



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

# CAROL SERVICE

5:00pm Sunday 14 December 2025

## 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 at the manger.

## 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:** *Rorate Caeli* from 12 Chorale Preludes  
Jeanne Demessieux (1921-68)

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

**Responsory:** *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen* Melchior Vulpius (c. 1570-1615)

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen aus einer Wurzel zart;  
wie uns die Alten sunen, von Jesse kam die Art.

Das Röslein, das ich meine, davon Jesaias sagt;  
hat uns gebracht alleine Marie, die reine Magd.

*A Spotless Rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit;*

*The Rose which I am singing, Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing In Mary, purest Maid.*

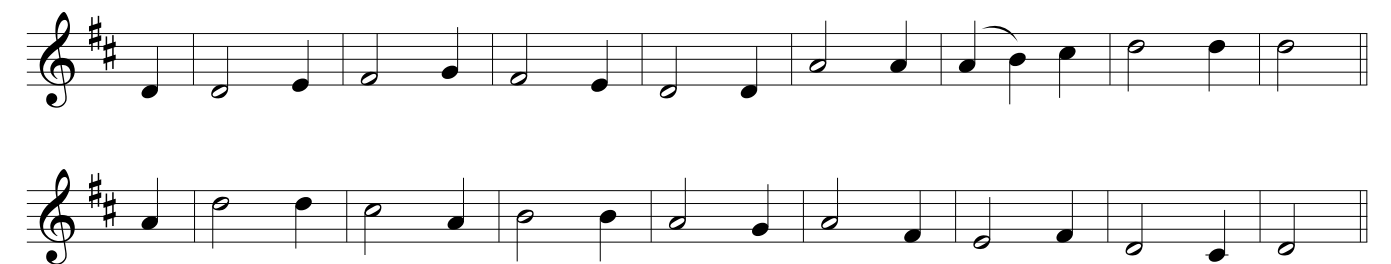
*Remain standing to sing the Processional Hymn.*

## Processional Hymn

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR LM

Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Harmony by G.R. Woodward (1848-1934); descant: Philip Walsh



### Choir alone

- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let every age adoring fall,  
Such birth befits the God of all.

### ALL

- 2 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.
- 3 The virgin womb that burden gained  
With virgin honour all unstained,  
The banners there of virtue glow,  
God in his temple dwells below.
- 4 Forth from that chamber goeth he,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now his course to run.



- 5 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.
- 6 O equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.
- 7 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.
- 8 O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee  
Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

St Ambrose (340-97)  
Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66) and others

*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.*

### Responsory: Advent Wreath Prayers

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets but in our days you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages. Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever! Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all. Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, King of Peace: to you be praise and glory for ever! The new light of your incarnate word gives gladness in our sorrow, and a presence in our isolation. Fill our lives with your light, until they overflow with gladness and praise. Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages. Blessed be God for ever.

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## 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: O radix Jesse

Luc Jakobs (b.1956)

O radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continenbunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare. Amen.

*O Root of Jesse, who standest as the ensign of the people; before whom kings shall not open their lips; to whom the nations shall pray: come and deliver us; tarry now no more. Amen.*

from the *O Antiphons*

## 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: A tender shoot

Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race: It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring; The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing; Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, Thus turning darkness into light.

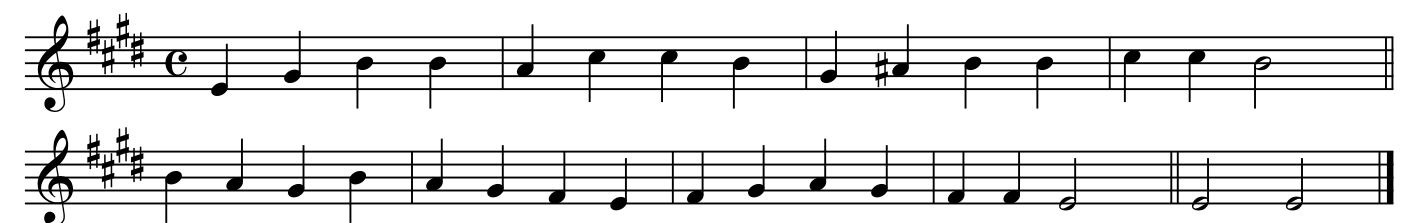
English version by William Bartholomew (1793-1867)  
from the German by Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

*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: This is the record of John**

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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 the 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 sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

Based on the Gospel according to John

### **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 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.

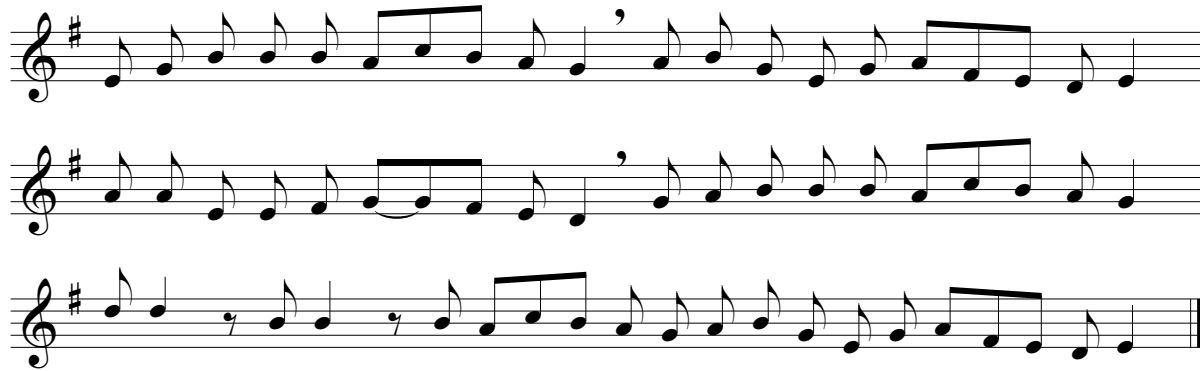


There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.

## 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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| <p>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></p>           | <p>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></p>               |
| <p>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></p> | <p>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></p>            |
| <p>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></p>     | <p>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></p> |
| <p>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></p>    |   |

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

Please SIT.

## Carol: E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22  
adapted by Ruth Manz

## 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: A babe is born

William Mathias (1934-1992)

A Babe is born, all of a may, To bring salvation unto us; To him we sing both night and day. *Veni Creator Spiritus.*

At Bethlehem, that blessed place, The Child of bliss now born He was; And him to serve God give us grace, *O Lux beata Trinitas.*

There came three kings out of the East, To worship the King that is so free; With gold and myrrh and frankincense, *A solis ortus cardine.*



The angel came down with one cry, A fair song that night sung they In  
worship of that child: *Gloria Tibi Domine*.

Anonymous 15<sup>th</sup> century

**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.

**Motet: Noe Noe**

Jean Mouton (1459-1522)

Noe, noe, noe, psallite noe.  
Hierusalem, gaude et laetare, quia hodie natus est Salvator mundi.  
Noe, noe, noe, jacet in praeseptio, fulget in caelo.  
Noe, noe, noe, attollite portas, principes, vestras,  
et elevamini, portae aeternales, et introibit Rex gloriae.  
Noe, noe, noe, quis est iste Rex gloriae?  
Dominus virtutum, ipse est Rex gloriae. Noe, noe, noe.  
Noel, noel, noel, sing noel.  
Jerusalem, rejoice and be glad, for today is born the Saviour of the  
world.  
Noel, noel, noel, he lies in a manger, he shines forth in heaven.  
Noel, noel, noel, lift up your gates, O ye princes,  
and be lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall enter  
in.

Noel, noel, noel, who is this King of Glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory. Noel, noel, noel.

Psalm 23.9–10

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

**Canticle: Magnificat from Service in G**

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

✠ 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.

*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: Bogoroditsye Dyevo

Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

Bogoróditse Děvo, ráduysĭa,  
Blagodátnaya Marĭye, Ghospód s Tobóyu.  
Blagosloŭénna Ti v zhenáh,  
i blagosloŭén Plod chréva Tvoyegó,  
yáko Spása rođilá yešĭ dush náshih.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,  
Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.  
Blessed art Thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb,  
for Thou hast borne the Saviour of our souls.

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 SIT*

### Responsory: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day John Gardner (b.1968)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance;

*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man's nature To call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was So very poor, this was my chance  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptised I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance.

Trad. 16<sup>th</sup> century

*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.**

*Remain standing to sing the Final Hymn.*

### Final Hymn

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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. | 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. |
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3 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!

4 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!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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

**Postlude:** Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

Andrew Carter (b.1939)



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

#### UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

Sunday 21 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST with Litany**  
*Missa Brevis No. 2* (Healey Willan, 1880-1968)  
**A tender shoot** (Otto Goldschmidt, 1829-1907)

Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve

**9:30pm FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS**  
**Introit:** *Stille Nacht* (Grüber, 1787-1863; arr. Meißner, 1899-1983)  
**Setting:** *Missa Omnes Sancti* (Malcolm Archer, b.1952)  
**Motet:** **Candlelight Carol** (John Rutter, b.1945)

Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day

**9:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
**Introit:** *Puer natus est* (Gregorian chant)  
**Setting:** **Communion Service in E** (Harold Darke, 1888-1976)  
**Motet:** **Sing lullaby** (arr. Desmond Ratcliffe, 1917-2001)

Sunday 28 December – Holy Innocents

Sunday 4 January 2025 – The Epiphany

Sunday 11 January – The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday 18 January – Second Sunday after Epiphany

**9:00am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**Setting:** **Mass of St Francis** (Paul Taylor, b.1957)

Sunday 25 January – Conversion of Paul

**8:00am SAID EUCHARIST with hymns**  
**10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
**Setting:** *Missa Brevis* (G.P. da Palestrina, c.1525-1594)  
**Motet:** **Give us the wings of faith** (Ernest Bullock, 1890-1979)







## HOLY INNOCENTS

Sunday 28 December 2025

9:00am Sung Eucharist



## CONVERSION OF PAUL

Sunday 25 January 2026

8:00am **Said Eucharist**

*with hymns*

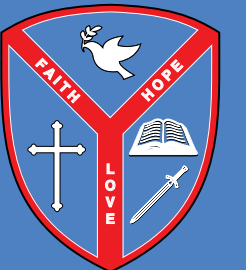
10:00am **Choral Eucharist**

Setting: **Missa Brevis**

*G.P da Palestrina*

Motet: **Give us the wings of faith**

*Ernest Bullock*



## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Sunday 4 January 2026

9:00am Sung Eucharist





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## HOLY COMMUNION

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:

**5:40pm** 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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