The Cathedral Church
of All Saints, Derby



Choral Evensong
on the Second Sunday before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday
15th November 2026 at 5.15 pm

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Choral Evensong is led by The Revd Lindsay Pearson, Canon for Worship and Music. The Cantor is The Revd Canon Michael Futers, Associate Priest.

The music for the service is sung by members of the Cathedral Choir. The Responses are sung to the setting by Herbet Sumsion and the Canticles to the Evening Service in A flat by Edmund Rubbra. The Anthem is Lord, thou hast been our refuge by Edward Bairstow.

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Introit

Sung from the Cavendish Area.

O nata lux de lumine,	*O light of light, by love inclined,*
Jesu redemptor saeculi,	*Jesu, redeemer of mankind,*
dignare clemens supplicum	*with loving kindness deign to hear*
laudes precesque sumere.	*from suppliant voices praise and prayer.*
Qui carne quondam contegi	*Thou who to raise our souls from hell*
dignatus es pro perditis.	*didst deign in fleshly form to dwell,*
Nos membra confer effici,	*vouchsafe us, when our race is run,*
tui beati corporis.	*in thy fair body to be one.*

Words: anon, 10th century.
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Opening Responses

Sung by the Cantor and Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips:
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord:
The Lord's name be praised.

Welcome

The Revd Lindsay Pearson, Canon for Worship and Music

Office Hymn

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call;
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792)
Tune: Miles Lane (332)

Sit.

The Psalmody

Psalm 89.20-30

The choir sings

Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst:
I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
I have found David my servant:
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
My hand shall hold him fast:
and my arm shall strengthen him.
The enemy shall not be able to do him violence:
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
I will smite down his foes before his face:
and plague them that hate him.
My truth also and my mercy shall be with him:
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
I will set his dominion also in the sea:
and his right hand in the floods.
He shall call me, Thou art my Father:
my God, and my strong salvation.
And I will make him my first-born:
higher than the kings of the earth.
My mercy will I keep for him for evermore:
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

Stand.

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.

Sit.

The First Lesson
1 Kings 1.15-40

Read by Andy Dean.

The first lesson is taken from the first book of Kings, chapter 1, beginning at verse 15.

Bathsheba went to King David in his room. The king was very old; Abishag the Shunammite was attending the king. Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, 'What do you wish?' She said to him, 'My lord, you swore to your servant by the Lord your God, saying: Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne. But now suddenly Adonijah has become king, though you, my lord the king, do not know it. He has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the children of the king, the priest Abiathar, and Joab the commander of the army; but your servant Solomon he has not invited. But you, my lord the king – the eyes of all Israel are on you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king sleeps with his ancestors, that my son Solomon and I will be counted offenders.'

While she was still speaking with the king, the prophet Nathan came in. The king was told, 'Here is the prophet Nathan.' When he came in before the king, he did obeisance to the king, with his face to the ground. Nathan said, 'My lord the king, have you said, "Adonijah shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne"? For today he has gone down and has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's children, Joab the commander of the army, and the priest Abiathar, who are now eating and drinking before him, and saying, "Long live King Adonijah!" But he did not invite me, your servant, and the priest Zadok, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king and you have not let your servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?'

King David answered, ‘Summon Bathsheba to me.’ So she came into the king’s presence, and stood before the king. The king swore, saying, ‘As the Lord lives, who has saved my life from every adversity, as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, “Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne in my place”, so will I do this day.’ Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and did obeisance to the king, and said, ‘May my lord King David live for ever!’

King David said, ‘Summon to me the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.’ When they came before the king, the king said to them, ‘Take with you the servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. There let the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anoint him king over Israel; then blow the trumpet, and say, “Long live King Solomon!” You shall go up following him. Let him enter and sit on my throne; he shall be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.’ Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, ‘Amen! May the Lord, the God of my lord the king, so ordain. As the Lord has been with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.’

So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David’s mule, and led him to Gihon. There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, ‘Long live King Solomon!’ And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

Here ends the first lesson.

Stand.

The Magnificat

The choir sings

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

Sit.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 1.4-18

Read by a minister.

The second lesson is taken from the book of Revelation, chapter 1, beginning at verse 4.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

Here ends the second lesson.

Stand.

The Nunc Dimittis

The choir sings

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God

All **the Father almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sung by the Cantor and Choir.

The Lord be with you:
and with thy spirit

Kneel or sit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon 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. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:
and grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the King:
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness:
and make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people:
and bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord:
because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us:
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

O God,
whose blessed Son was manifested
that he might destroy the works of the devil
and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope,
we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure,
that when he shall appear again with power and great glory
we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit,
he liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God,
from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants
that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Anthem

The congregation is invited to be seated as the choir sings the Anthem.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought faith or ever the earth and the world were made:
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
Comfort us again, now after the time that thou hast plagued us;
and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him:
or the son of man, that thou so regardest him?
Man is like a thing of nought:
his time passeth away like a shadow.

But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever:
and thy remembrance throughout all generations.
Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion:
yea the time is come that thou have mercy.

Amen.

Words: Psalm 90.1-2, 15; Psalm 144.3-4; & Psalm 102.12-13
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Intercessions

The prayers of intercession are led by The Revd Bob Atkins.

The prayers end with words from 2 Corinthians 13:

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.

Stand.

Final Hymn

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Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
this world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their hearth and home, where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to humankind.

Words: James Quinn (1919-2010)
Tune: Duke Street (322)

The Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Allegro giocoso (from Sonata in E flat) – Edward Bairstow