

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Advent Carol Service

‘Come thou dayspring’

29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Hymn

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*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come  
to thee, O Israel.*

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

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! ...*

## Introduction and Bidding Prayer

In the name of Christ, who brings us out of darkness into his marvellous light: grace and peace be with you.

My brothers and sisters, we celebrate at this time the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ.

Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the shadows of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which Christ beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that  
on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Anthem**

*A Tender Shoot*

Otto Goldschmitt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot hath 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

## **Reading: Isaiah 9. 2, 6-7**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## **Hymn**

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest Thy virgin birth:  
Let every age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, Thou art still  
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
The saviour now to us displayed. (Del v 3 on recording)

From God the Father He proceeds,  
To God the Father back He speeds;  
His course He runs to death and hell,  
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

O equal to the Father, Thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness glow with new-born light,  
No more shall light extinguish day,  
where love's bright beams their power display.

All praise eternal Son, to Thee,  
whose advent sets Thy people free,  
whom, with the Father, we adore,  
and Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

Words: St Ambrose (340-397) , trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

### **Poem**

*O Oriens*, Malcolm Guite

First light and then first lines along the east  
To touch and brush a sheen of light on water  
As though behind the sky itself they traced

The shift and shimmer of another river  
Flowing unbidden from its hidden source;  
The Day-Spring, the eternal Prima Vera.

Blake saw it too. Dante and Beatrice  
Are bathing in it now, away upstream...  
So every trace of light begins a grace

In me, a beckoning. The smallest gleam  
Is somehow a beginning and a calling;  
"Sleeper awake, the darkness was a dream

For you will see the Dayspring at your waking,  
Beyond your long last line the dawn is breaking".

### **Anthem**

*O Radiant Dawn*

James MacMillan (1959-)

O Radiant Dawn. Splendour of eternal light. Sun of justice.  
Come, shine in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied,

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone'.  
Amen.

### **Reading: Luke 1. 67-79**

Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:  
'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty saviour for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of  
all who hate us.  
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our  
enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.  
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of  
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

### **Hymn**

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

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

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

So when next he comes with glory,  
Wrapping all the earth in fear,  
May he then as our defender  
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run.

### **Poem**

*O Clavis*

Malcolm Guite

Even in the darkness where I sit  
And huddle in the midst of misery  
I can remember freedom, but forget  
That every lock must answer to a key,  
That each dark clasp, sharp and intricate,  
Must find a counter-clasp to meet its guard,  
Particular, exact and intimate,  
The clutch and catch that meshes with its ward.  
I cry out for the key I threw away  
That turned and over turned with certain touch  
And with the lovely lifting of a latch  
Opened my darkness to the light of day.  
O come again, come quickly, set me free  
Cut to the quick to fit, the master key.

### **Anthem**

*O Nata Lux*

Thomas Tallis

### **Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1-5**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I

saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

## **Hymn**

People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.



Angels announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the Word, the Lord is coming.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way. (Cut file at 1.45)

## **Reflection**

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

## **Anthem**

*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen*

Praetorius (1571-1621)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As those of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.

## **Prayers**

*This response is used:*

Let us pray to the Lord:  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Hymn**

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,  
deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

## **The 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 among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **Organ voluntary**

*Wachet Auf*, J.S. Bach

*Recorded by Rosie Tweddle*

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## **Notices**

### **Church Services**

We are looking forward to resuming our regular services, beginning on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10am, and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and 10.45am. Please sign up to attend via our church website, and please remember the Covid-19 precautions we are following: remain in your allocated space, do not mix with anyone not in your household or bubble, sanitize your hands when you arrive and leave and wear a face covering.

### **Christmas Services**

We will send out publicity for our planned Christmas services very soon. These include: a 'zoom' carol service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, Forest Church Christingles on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm; Blue Christmas Service on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm; Christmas Eve Vigil at 6pm, Christmas Day Communion at 9.30am and 10.45am.

### **Advent Prayer Tree**

Our churchyard tree will be lit every day from 3pm to 10pm. We invite you to hang a decoration on the tree, to pray and remember someone you love during this Advent season.

### **Advent Retreat**

If you have space during this holy season of Advent, why not make time for a virtual retreat? Pray as you Go are offering a retreat led by Sister Gemma Simmonds, entitled 'God is with you'. You can listen to the introduction now, and new sessions are broadcast weekly on Mondays in December.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/advent-retreat-2020>

### **Donate to HTHQ while you shop**

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### **Building Project News**

The PCC have agreed to begin the first phase of our building project, which involves new church lighting, electrical rewiring, and related works. This is set to begin in January 2021 and take 8-10 weeks. The proposed new lighting design from Light Perceptions Ltd can be viewed on the church website. We are now almost exactly half way to reaching our fundraising total of £600,000, after a generous grant from the Diocesan Development Fund. Please continue to pray for our fundraising efforts, and for the building project as we move forwards on this journey of faith.

### **Community Carols**

We are currently exploring whether it would be possible to do some outdoor carol singing at set locations around the parish, in collaboration with other churches. A lot depends on the Covid-19 guidance that will be in place at the time, but we have provisionally set at date of **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm**. Please contact Laura if you would be interested in taking part.

### **Care Groups**

As we approach what looks like set to be a difficult winter, we are forming a network of care groups within the church community. Group members will be asked to pray for one another, and also to provide practical support to one another if necessary. You should hear about your group in the coming weeks, and if you don't wish to be part of this scheme, please just let Laura know.

### **Prayers for Hope and Healing**

Our fortnightly contemplative prayer gathering will continue on Thursday 3rd December at 8.30pm on Zoom.

### **Morning Prayer**

We will meet via Zoom at 9am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, and then we will be back in the church building from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We are exploring whether we can enable Zoom access from the church.

### **More Tea Vicar**

Please join Laura for a Zoom cup of tea and chat every Wednesday at 3pm.

### **Amnesty International**

Although we cannot gather this year to write Amnesty greetings cards, we invite you to visit the Amnesty website to participate in the campaigns online: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-for-rights>

### **Welcome to Placement Students**

We are delighted to welcome Ninus Khako and Ash David, from Ripon College Cuddesdon, as placement students this year. We look forward to getting to know them and supporting them on their journey towards ordination.

### **Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

*An open door between heaven and earth,  
showing God's love to all.*

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