



# **GIRTON COLLEGE**



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## **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

**Sunday 29 November 2020, 5:30pm**

Choir – *Visitation* (Rachel Hill)

Introduction to the service  
*The Chaplain*

Advent Prose – *Drop down, ye heavens* (Judith Weir)

**O Sapientia**

*O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High  
Reaching from one end to the other mightily,  
And sweetly ordering all things:  
Come and teach us the way of prudence.*

Reading: I Corinthians 2: 1-13  
*Read by Ben Pymmer, choir member.*

Congregational carol:

**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 branch of Jesse!  
Draw the quarry from the lion's claw;  
From the dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell thy people save.  
*Rejoice...*

O come, O come, though Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls they healing light;  
Dispel the long night's ling'ring gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.  
*Rejoice...*

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

O come, o come, Adonai,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From that high mountain clothed with awe  
Gavest thy folk the elder law.  
*Rejoice...*

**O Adonai**

*O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel,  
Who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush  
And gave him the law on Sinai:  
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.*

Reading: Acts 7:20 – 34

*Read by Hannah Samuel, choir member*

Choir – *Lost Son* (Milly Atkinson)

**O Radix Jesse**

*O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;  
Before you kings will shut their mouths,  
To you nations will make their prayer:  
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.*

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9

Read by Dr Birgit Buergi, Bye-Fellow in Study Skills and Chapel Warden.

Choir – *I Will Wash my Hands in Innocence* (David Hurd)

Congregational carol:

**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.

### ***O Clavis David***

*O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;*

*You open and no one can shut;*

*You shut and no one can open:*

*Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,*

*Those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Reading *O Clavis* by Revd Dr Malcolm Guite

Read by Jeremy West, Musician in Residence

Choir – Ascension (Libby Croad)

## **O Oriens**

*O Morning Star,*

*Splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:*

*Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Reading – *Kid Stuff* by Frank Horne

Read by Revd Dr Tim Boniface, Chaplain

Choir – *Ave Maria* (Felix Elliott)

## **O Rex Gentium**

*O King of the nations, and their desire,*

*The cornerstone making both one:*

*Come and save the human race,*

*Which you fashioned from clay.*

Reading: Psalm 118:19-29

Read by Katie Proctor, Chapel Warden

Choir – *Magnificat* (Dobrinka Tabakova)

## **O Emmanuel**

*O Emmanuel, our King and our lawgiver,*

*The hope of the nations and their Saviour:*

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

Reading: Matthew 1:18-23

Read by Professor Susan J Smith, The Mistress

Congregational Carol:

**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.

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!

Prayers of intercession  
*Led by the Chaplain*

The Advent Collect:

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:  
So that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
To judge the living and dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
Through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God for ever and ever,  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**Hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,**

**Now and for ever,**

**Amen.**

Blessing

*The Chaplain*

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