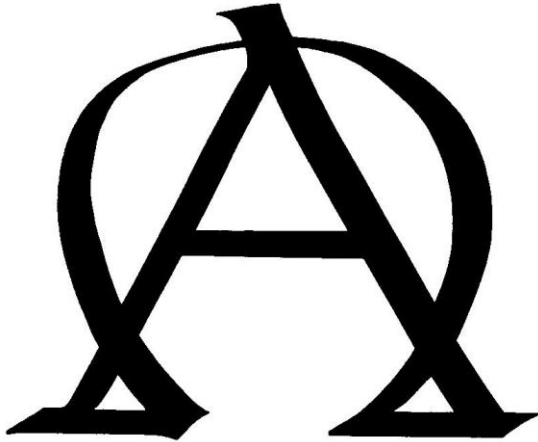


# The Advent Procession



Advent Sunday  
3rd December 2023  
6.30 pm

## **Welcome to Manchester Cathedral**

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval Parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

### **The Advent Procession**

The Cathedral Chapter welcomes you to this celebration at the beginning of Advent. The word Advent derives from a Latin root which means 'coming' or 'arrival', and the season was a development of the Western church as a preparation for the festival of the Nativity.

Our service is 'on the move' – it enacts a journey. We recall not only our own life journey but also the journey made by God who sent his Son into the world. At the end of the service we move with lit candles to the South Door. The Blessing sends us further on our journey carrying the light of Christ.

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## **Musicians**

The Voluntary Choir is conducted by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.  
The organ is played by Christopher Stokes,  
Organist and Master of the Choristers.

## **Ministers**

The service is conducted by the Dean  
assisted by Cathedral clergy.

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

# Gathering

*At the Western Nave*

## Prelude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland [Now come, Saviour of the Nations] BWV 659  
J S Bach (1685-1750)*

*The Congregation gathers at the Western Nave. The Choir stand facing towards the East.*

## Introit

sung by the 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:

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.

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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?

*Adapted from a Magnificat by  
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c1525-1594)*

*Words translated from the  
First Responsory of Advent Sunday  
in the Office of Matins*

## First Procession

To the Eastern Nave

After the first verse the Choir, the Clergy and the Congregation, process from the Western Nave to the Eastern Nave.

### Hymn during the Procession

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.*

#### Lower voices

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.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!...*

#### Higher voices

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
dispel the long night's ling'ring gloom,  
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!...*

#### Lower voices

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

*Rejoice! Rejoice!...*

#### All

O come, O come, Adonaï,  
who in thy glorious majesty  
from that high mountain clothed with awe  
gavest thy folk the elder law.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!...*

15th century French Melody  
Arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

18th century  
translated by T A Lacey (1853-1931)

## The Bidding and Lord's Prayer

*Words of welcome are said. The Dean says the Bidding.*

Dean In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace. We are gathered together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's Kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his Kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

And as we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his grace and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of war and death.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us in 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 he himself has taught us, saying:

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.**

Dean May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting,  
now and at all times,

All **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## First Lesson

Exodus 3.1-6

Reader The Lord speaks to Moses from the burning bush:

While tending the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro, priest of Midian, Moses led the flock along the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him as a fire blazing out from a bush. Although the bush was on fire, it was not being burnt up, and Moses said to himself, 'I must go across and see this remarkable sight. Why ever does the bush not burn away?' When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to look, he called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' He answered, 'Here I am!' God said, 'Do not come near! Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' Then he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

*At the end the reader says*

Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

Sung by the Choir

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
pure beam of the most high, eternal light  
of this our wintry world. Thy radiance bright  
awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
as stars about thy throne, set in the height  
of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight  
gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
our nature all shall feel eternal day  
in fellowship with thee, transforming day  
to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

*Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

*Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)*

*Please stand*

## Hymn

*Remaining at the Eastern Nave*

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 man displayed.

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

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.

Thy 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.

*Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)  
Harmony by G R Woodward (1848-1934)*

*Ambrose of Milan (c339-397)  
tr J M Neale (1818-1866)*

*Please sit*



## Second Lesson

Isaiah 40.1-11

Reader      The prophet announces the coming of the Lord:

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.

*At the end the reader says*

Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

Sung by the Choir

Canite tuba in Sion,	<i>Blow the trumpet in Zion,</i>
quia prope est dies Domini.	<i>for the day of the Lord is nigh.</i>
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.	<i>Lo, he comes to our salvation.</i>
Erunt prava in directa	<i>The crooked shall be made straight</i>
et aspera in vias planas:	<i>and the rough ways plain:</i>
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.	<i>Come, Lord, and do not delay.</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c1525-1594)*

*Joel 2.1  
Isaiah 40. 4*

*Please stand*

## Hymn

*During this hymn a collection will be made to support the work of the Cathedral.*

Hark! A herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes in glory,  
and earth's final hour draws near,  
may he then as our defender  
on the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run.

*W H Monk (1823-1889)*

*From the Latin  
tr E Caswall (1814-78) †*

## Second Procession

*Via the South Choir Aisle  
around the Retro Choir  
and the North Choir Aisle to the Regiment Chapel*

*The Choir, followed by the Clergy and the Congregation, process via the Ambulatory route to the Chapel.*

### Music during the Procession

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 599

Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott [Praise be to God Almighty given] BWV 602

*J S Bach (1685-1750)*

*The Choir stands in front of the Chapel Sanctuary.*

*The Congregation sits where chairs are available.*

### Third Lesson

Malachi 3.1-5

Reader      The prophet Malachi foretells the time when God's messenger would appear:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

*At the end the reader says*

Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem**

Sung by the Choir

Rorate caeli desuper,  
et nubes pluant justum:  
Aperiat terra, et germinet salvatorem.  
Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam:  
Avertisti captivitatem Jacob.  
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,  
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Drop down you heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness:  
Let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour.  
Lord, you have blessed your land:  
You have turned away the captivity of Jacob.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

Isaiah 45. 8  
Psalm 85. 1

## **Third Procession**

*Via the Organ Screen  
into the Quire*

*The Choir, followed by the Clergy and the Congregation, process via the Organ Screen into the Quire, where they move to their seats.*

## **Hymn during the Procession**

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!

*Melody noted in T Olivers (1725-99)  
included in Wesley's Select Hymns 1765*

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*The Choir and Clergy are seated in their stalls and the Congregation takes places adjacent to the High Altar.*

#### **Fourth Lesson**

Philippians 4. 4-7

Reader      St Paul encourages the Church to be faithful and hopeful in prayer:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*At the end the reader says*

Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem**

Sung by the Choir

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!  
He has visited his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up for us a mighty saviour  
in the house of David his servant,  
as he promised by the lips of holy men,  
those who were his prophets from of old.  
A saviour who would free us from our foes,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

So his love for our fathers is fulfilled  
and his holy covenant remembered.  
He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,  
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,  
we might serve him in holiness and justice  
all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you little child,  
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of the Lord  
to prepare his ways before him.  
To make known to his people their salvation  
through forgiveness of all their sins,  
the loving kindness of the heart of our God  
who visits us like the dawn from on high.  
He will give light to those in darkness,  
those who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*James MacMillan (b 1959)*

*Luke 1. 68-79*

## **Homily**

Canon Nigel Ashworth

*After the homily please stand, facing East for the Affirmation of Faith*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Minister    Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:  
All            **Though he was divine,  
                 he did not cling to equality with God,  
                 but made himself nothing.  
                 Taking the form of a slave,  
                 he was born in human likeness.  
                 He humbled himself  
                 and was obedient to death,  
                 even the death of the cross.  
                 Therefore God has raised him on high,  
                 and given him the name above every name:  
                 that at the name of Jesus  
                 every knee should bow,  
                 and every voice proclaim that  
                 Jesus Christ is Lord,  
                 to the glory of God the Father.  
                 Amen.**

*Philippians 2.6-1*

## **Chorale Prelude**

*Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen  
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

*During the music the Choir, Clergy and Congregation light their candles.*

## **Final Processional**

*To the South Door*

*The Choir, followed by the Clergy and the Congregation, process into the Nave and onwards to the South Door.*

## **Hymn during the Procession**

Hills of the north, rejoice,  
river and mountain-spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland, sing.  
though absent long, your Lord is nigh;  
he judgement brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,  
deep in your coral caves,  
pent be each warring breeze,  
lulled be your restless waves:  
He comes to reign in boundless sway,  
and makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the east, awake,  
soon shall your sons be free;  
the sleep of ages break,  
and rise to liberty.  
On your far hills, long cold and grey,  
has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost west,  
ye that have waited long,  
unvisited, unblest,  
break forth to swelling song.  
High raise the note, that Jesus died,  
yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home,  
songs be in every mouth;  
lo, from the north we come,  
from east and west and south:  
City of God, the bond are free,  
we come to live and reign in thee!

Little Cornard NEH 7  
Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

C E Oakley (1832-1965)

## **Fifth Lesson**

Mark 1.1-8

Reader     Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
All         Glory to you, O Christ.

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.'

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Advent Collect**

*The minister leads the people in prayer and says the Collect*

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.**

### **The Blessing**

Dean 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.

All **Amen.**

## **The Sending Out**

Deacon     As we await our coming Saviour,  
              let us go in the light and peace of Christ.

All           **Thanks be to God.**

*All are encouraged to take their candles home.*

## **Postlude**

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 66 I*  
*J S Bach (1685-1750)*

*Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the music,  
readings and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit.*

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## Services this Week

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### Monday 4th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*  
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

### Tuesday 5th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*  
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

### Wednesday 6th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*  
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

### Thursday 7th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*  
5.30 pm Choral Evensong  
6.30 pm Lighting up of the Christmas Tree

### Friday 8th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday 9th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
followed by Holy Communion  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### Sunday 10th December *2nd in Advent*

8.45 am Matins followed by Holy Communion  
10.30 am Sung Eucharist  
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

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