



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

# CAROL SERVICE

5:00pm Sunday 15 December 2024

## Welcome to St Paul's

We are delighted that you have come to worship God with us this evening at our annual Carol Service. We hope that as you join us at St Paul's you will find peace, beauty, spiritual comfort, wonder and inspiration. May you know the joy and blessing of worshipping and serving the risen Christ.

## What is a Carol?

The word *carol* is derived from the Old French word *carole*, originally a term for a dance, or for songs intermingled with dancing, and later came to signify festive songs. Today the carol is represented almost exclusively by the Christmas carol, the Advent carol, and to a much lesser extent by the Easter carol; however, despite their present association with religion, this has not always been the case.

Carols were very popular as dance songs from the 1150s to the 1350s, after which their use expanded as processional songs sung during festivals, while others were written to accompany religious mystery plays (such as the Coventry Carol, written before 1534). In Britain the practice of carolling was widespread as early as the fifteenth century. The Puritans did their best to discourage carol singing, but the practice was revived at the Restoration.

In Western Europe carols were at first composed in Latin, the language of the Church, then, as national spirit developed, they began to be written in the common tongues of the various peoples. In Italy Jacopo da Todi, a follower of Saint Francis, was already writing carols in popular language in the thirteenth century.

## Tonight's Carol Service

With less than two weeks before we celebrate the great Festival of Christmas but mindful that we are still in the season of Advent, this evening's Carol Service at St Paul's combines elements of both Advent and Christmas.

Tonight you will hear lessons from the Scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments which foretell of God's loving purpose in our creation and redemption and of the coming of the Christ.

The hymns, anthems and carols reflect these lessons through their texts, some ancient and some more modern, as well as through the music to which they have been set.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.

NRSV John 1:1-5

**Organ Prelude:** Chorale Prelude on *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*  
BWV 661 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please stand as the bell is rung. The Choir sings the Introit from the West Door.*

**Responsory:** *Matin Responsory* Sarah Macdonald (b.1968)

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.

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?

First Matin Responsory for Advent Sunday

*Remain standing to sing the Processional Hymn.*

## Processional Hymn

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 87 87 87 7

Melody from *Piae Cantiones*  
Theoderici Petri Nylandensis 1582



### *Choir only for verse 1*

- 1 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.*

*All*

- 2 By his word was all created; He commanded and 'twas 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.*
- 3 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.*
- 4 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.*
- 5 This is he, whom seer and sibyl sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealed in the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; Let the world his praises cry!  
*Evermore and evermore.*
- 6 Let the storm and summer sunshine, gliding stream and sounding shore,  
sea and forest, frost and zephyr, day and night their Lord adore;  
Let creation join to laud thee through the ages evermore,  
*Evermore and evermore.*
- 7 Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Whereso'er ye be, ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing, countless voices answering,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

Latin, Prudentius (348-413)  
Tr. R.F. Davis (1866-1937)

*Please remain standing for the Bidding Prayer which is followed by the Lord's Prayer.*

**Bidding Prayer**

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us – how that when we were far off, he met us in his Son and brought us home; how he humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share his divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness. So first we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry and the homeless; the victims of poverty,

injustice and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's Body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise his name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of 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:

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.**

*Please sit.*

**Antiphon: O Sapientia**

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.

Advent Antiphon *O sapientia*, 16 December

**First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 24.1–9**

*The praise of Wisdom*

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: 'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting-place; in whose territory should I abide?

'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance." Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.

Thanks be to God.

### Antiphon: O Adonai

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.

Advent Antiphon O Adonai, 17 December

### Carol: Here is the little door

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, O lift! We need not wander more but enter with our gift; Our gift of finest gold, gold that was never bought nor sold; Myrrh to be strewn about His bed; Incense in clouds about His head; All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep, but holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed, for each He has a gift; See how his eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift! For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword (defend with it thy little Lord!) For incense, smoke of battle red; Myrrh for the honoured happy dead; Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet, touched by such tiny hands and O such tiny feet.

Frances Chesterton (1869-1938)

### Antiphon: O radix Jesse

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

Advent Antiphon O radix Jesse, 18 December

### Second Lesson: Isaiah 11.1-5

*The prophet Isaiah speaks of the righteous Judge who will come from the line of David*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Thanks be to God.

### Anthem: There shall a star

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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'er flowing!

from Numbers 24.17; Psalm 2.9

*Please stand to sing the hymn.*

### Hymn

MERTON 87 87

W.H. Monk (1823-89)



- 1 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!'
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 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;
- 4 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.
- 5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

From the Latin;  
Tr. E. Caswall (1814-78)

*Please sit.*

### Antiphon: O clavis David

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.

Advent Antiphon O clavis David, 19 December

### Third Lesson: Micah 5.2–5

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Thanks be to God.

### Antiphon: O Oriens

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

*Advent Antiphon O Oriens, 20 December*

### Carol: Cherry Tree Carol arr. Sir Stephen Cleobury CBE (1948-2019)

Joseph was an old man and an old man was he, When he wedded Mary, in the land of Galilee.

Joseph and Mary walked through an orchard good, Where was cherries and berries, so red as any blood.

O then bespoke Mary, so meek and oh, so mild: 'Pluck me one cherry, Joseph, for I am with child.'

O then bespoke Joseph, with words most unkind: 'Let him pluck thee a cherry that brought thee with child.'

O then bespoke the baby, within his mother's womb: 'Bow down then the tallest tree, for my mother to have some.'

Then bowed down the highest tree unto his mother's hand; Then she cried, 'See, Joseph, I have cherries at command.'

O then bespoke Joseph: 'I have done Mary wrong; But cheer up, my dearest, and be ye not cast down.'

Then Mary plucked a cherry, as red as any blood, Then Mary she went homewards all with her heavy load.

*English Traditional*

### Antiphon: O Rex Gentium

O King of the nations, and their Desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come, and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

*Advent Antiphon O Rex Gentium, 21 December*

### Fourth Lesson: Matthew 3.1–11

*John the Baptist announces the coming of Christ*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Thanks be to God.

### Antiphon: O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation: Come and save us O Lord, our God.

*Advent Antiphon O Emmanuel, 22 December*

*Please stand to sing the Offertory hymn on the next page.*

*An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 16 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.*



*There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.*

## Offertory Hymn

VENI EMMANUEL 88 88 88

melody 'adapted from a French Missal'  
by Thomas Helmore (1811–90); descant by Alan Wilson (b.1947)



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| 1 O COME, O come, Emmanuel!<br>Redeem thy captive Israel,<br>That into exile drear is gone<br>Far from the face of God's dear Son.<br><i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>shall come to thee, O Israel.</i>           | 4 O come thou Root of Jesse! Draw<br>The quarry from the lion's claw;<br>From those dread caverns of the grave,<br>From nether hell, thy people save.<br><i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>shall come to thee, O Israel.</i>               |
| 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high!<br>Who madest all in earth and sky,<br>Creating man from dust and clay:<br>To us reveal salvation's way.<br><i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>shall come to thee, O Israel.</i> | 5 O come, thou Lord of David's Key!<br>The royal door fling wide and free;<br>Safeguard for us the heavenward road,<br>And bar the way to death's abode.<br><i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>shall come to thee, O Israel.</i>            |
| 3 O come, O come, Adonai,<br>Who in thy glorious majesty<br>From Sinai's mountain clothed with<br>awe<br>Gavest thy folk the elder law.<br><i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>shall come to thee, O Israel.</i>      | 6 O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!<br>Pour on our souls thy healing light;<br>Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,<br>And pierce the shadows of the tomb.<br><i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>shall come to thee, O Israel.</i> |
| 7 O come, Desire of nations! show<br>Thy kingly reign on earth below;<br>Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,<br>Restore the ruin of our fall.<br><i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>shall come to thee, O Israel.</i>    |  |

Cologne 1710, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons  
Tr. T.A. Lacey (1853-1931) and Editors

*Please sit.*

## Carol: Maria walks amid the thorn

Daniel Burton (b.1944)

Maria walks amid the thorn. Kyrie eleison. Maria walks amid the thorn,  
which seven years no leaf has born. Jesus and Maria.

What 'neath her heart does Mary bear? Kyrie eleison. A little child does  
Mary bear, beneath her heart he nestles there. Jesus and Maria.

And as the two are passing near, Kyrie eleison. Lo! roses on the thorns  
appear. Jesus and Maria.

*Maria durch ein Dornwald ging*  
German Carol; Tr. Henry S. Drinker (1880-1965)

## Fifth Lesson: Luke 1.26–35, 38

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you."

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Thanks be to God.

## Motet: O magnum mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent  
Dominum natum jacentem in praeseptio. O beata virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia!

*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the  
newborn Lord, lying in a manger! O blessed virgin, whose womb was worthy to  
bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

Fourth Responsory for Matins of Christmas Day

## Antiphon: O Virgo virginum

O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be? for neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

Advent Antiphon O Virgo virginum, 23 December

## Sixth Lesson: Luke 1.39–49

*The Blessed Virgin Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth*

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name."

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Magnificat, during which the High Altar will be censed.*

**Canticle:** Magnificat from *Collegium Regale*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

✠ **M**y 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.

*Please remain standing for the Gospel which is read by the Rector.*

## The Gospel: John 1.1–14

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## Carol: Carol of the Crib

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b.1971)

Light of the world, a child is born;  
Dark is the night before the dawn:  
Day is upon us, darkness is dying,  
with Mary's child in slumber lying.

*Christ has come, our life to share;  
Sorrows and sins and griefs to bear.  
See where above us the heav'ns are clear,  
the angels are singing for Christ is here!*

Light for a world gone far astray,  
dawn of the hope of God's new day;  
Songs for our sighing, joy for our weeping  
with Mary's child so softly sleeping.

*Christ has come...*

Light of the world, God's only Son!  
Now is the day of grace begun:  
love is among us, love beyond dreaming,  
with Mary's child for our redeeming.

*Christ has come...*

Timothy Dudley-Smith OBE (1926-2024)

*Please kneel for the prayers which are led by the Rector.*

## Prayers

Let us pray:

Stir up, O Lord, your power, and come among us; and mercifully fulfil that which you have promised to your Church unto the end of the world.

**Amen.**

Make us, we beseech you, O Lord, our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of your 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 your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as the Rector pronounces the Blessing from the High Altar.*

## Blessing

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 amongst you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Responsory: Vesper Responsory

Sarah Macdonald (b.1968)

We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord: in the midst of thy temple.

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not nor be dismayed.

*Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.*

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord:

*Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

*Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.*

First Vesper Responsory for Advent Sunday

*Remain standing to sing the Final Hymn.*

## Final Hymn

HELMSLEY 87 87 47

Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-99)

Included in Wesley's Select Hymns 1765

Descant: Martin How (1931-2022)



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| 1 | Lo! he comes with clouds descending,<br>Once for favoured sinners slain;<br>Thousand thousand saints attending,<br>Swell the triumph of his train:<br>Alleluya!<br>God appears, on earth to reign. | 3 | Those dear tokens of his passion<br>Still his dazzling body bears,<br>Cause of endless exultation<br>To his ransomed worshippers:<br>With what rapture<br>Gaze we on those glorious scars!  |
| 2 | Every eye shall now behold him<br>Robed in dreadful majesty;<br>Those who set at nought and sold him,<br>Pierced and nailed him to the tree,<br>Deeply wailing<br>Shall the true Messiah see.      | 4 | Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,<br>High on thine eternal throne;<br>Saviour, take the power and glory:<br>Claim the kingdom for thine own:<br>O come quickly!<br>Alleluya! Come, Lord, come! |

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*The Choir and Clergy process from the church during the Postlude.*

## Postlude: Dieu Parmi Nous, La nativité du Seigneur, IX

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.*



## UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

Sunday 22 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST with Litany**  
*Missa cum júbilo* (Gregorian chant)  
*Tota pulchra es Maria* (Michael Drake Jr, b.1983)

Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve

**9:30pm FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS**  
**Introit:** *Stille Nacht* (Grüber, 1787-1863; arr. Meißner, 1899-1983)  
**Setting:** *Missa Eliensis* (Arthur Wills, 1926-2020)  
**Motet:** *I sing of a maiden* (Richard Madden, b.1953)

Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day

**9:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
**Introit:** *Puer natus est* (Gregorian chant)  
**Setting:** *Communion Service in F* (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)  
**Motet:** *Away in a manger* (arr. William James Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921)

Sunday 29 December – First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday 5 January 2025 – The Epiphany

Sunday 12 January – The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday 19 January – Second Sunday after Epiphany

**9:00am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**Setting:** *Communion Service* (John Merbecke, c.1510-1585)

Sunday 26 January – Conversion of Paul

**8:00am SAID EUCHARIST with hymns**

**10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Tuesday 24 December  
**9:30pm Choral Eucharist**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Wednesday 25 December  
**9:00am Choral Eucharist**

**Fr James Collins OAM**  
Rector



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Recital Series

# LUNCHTIME RECITALS in 2025

18 February  
18 March  
15 April  
20 May

17 June  
15 July  
19 August  
16 September

21 October  
18 November



1:15pm – Third Tuesday of the month  
Note donation or book online by scanning the QR code:

David Russell  
Director of Music  
Sheryl Southwood OAM  
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## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Sunday 5 January 2025

9:00am **Sung Eucharist**

Communion Service (*John Merbecke*)



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## CONVERSION OF PAUL – Sunday 26 January 2025

8:00am **Said Eucharist** *with hymns*

10:00am **Choral Eucharist**

Setting: **Communion Service in G** Francis Jackson

Motet: **Teach me, O Lord** Thomas Attwood



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Sundays throughout the year:

**8:00am** Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Wednesdays:

**10:30am** Eucharist

Fridays:

**5:30pm** Evening Prayer

**6:00pm** Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

**6:00pm** Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

*Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.*

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

**5:00pm** Choral Evensong – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

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