come!
Is he born of a virgin:
Glory! Praises! God is become man and immortal.

Without a man’s aid, yea, our year is come!
Is he born of Mary:
Glory! Praises! God is become man and immortal.

In this feast which has no end, yea, our year is come!
Let us bless the Lord.
Glory! Praises! God is become man and immortal.

Words: from Sloane MS. 2593, time of Henry VI
Music: Peter Warlock (1894–1930)
PRAYERS AND BLESSING

*Remain seated as the Dean of Chapel says*

Let us pray.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Make us, we beseech thee, O Lord, our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of thy Son, Christ our Lord; that when he shall come and knock, he may find us not sleeping in our sins, but awake, and rejoicing in his praises.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Ghost. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

*All stand*
Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
    once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
    Alleluia!
    God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught 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!
    Alleluia! Come, Lord, come! Amen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)
Music: T. Olivers (1725–99), descants Max Pappenheim

All remain standing as the Choir and Clergy process to the Ante-Chapel
Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis:
cuius imperium super humerum eius:
et vocabitur nomen eius, magni consilii Angelus.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor.

Words: Introit for the Third Mass of Christmas Day (Isaiah 9: 6)
Music: Plainsong

Break forth, O beautiful morning light,
and let the heaven dawn!
Be not afraid, O shepherd folk,
for the angel is telling you
that this helpless little boy
will be our comfort and joy,
here for to conquer Satan
and bring us peace at last!

Words: Johann von Rist (1607–67)
Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Dieu parmi nous

Olivier Messiaen

The Master and Fellows leave at the start of the organ voluntary.
A retiring collection will be taken at the doors of the Ante-Chapel
in aid of Trinity in Camberwell.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday 18 December, 5.00 pm    Christingle with Carols
Monday 24 December, 3.30 pm    Christmas Eve Crib Service
Tuesday 25 December, 9.30 am    Christmas Day Eucharist