

**The Cathedral Church**  
*of All Saints, Derby*



***Hope on the Horizon***

*Reflections in Scripture and Music  
on the themes of Advent*

*First Sunday of Advent*

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at 5.15 pm*

## **Welcome to Derby Cathedral at the beginning of Advent.**

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. In scripture, song, and prayer, we journey together to greet our Lord Jesus Christ as he comes to meet us.

Woven into the service are the Advent Antiphons. These antiphons, or refrains, all beginning 'O...', were sung before and after the Magnificat at Vespers, according to the Roman use, on the days preceding Christmas Eve. They are addressed to God, calling for him to come as teacher and deliverer, with a tapestry of scriptural titles and pictures that describe his saving work in Christ.

The music for this service is sung by the Girls and Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir.

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**Music before the Service**  
*Light in Darkness – Kerenza Briggs*

*The congregation remains seated as the choir and the ministers gather in silence.*

**Blessing of the Light**

*Light is taken from the first candle on the Advent candle stand.*

*The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby says*

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
King of the universe,  
eternal creator of day and night.  
Now, as darkness is falling,  
hear the prayer of your faithful people.  
Wash away our transgressions,  
cleanse us by your refining fire,  
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.  
May we live in watchfulness  
as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who shall judge the world and all its works.  
Rouse us from the sleep of sin  
and make us ready to enter your kingdom  
where songs of praise for ever sound.  
For you are the true light, who lightens everyone,  
and the new heavens and the new earth  
join to sing your praise now and for evermore.

*All*      **Amen.**

## The Opening Responary

*As the choir sings, the light from the Advent candle stand moves through the Cathedral.*

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour forth righteousness.  
Let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.*

Be not very angry, O Lord,  
neither remember our iniquity for ever:  
thy holy cities are a wilderness,  
Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and our beautiful house,  
where our fathers praised thee.  
*Drop down, ye heavens...*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,  
and we all do fade as a leaf:  
our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;  
thou hast hid thy face from us:  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.  
*Drop down, ye heavens...*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen;  
that ye may know me and believe me:  
I, even I, am the Lord,  
and beside me there is no Saviour:  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.  
*Drop down, ye heavens...*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,  
my salvation shall not tarry:  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:  
fear not, for I will save thee:  
for I am the Lord thy God,  
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.  
*Drop down, ye heavens...*

*Words: The Advent Prose  
Music: Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)*

Stand.

## Greeting, Introduction and Prayer

*The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby, says*

It is time for us to wake out of sleep,  
for deliverance is nearer to us now  
than it was when first we believed.  
It is far on in the night; day is near.  
Let us therefore cast off the deeds of darkness  
and put on our armour as soldiers of the light.

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

All

Sisters and brothers,  
we enter today the season of Advent,  
a season full of hope and expectation.  
In the days ahead, the Gospel calls us to prepare  
to celebrate the coming of Christ;  
a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem;  
a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit,  
in the bread of the Eucharist,  
in the joy of human lives that are shared in love;  
a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ.

So in this holy season,  
let us reflect on the coming of Christ  
who brings light to the world.  
Let us leave behind the darkness of sin,  
walk in the light that shines on our path,  
and renew within ourselves the hope of glory  
to which he beckons us.

And as we turn towards the light,  
let us have in our hearts all those who see no light,  
for whom all is darkness and despair.  
Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ  
who is the light of the world.

## Hymn

*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, Tr. John Neale (1818-1866)*

*Tune: Conditor Alme*

## **Antiphon**

*O Sapientia*

*The choir sings*

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High,  
and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all  
things:  
come and teach us the way of prudence.

## The Collect

*The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby, says*

Let us pray.

*A short time of silence is kept.*

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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

## The First Reading

*Jeremiah 23.5-8*

*Read by Wendy Scott.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

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.'

Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, 'As the Lord lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt', but 'As the Lord lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them.' Then they shall live in their own land.

Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

*The choir sings*

O radiant dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied:

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'

Amen.

*Words: The Advent Antiphons & Isaiah 9.2*

*Music: James MacMillan (b.1959)*

## Antiphon

*O Adonai*

*The choir sings*

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel,  
who appearedst in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire,  
and gavest him the law in Sinai:

Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.



## The Second Reading

*Zechariah 9.9-10*

*Read by a Chorister.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

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.

Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

## Hymn

**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 Saviour, now to earth displayed.**

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

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

**From God the Father he proceeds,  
to God the Father back he speeds,  
runs out his course to death and hell,  
returns on God's high throne to dwell.**

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

**The cradle here shall glitter bright,  
and darkness glow with new-born light,  
no more shall night extinguish day,  
where love's bright beams their power display.**

**O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee  
eternal praise and glory be,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.**

*Words: St Ambrose (340-397),  
Tr. John Neale (1818-1866), and others  
Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur*

**Antiphon**  
**O Radix Jesse**

*The choir sings*

O root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people,  
at whom kings shall shut their mouths,  
to whom all Gentiles shall seek:  
come and deliver us, and tarry not.

*Sit.*

**The Third Reading**  
*Haggai 2.6-9*

*Read by Chris Drew.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Haggai.

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem**

*The choir sings*

He will come like last leaf's fall.  
One night when the November wind  
has flayed the trees to 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: Philip Ledger (1937-2012)*

## **Antiphon**

*O Clavis David*

*The choir sings*

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel;  
that openest, and no man shutteth; and shuttest and no man openeth:  
come, and bring the prisoner out of the prison house,  
and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

## The Fourth Reading

Isaiah 7.10-15

Read by Tim Smith.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.'

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

## Hymn

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness;  
longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people:  
light for the world to see.**

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts!*

*Shine through the darkness!*

*Christ be our light!*

*Shine in your church, gathered today!*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled;  
longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us:  
make us your living voice.**

*Christ be our light...*

**Longing for food, many are hungry;  
longing for water, still many thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others:  
shared until all are fed.**

*Christ be our light...*

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless;  
longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others:  
walls made of living stone.**

*Christ be our light...*

**Many the gifts, many the people;  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another:  
making your kingdom come.**

*Christ be our light...*

*Words and music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

*Tune: Christ be our light*

## **Antiphon**

*O Oriens*

*The choir sings*

**O Dayspring, Brightness of Light everlasting, and Sun of righteousness:  
come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness,  
and the shadow of death.**

*The congregation extinguish their candles.*

*Sit.*

## **The Fifth Reading**

*Luke 1.29-39*

*Read by Madelaine Goddard.*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Hymn**

**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 (1757-1834)*

*Tune: Cross of Jesus*

**Antiphon**

***O Rex Gentium***

*The choir sings*

O King of the nations, and their Desire;  
the Corner-stone, who makest both one:  
come, and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

*Sit.*

## Sixth Reading

*Romans 12.1-2; 13.11-14*

*Read by Val Grahl.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you, 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.

Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

*The choir sings*

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:  
in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.  
O God, according to thy name,  
so is thy praise unto the world's end:  
Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia.  
O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

*Words: Psalms 48.8-9, 118.25*

*Music: William McKie (1901-1984)*



## The Prayers

*Kneel or sit. The prayers are led by The Revd Adam Dickens, Cathedral and University Chaplain.*

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus.

Come, O Christ, to your Church as Lord and Judge.  
Help us to live in the light of your coming  
and give us a longing for your Kingdom.

Maranatha: *[‘O Lord, come.’ 1 Corinthians 16.22]*

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

Come, O Christ, to the suffering as Saviour and Comforter.  
Break into our lives where we struggle with sickness and distress,  
and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha:

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

Come, O Christ, to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.  
Give us with all the faithful departed  
a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

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

Come, O Christ, from heaven, with power and great glory.  
Lift us up to meet you,  
that with all your saints and angels  
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha:

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

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay,  
give new courage to your people who trust in your love.  
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray for the coming of the kingdom  
in the words our Saviour 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.**

## Anthem

*The choir sings*

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion:  
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. Alleluia!  
Yea, the darkness shineth as the day:  
the night is light about me. Amen.

*Words: Amos & Psalm 139  
Music: Jonathan Dove (b.1959)*

## Poem

*Read by Revd Canon Sheana Barby.*

First light and then first lines along the east  
to touch and brush a sheen of light on water  
as though behind the sky itself they traced  
the shift and shimmer of another river  
flowing unbidden from its hidden source;  
the Day-Spring, the eternal Prima Vera.  
Blake saw it too. Dante and Beatrice  
are bathing in it now, away upstream...  
so every trace of light begins a grace  
in me, a beckoning. The smallest gleam  
is somehow a beginning and a calling;  
“Sleeper awake, the darkness was a dream  
for you will see the Dayspring at your waking,  
beyond your long last line the dawn is breaking”.

*Malcolm Guite (b.1957)*

Stand.

Hymn

*During which the collection is taken.*

**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 Wisdom from on high,  
who madest all in earth and sky,  
creating us from dust and clay:  
to us reveal salvation's way.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

**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...*

**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.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

**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.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

**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.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

**O come, Desire of nations, show  
thy kingly reign on earth below;  
thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
restore the ruin of our fall.**

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

*Words: from the Advent Antiphons*

*Tune: Veni Emmanuel*

*Remain standing.*

## **The Blessing**

*The Right Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby*

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

*All*      **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

*All*      **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love.

*All*      **Amen.**

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

*All*      **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*The Dean says*

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

*All*      **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

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

*All*      **Amen.**

*The choir and ministers depart.*

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Fantasia in G minor (BWV542i) – Johann Sebastian Bach*