

# PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CARSHALTON



## THE ADVENT CAROL PROCESSION: 'FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT'

Advent Sunday, 27 November 2022

## Organ Prelude

*“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”, from Sechs Choräle von verschiedener Art, BWV645*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

### ***The Choir sings the Introit from the Baptistry:***

Never weather-beaten saile more willing bent to shore,  
Never tyred Pilgrims limbs affected slumber more;  
Than my wearied spright now longs to flye out of my troubled breast.  
O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly,  
sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of heaven's high Paradise.  
Cold age defes not there our eares, nor vapour dims our eyes;  
Glory there the Sun out shines, whose beames the blessed only see.  
O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly,  
glorious Lord, and raise my sprights to thee.

**Words and music:** Thomas Campion

### ***We stand to sing the Processional 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 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.**

**Tune:** VENI EMMANUEL, 15<sup>th</sup> Century Franciscan Processional, arr. David Willcocks  
**Words:** 18<sup>th</sup> Century Latin, trans. Thomas Lacey

***The Assistant Curate reads the Bidding Prayer***

... Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all those 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,  
who 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 for the First Reading***

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day,

and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

*Genesis 1: 1 – 5*

Thanks be to God.

***The Choir sings the anthem:***

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady abeen heavené queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen, *Deo gracias!*

**Music:** Boris Ord

**Words:** Anon. 15<sup>th</sup> Century

***We STAND to sing the hymn:***

**Creator of the stars of night,  
thy people's everlasting light,  
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,  
regard thy servants when they call.**

**Thou, grieving at the bitter cry  
of all creation doomed to die,  
Didst come to save a ruined race  
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.**

**Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,  
as drew the world to evening-tide,  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,  
the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.**

**At thy great name, exalted now,  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,  
And things in heaven and earth shall own  
that thou art Lord and King alone.**

**To thee, O holy one, we pray,  
our judge in that tremendous day,  
Preserve us, while we dwell below,  
from every onslaught of the foe.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen**

**Tune:** BROCKHAM, Jeremiah Clarke  
**Words:** Latin, trans. John Mason Neale

***Please SIT for the Second Reading***

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever : how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart : how long shall mine enemies triumph over me? Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God : lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death. Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him : for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it. But my trust is in thy mercy : and my heart is joyful in thy salvation. I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me : yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

*Psalm 13*

Thanks be to God.

***The Choir sings the anthem:***

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man,  
Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent:  
Remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone,  
And I did what I can: therefore repent!

Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man,  
Remember Adam's fall from heav'n to hell!  
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all  
In hell perpetual, there fore to dwell.

Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man,

Remember God's goodness, and his promise made!  
Remember God's goodness; how he sent this Sonne, doubtlesse,  
Our sinnes for to redresses: be not afraid!

The angels all did sing, O thou man, O thou man,  
The angels all did sing upon the shepherds' hill;  
The angels all did sing praises to our heavenly King,  
And peace to man living with a good will.

**Music:** Thomas Ravenscroft. **Words:** 16<sup>th</sup> century English

*We STAND to sing the hymn:*

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

**Tune:** CROSS OF JESUS, John Stainer  
**Words:** Charles Wesley

*Please SIT for the Third Reading*

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen

upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and the kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged.

*Isaiah 60: 1 – 5a*

Thanks be to God.

### ***The Choir sings***

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender root hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
Brought forth a flower bright, amid the cold of winter,  
and in the dark midnight.

The Rose, which I am singing, whereof Isaiah told,  
Is Mary, purest maiden, who bears the holy child.  
At God's eternal will, she bore to us a Saviour,  
yet stays a virgin still.

O flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

**Music:** trad. German, arr. Michael Praetorius

**Words:** St Germanus, trans. Theodore Baker, Catherine Winkworth and Harriet Speath

### ***We stand to sing the hymn:***

**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.**

**Tune:** LITTLE CORNARD, Martin Shaw  
**Words:** Charles E. Oakley

***Please SIT for the Fourth Reading***

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with the judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

*Isaiah 9: 2, 3, 6, 7*

Thanks be to God.

***The Choir sings the anthem:***

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation. That saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!

**Music:** John Stainer

**Words:** Isaiah 52: 7

***We stand to sing the 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 in glory,  
and earth’s final hour draws near,  
May he then as our defender  
on the clouds of heaven appear.**

**Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,  
With the co-oeternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run. Amen.**

**Tune:** MERTON, William Henry Monk

**Words:** Latin, trans. Edward Caswall

***Please SIT for the Fifth Reading***

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

*Luke 1: 26 – 35, 38*

Thanks be to God.

### ***The Choir sings***

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendour of eternal Light,  
Sun of Justice:

Come, shine on those who dwell 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.”

**Music:** James MacMillan

**Words:** Antiphon for 21<sup>st</sup> December

### ***We stand to sing:***

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**The cleansed be every Christian breast,  
and furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
and wither like a flower decayed.**

**Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
and make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.**

**Tune:** WINCHESTER NEW, adapt. from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg*

**Words:** Charles Coffin, trans. John Chandler

***Remain standing for The Litany of Light, during which congregational candles are lit:***

In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The God said, “Let there be light”, and there was light.

**Call us out of darkness unto your marvellous light.**

The word was the source of life, and this life brought light to humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

**Call us out of darkness into your marvellous light.**

And Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.”

**Call us out of darkness into your marvellous light.**

Now the message that we have heard from God's Son and announce is this: "God is light, and there is no darkness at all in God." If then we say that we have fellowship with God, yet at the same time live in darkness, we are lying both in our words and action. But if we live in the light – just as he is in the light – then we have fellowship with one another.

**Call us out of darkness into your marvellous light.**

I did not see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. There shall be no more night, and they will not need lamps or sunlight, because the Lord God will be their light.

**Call us out of darkness into your marvellous light.**

***Remain standing for the Gospel***

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

*John 3: 16 – 21*

Thanks be to God.

***Please carefully blow out your candles and sit while the Choir sings***

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awake new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls ere-while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

**Music:** Charles Wood  
**Words:** Henry Ramsden Bramley

***Please STAND for the Prayers***

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us the grace to cast away the works of darkness and 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 and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

May God the Father,  
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,  
give you grace to prepare for eternal life.

**Amen.**

May God the Son,  
who comes to us as Redeemer and Judge,  
show you the path from darkness to light.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
by whom the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,  
help you to bear the fruits of holiness.

**Amen.**

✠ And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this Advent and always.

**Amen.**

*We sing the Recessional Hymn*

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya! (x3)  
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 three,  
Deeply wailing, (x3)  
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 (x3)  
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! (x3)  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!**

**Music:** HELMSLEY, 18<sup>th</sup> Century melody arr. David Willcocks

**Words:** Charles Wesley

**The Organ Voluntary**

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel", *Andrew Carter*

***Please stay afterwards for Mulled Wine!***

***Please take this booklet away with you.***

**ADVENT 4 – SUNDAY, 18 DECEMBER**

*6.30pm - Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols  
by candlelight, followed by mince pies & mulled wine*

**CHRISTMAS EVE – 24 DECEMBER**

*3pm & 4pm - Crib and Christingle Service  
(both by booking only, via the website)*

*11.30pm - Midnight Mass and Blessing of the Crib*

**CHRISTMAS DAY – 25 DECEMBER**

*10am – Mass of Christmas Morning and  
All Age Address*

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