



THE PARISH OF
ST WILFRID
H A R R O G A T E

A Sequence of Music and Readings for Advent Sunday



Sunday 3rd December 2023
5pm

Welcome

We gather this evening to continue our Advent reflections now begun and meditate with expectation upon that which is to follow. We prepare for two comings of Christ: the coming of Christ in lowliness, and the coming of Christ in glory: we prepare for the coming of Christ incarnate as a man at Christmas, and we prepare for the coming of Christ as our Judge at the end of time.

We come together at a time of turmoil. Many struggle today with the cost of living, the price of heating, with the daily toil to provide. Others who share this continent, live with the day to day reality of war and oppression.

Yet the message of faith remains the same: that light shines in the darkness, that hope cannot be extinguished, that God has not forsaken us and promises us eternal life. God's promise is not one of false hope, but hope that lives in faith grounded in reality.

Death and the last things should not therefore terrify us: rather they should spur us on to be prepared for all that is to come.

These form the major themes of Advent: Preparation, Penitence, Purification and Peace. This is the time for us to make sure we are ready.

Repent, then, while there is still time; for He comes to be your judge.

The choir of St Wilfrid, Harrogate is directed by Anthony Gray, Director of Music.

The organ is played by Peter Brand, Assistant Organist and Anthony Gray.

A bell rings. Please stand.

The body of the Church is put into darkness.

The clergy move to the baptistry as a single candle is lit on the Advent wreath as the choirs sing:

The Matin Responsory

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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 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?

The Bidding Prayer

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, grace to you and peace.

We gather to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

And as we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his pity and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death.

May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise, world without end.
Amen.

The Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

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

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed in awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient Law.

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O Come, Desire of Nations! Show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

The choir sing:

And the Glory of the Lord

George Frideric Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it

The First 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.

The Choir sing:

There is no rose

Graham Ellis

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.
For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see¹
That he is God in persons three,
Pares forma.

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.

The Hymn

Stand

The clergy and servers move to the crossing, as we sing:

Hills of the North, rejoice,
Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice
Him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love,
He brings salvation from above.

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

Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes,
Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West,
Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest
In whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
Songs be in every mouth,
Lo, from the North they come:
From East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest.

The choir sing:

Sit

Herefordshire Carol

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above
The truth of God, the God of love
Therefore don't turn me from your door
But hearken all, both rich and poor

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell

Thus we were heirs to endless woes
Till God the Lord did interpose
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his Son

And at this season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear
Yet he did live, and here did preach
And many thousands he did teach

Thus he in love to us behaved
To show us how we must be saved
And if you want to know the way
Be pleased to hear what he did say

The Second Reading

Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

A great and mighty wonder

Vivek Haria

A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The virgin bears the Infant
With virgin honor pure!
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

While thus they sing your monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains!
Ye oceans, clap your hands!
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em,
The Saviour and the Lord!
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield His scepter,
Our Lord and God for aye.
Repeat the hymn again:
To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

The Third Reading

Jeremiah 23: 5-6

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

The Hymn

Stand

The clergy and servers move to the Sanctuary as we sing:

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 man displayed.

O equal to thy 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 night extinguish day,
Where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Sit

The Fourth Reading

Isaiah 7:10-15

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

The choir sing:

E'en so Lord Jesus

Paul

Manz

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,
For Christ 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!

We Stand for:

The Fifth Reading

Luke 12:35-40

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit as the choir sing:

Bogoroditse Dyevo

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Богородице Дево, радуйся,
Благодатная Марие, Господь с тобою.
Благословена ты в женах,
и благословен плод чрева твоего,
яко Спаса родила еси душ наших.

Rejoice, virgin mother of God,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Saviour of our
souls.

The Collect of the Day

Stand

Let us pray

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.

The Lord's Prayer

As we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom,
We pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

The Hymn

During this hymn the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the Altar and enthroned.

A bell is rung, all kneel.

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.**

Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought 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:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Blessed, praised, hallowed, and adored be Jesus Christ
upon his throne of glory
and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy Saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

All remain kneeling and silence is kept. The choir then sing:

Es ist ein ros entsprungen

Michael Praetorius

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen aus einer Wurzel zart,
wie uns die Alten sungen, von Jesse kam die Art und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter, wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röslein, das ich meine, davon Jesaia sagt,
hat uns gebracht alleine Marie, die reine Magd. Aus Gottes ew'gem Rat
hat sie ein Kind geboren wohl zu der halben Nacht

The Divine Praises

Are repeated, line by line after the officiant.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy.
Blessed be her holy and immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be S. Joseph, her spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

The choir sing:

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et Jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Paul Brough

The Benediction Collect

Let us pray

Lord our God,
in this great sacrament
we come into the presence of Jesus Christ, your Son,
born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation.
May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy
Drink from it the water of everlasting life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament is given

During the following, the blessed sacrament is returned to the place of reservation.

The clergy and servers return to the Lady Chapel as the choir sing:

Adoremus in aeternum

Plainsong

Let us worship forever the most holy Sacrament.
O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Advent Responsory

Anthony Gray

is sung between the choir and cantor.

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

The Organ Voluntary

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Andrew Carter

*You are welcome to stay for the organ voluntary.
Please take this leaflet with you.*



Christmas Services 2023



Thursday 21 st December:	7pm – The Carol Service
Christmas Eve:	5pm – Crib Service 6pm – Vigil Mass with Carols 11pm – Midnight Mass
Christmas Day:	10am – The Parish Mass

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