



# An Advent Procession with Lessons, Carols and Motets

The Second Sunday of Advent

November 19, 2023

Five o'clock in the evening

St. Paul's Cathedral San Diego, California

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*Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,  
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.*

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*If you're interested in more information about the cathedral's ministries,  
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*ASL interpretation is provided for those seated in the front row on the left facing the Altar.*

*This service is being streamed live and if you don't wish to be seen on camera, please ask an usher for appropriate seating.*

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

*Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

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## **CONCERNING THE SERVICE**

The Church is the Body of Christ on pilgrimage through time and space, journeying in faith until God's kingdom and reign of peace have been established on earth. This Procession with lessons, carols and motets for Advent is meant to demonstrate that pilgrimage.

As the morning sun rises in the east and travels west to enlighten the face of the earth, so the Christian faith began in the east and spread to the south, the west, and the north. To express that movement, this Advent Procession will begin in the easternmost end of the Cathedral and will journey to the south, the west, and the north before returning to the east. The Procession will move to every corner of the compass and proclaim through scripture and music the Advent or Coming of the Savior. It will recall the Coming of Jesus as the infant child in Bethlehem twenty centuries ago and will also exhort the peoples of the earth to prepare for his Coming in majesty as King and Judge on the Last Day. This double emphasis on both the first and second Advents of Christ gives to the Advent season and this Procession a unique mixture of devotional color: joy in the redemption that has come to us in the Incarnation, and awe before the Judgment that yet awaits us.

The destination of this Procession is the sanctuary of the Cathedral, the "holy hill" on which stands the Altar decked with brilliant kingly vesture and surrounded by candles, representing the presence of Christ in the midst of his people.

The Congregation is invited to join with the Choir and Clergy in this journey of witness and preparation by taking part in the designated portions of the service.

For 2023 we have invited the Alumni of the St Cecilia Girl's Choir to join in singing this service. They will sing alongside member of the Cathedral Schola and Cathedral Choir. We will have singers representing more than 50 years of history of the St Cecilia Girl's Choir participating in today's service.

Both the St Cecilia Choir and the Cathedral Choristers are currently rehearsing and rebuilding after re-opening after the pandemic. If you know of a girl or boy who likes to sing, or would like to learn, please contact Martin Green, Canon for Music for further information about the Chorister program.

**T**his year we are exploring a minority tradition of observing Advent for seven Sundays. In a year when the last Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve, this gives us a little more time and space to live into the beauty of this reflective season.

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## AN ADVENT PROCESSION WITH LESSONS, CAROLS, AND MOTETS

*Kindly silence electronic devices before the service. Please turn pages quietly*

§ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the church bell.*

§ *The Congregation is invited to participate in the portions of the service printed in **bold**.*

### IN THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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#### MATINS RESPONSORY

*after Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)*

Versicle: I look from afar:

Response: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

V. Go ye out to meet him and say:

R. Tell us, art thou He that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

V. High and low, rich and poor, one with another:

R. Go ye out to meet him and say:

V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

R. Tell us, art thou He that should come?

V. Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come

R. to reign over thy people Israel.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

V. Go ye out to meet him and say:  
R. Tell us, art thou He that should come to reign over thy people Israel?  
V. O God, make speed to save us.  
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.  
V. Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause,  
R. For all the earth is full of darkness.

## A COLLECT

**S**tir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

V. O Wisdom, who camest forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things:  
R. Come and teach us the way of prudence.

*All sing*

**O** come, thou wisdom from on high,  
who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

§ *The Congregation shall be seated for the Lessons, Carols, and Motets.*

## IN THE SOUTH TRANSEPT

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A LESSON      Isaiah 6:1-11

Reader: A Chorister Alumna

*God commissions Isaiah to be the Prophet of the Advent.*

**I**n the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate.

## MOTET

*'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died*  
harmonized by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died,  
A vision by Isaiah was espied;  
A lofty throne, the Lord was set thereon;  
And with his glory all the temple shone.

Bright seraphim were standing round about  
Six wings had every of that quire devout;  
With twain he awesome veiled his face, and so  
With twain he dreadful veiled his feet below.

With twain did he now hither, thither fly:  
And thus aloud did one to other cry:  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth,  
Full of his glory are earth and heaven, both.

And at their cry the lintels moved apace,  
And clouds of incense filled the holy place.

§ *Please stand as you are able*

V. O Adonai, the leader of the house of Israel, who didst appear to Moses in the flame of  
the burning bush, and gavest him the law on Sinai:  
R. Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

*All sing*

**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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

§ *Please be seated*

## IN THE SOUTH AISLE

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A LESSON      Isaiah 11:1-10      Reader: A Chorister Alumna

*The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messianic king from the root of Jesse.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump 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. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

# CAROL

*A Spotless Rose*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A Spotless Rose is blowing,  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might  
The Blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

*[Words of XIV century origin]*

§ *Please stand as you are able*

V. O Root of Jesse, who standest for an ensign for the peoples, before whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the nations shall pray:

R. Come and deliver us and tarry not.

*All sing*

**O** come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem,  
from every foe deliver them  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

§ *Please be seated*



## AT THE SOUTH PORCH

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A LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-17

Reader: An Acolyte

*The prophet Isaiah foretells a virgin shall give birth to a son who shall be called Emmanuel.*

**A**gain 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. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

MOTET

William Byrd (1543-1623)

*Felix es, sacra virgo Maria et omni laude dignissima: quia ex te ortus est sol iustitiae. Alleluia!*

Thou art gracious, Blessed Virgin Mary, and to be praised most worthily: who didst give rise to the sun of righteousness. Alleluia!

*[from Gradualia I (1605), Alleluia for Mass of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin]*

§ *Please stand as you are able*

V. O key of David and Scepter of the House of Israel, who openest and no man can shut, who shuttest and no man can open:

R. Come, and bring the prisoners out of the prison-house, and them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

*All sing*

**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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

§ *Please be seated*

## AT THE FONT

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A LESSON

Isaiah 61

Reader: A Lector

*The prophet Isaiah proclaims good news to the exiled and the oppressed.*

**T**he spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the LORD, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

CAROL            *There is a flow'r*            Stanley Vann (b. 1910-2010)

*Refrain : There is a flow'r sprung of a tree, the root there of is called Jesse,  
a flow'r of price there is none such in paradise.*

This flow'r is fair and fresh of hue. It fadeth never, but ever is new; the blessed branch  
this flow'r on grew was Mary mild that bare Jesu; a flow'r of grace; against all sorrow it  
is solace.

The seed here of was Goddes sand [*gift*], that God himself sowed with his hand, in  
Nazareth that holy land, amidst her arbour a maiden found; this blessed flow'r sprang  
never but in Mary's bower.

When Gabriel this maid did meet, with 'Ave Maria' he did her greet; between them two  
this flow'r was set and safe was kept, no man should wit, till on a day In Bethlehem it  
could spread and spray.

*Refrain*

*[Text: John Audeley, 15<sup>th</sup> Cent.]*

§     *Please stand as you are able*

V. O Day-spring, Brightness of the Light everlasting, and Sun of  
Righteousness:

R. Come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and the shadow  
of death.

*All sing*

**O** come, thou Day-spring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

§ *Please be seated*

## IN THE NORTH PORCH

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A LESSON

Luke 1:26-28

Reader: A Chapter Member

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**I**n 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, favored one! The Lord is with you."

## CAROL

*The Angel Gabriel (Gabriel's Message)*  
Anon., 13th Century [Harm: Edgar Pettman (1886-1943)]

The angel Gabriel from heaven came  
His wings as drifted snow his eyes as flame  
"All hail" said he  
"thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emanuel,  
by seers foretold  
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"My soul shall laud and  
magnify his holy name."  
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

§ *Please stand as you are able*

V. O King of Nations, and their Desire, the Corner-stone that makest both one:  
R. Come and save man, whom thou didst form of clay.

*All sing*

**O** come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

§ *Please be seated*

## IN THE NORTH AISLE

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A LESSON

Luke 1:29-38

Reader: A Cathedral Warden

*The angel Gabriel foretells the birth of Jesus.*

**M**ary 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 favor 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. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

ANTHEM      *A Hymn to the Virgin*

*Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

Of one that is so fair and bright,  
*Velut maris stella, [Star of the sea]*  
Brighter than the day is light,  
*Parens et puella: [Mother and virgin]*  
I cry to thee, thou see to me,  
Lady, pray thy Son for me,  
*Tampia, [so pious]*  
That I may come to thee.  
*Maria!*

All this world was forlorn,  
*Eva peccatrice, [After Eve, all sinning]*  
Till our Lord was y-born,  
*De te genetrice. [Born of you, mother...]*

*[Text: Anon, circa 1300]*

With *ave* it went away  
Darkest night, and comes the day,  
*Salutis; [of Salvation...]*  
The well springeth out of thee.  
*Virtutis. [...and Virtue]*

Lady, flow'r of ev'rything,  
*Rosa sine spina, [Rose without thorn]*  
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King,  
*Gratia divina: [by Grace divine]*  
Of all thou bear'st the prize,  
lady, Queen of paradise,  
*Electa [You are Chosen]*  
Maid mild, mother,  
*es Effecta. [and brought to pass]*

§      *Please stand as you are able*

V. O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations and their Salvation:

R. Come and save us, O Lord our God.



*All sing*

**O** come, O come Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

§ *Please be seated*

## **AT THE ALTAR**

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A LESSON

Luke 1:39-49

Reader: A Cathedral Canon

*The Blessed Virgin Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth.*

**I**n those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

§ *Please stand as you are able*

CANTICLE (*choir*)

*Tone VIII,i; solemn form*

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 showed 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.

V. O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be? For neither before you was there any seen like you, nor shall there be after.

R. Daughters of Jerusalem, why do you marvel at me? The thing which you behold is a divine mystery.

§ *Remain standing*

## A COLLECT

**W**E BESEECH THEE, O LORD, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

§ *Please be seated*

A LESSON      Matthew 1:18-23

Reader: The Dean

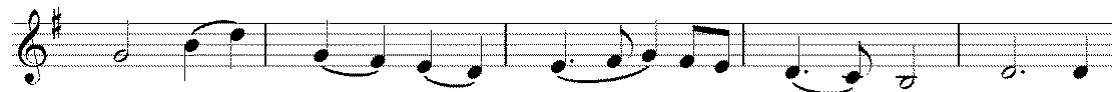
*The angel announces to Joseph the fulfilling of the prophecy of Isaiah.*

**N**ow the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

§ Please stand as you are able.

HYMN 57 (All sing)

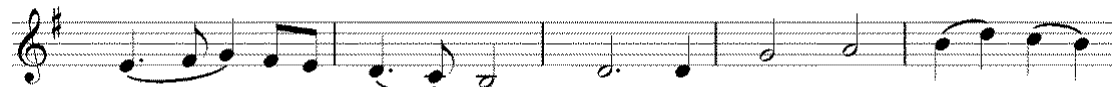
Helmsley; Descant: Philip Ledger



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



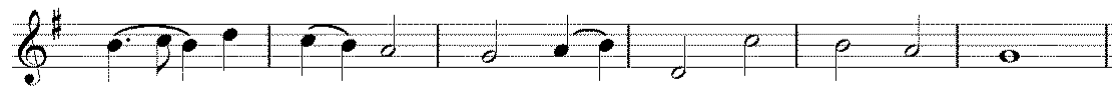
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dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

VESPER RESPONSORY

*after Palestrina*

- V. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;  
R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.  
V. Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.  
R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.  
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
V. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

§ *The Congregation may remain standing as able.*

*The Officiant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

**O**ur 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

V. We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

R. In the midst of thy temple.

## **A COLLECT**

**O** GOD, WHO MAKEST US GLAD with the yearly expectation of the birth of thine only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. **Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**O** PEN WIDE, O LORD, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace; send forth thy Spirit from on high that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee; O Lord, who for our sake wast of a virgin born, make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. **Amen.**

§ *The Congregation stands as the Procession retires.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*If you choose not to remain for the Organ Voluntary, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and listen or pray for a while. Thank you.*

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### **The Alumni of the St Cecilia Choir**

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Joanna Airhart  
Rachael Ambassing  
Ellie Brewster  
Francesca D'Amico  
Charlotte Easley Elliot  
Margret Hernandez  
Lili Sue Johnson  
Sue Kelly  
Molly Kelly

Meghan McClure  
Catie Nelson  
Claire Nelson  
Alina Popescu  
Roxanna Popescu  
Fiona Sayles  
Katherine Sayles  
Becky Yokoyama

with members of the Cathedral Schola, the Cathedral Choir, and the St Cecilia Choir

Martin Green, *Canon for Music / Organist & Choirmaster*

Gabriel Arregui, *Sub-Organist & Assistant Choirmaster*

### **The Clergy on Staff**

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