

**St Margaret's Church  
Lee**

***Lessons and Carols  
for Advent***



**6pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

## Organ Music before the service

*Chorale Preludes on 'Wachet Auf' by J. S. Bach (BWV 645) and Flor Peeters*

## THE MATIN RESPONSORY (*adapted from Palestrina*)

### Processional hymn

Choir                    Come thou, Redeemer of the earth  
and manifest thy virgin-birth:  
let every age adoring fall,  
such birth befits the God of all.

**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.**

Tenors and            **From God the Father he proceeds  
basses                to God the Father back he speeds,  
his course he runs to death and hell,  
returning on God's throne to dwell.**

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

Sopranos            **Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
and altos            and darkness breathe a newer light.  
Where endless faith shall shine serene  
and twilight never intervene.**

**All                    All laud to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to thee:  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.**

## Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.

**Advent Antiphon 1: O Wisdom**

*O wisdom, coming forth from the Most High,  
filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth;  
come and teach us the way of truth*

**Choir** Rejoice in the Lord always (*attrib. John Redford*)

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.  
Let your softness be known unto all men:  
the Lord is at hand.  
Be careful for nothing:  
but in all prayer and supplication let your petitions  
be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.  
And the peace of God, which passeth all  
understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.  
Amen.*

## 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 thy own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone:  
by thy all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## Lesson 2      Jeremiah 23,5,6

(Amy Hunt)

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.'

## Advent Antiphon 2: O Lord of Lords

*O Lord of Lords, and ruler of the House of Israel,  
you appeared to Moses In the fire of the burning bush,  
and gave him the law on Sinai:  
come and your outstretched arm and  
ransom us*

**Choir** The people that walked in darkness (from 'The Messiah', G.F. Handel)

*For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;  
but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.  
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy  
rising. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and  
they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the  
light shined.*

Sung by Lawrence Gillians

## Hymn

**Hills of the North, rejoice,  
River and mountain-spring,  
Hark to the advent voice;  
Valley and lowland, sing.  
Christ comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
your seers have longed to know their  
Lord; to you he comes, the final word.**

**Shores of the utmost West,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey home,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the universe be blest.**

**Lesson 3** Psalm 118.19-29

(Liz Moss)

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

### **Advent Antiphon 3: O root of Jesse**

*O root of Jesse,  
standing us a sign among the nations;  
kings will keep silence before you  
for whom the nations long.*

**Choir** O radiant dawn

*(James MacMillan)*

*O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in 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*

### **Hymn**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:**

***Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O Come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave: Refrain**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight: Refrain**

**O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery: Refrain**

**O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe: Refrain**

**Lesson 4** Isaiah 9.2,6,7

(Marion Scott)

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.

## Advent Antiphon 4: O key of David

*O key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;  
you open and none can shut;  
you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison,  
and break down the walls of death.*

**Choir** How beauteous are their feet                      Charles V. Stanford

*How beauteous are their feet, Who stand on Sion's hill, Who bring  
salvation on their tongues, And words of peace instill! How happy  
are our ears That hear this joyful sound, Which kings and Prophets  
waited for, And sought, but never found! How blessed are our  
eyes, That see this heav'nly light! Prophets and kings desired it  
long, But died without the sight. The Lord makes bare his arm  
Through all the earth abroad; Let ev'ry nation now behold Their  
Saviour and their God.*

*(Isaac Watts)*

## Hymn

**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing  
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air;  
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?  
Is it the music of His people's prayer?**

**Surely He cometh, and a thousand voices  
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf and dumb;  
Surely He cometh, and the earth rejoices,  
Glad in His coming who hath sworn: I come!**

**This hath He done, and shall we not adore Him?  
This shall He do, and can we still despair?  
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before Him,  
Cast at His feet the burden of our care.**

Thru life and death, thru sorrow and thru sinning  
He shall suffice me, for He hath sufficed:  
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,  
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

**Lesson 5** Isaiah 7.10-15

(David Knight)

Again 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.

**Advent Antiphon 5: O morning star**

*O morning star,  
splendour of the light eternal and bright beam of righteousness:  
come and bring light to those who dwell in darkness and walk in the  
shadow of death.*

**Choir** This is the record of John (Orlando Gibbons)

*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*

## Hymn

Hark a thrilling voice is sounding;  
“Christ is nigh” it seems to say;  
“Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day.”

Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill 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;

That when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

I appeal to you therefore, 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. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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.

### Advent Antiphon 6: O king of the nations

*O king of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires:  
cornerstone, binding all together:  
come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust of earth.*

**Choir** There shall a star from Jacob come Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a Sceptre from Israel rise up  
and dash in pieces princes and nations. How brightly beams the morning  
star! With sudden radiance from afar With light and comfort glowing!  
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, Rightly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, oh  
praise such love o'erflowing.*

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### **Advent Antiphon 7: O Emmanuel**

*O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,  
hope of the nations and their saviour:  
come and save us, O Lord our God.*

### **Closing Prayer**

## Recessional Hymn

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:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

## Blessing

**Organ Voluntary** *Overture to 'St. Paul' (Felix Mendelssohn arr. W.T. Best)*

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