

CHORAL EVENSONG

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TE RĀTAPU TUATORU O TE HAERENGA MAI

15 December 2024, 5.00 pm

Introit

Advent Wreath Prayers 3, Malcolm Archer

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever!
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to truth as a burning shining light. May we
your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our
coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages. Blessed be God for ever.

Please stand when the ambulatory bell is rung as the Officiant and Choir process.

The Officiant welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements.

Sentence

'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. The Lord is near.'

Philippians 4:4-5

Shorter Prayer Book *page 15*

Preces Thomas Tallis

Please sit.

Psalm 50:1-5, 62 *pages 197 and 208*

Please stand for the second Gloria and then sit for the reading.

First Reading Isaiah 35

After the reading, please stand.

Office Hymn

1

The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.

2

The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his servants free.

3

Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.

4

As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.

All glory to the Son
 who comes to set us free,
 with Father, Spirit, ever One,
 through all eternity. Amen.

Text: C Coffin

Tune: St Thomas, AM 50

Magnificat

Please sit.

Evening Service in F, Herbert Brewer

Second Reading

Please stand.

Luke 1:57-66

Nunc Dimittis

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Responses

Thomas Tallis

Please sit or kneel after "Let us pray."

Collect for Day

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for Advent

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Evening Collects

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Please sit.

Anthem

The Lord will come, Henry Ley

The Lord will come and not be slow, his footsteps cannot err; before him righteousness shall go, his royal harbinger. Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blossom then; and justice, from her heavenly bower, look down on mortal men. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wicked earth redress; for thou art he who shalt by right the nations all possess. The nations all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame to bow them low before thee, Lord, and glorify thy Name. For great thou art, and wonders great by thy strong hand are done: thou in thy everlasting seat remainest God alone.

Homily

Fr Ivica Gregurec

Prayers (*please sit or kneel*)

Concluding with The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Please stand.

Hymn - *during which a collection will be taken.*

1

When the King shall come again,
all the power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing:
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption-day
longingly awaited.

2

In the desert trees take root
fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning:
valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains greet the morning!

3

Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
fainting hearts be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful;
deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping.

4

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion;
ransomed people, homeward bound,
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned;
share in his rejoicing!

Text: C Idle (adapt. v. 1 and 2)

Tune: St John Damascene, AM 55

Blessing

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God our ✠Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

Amen.

Final Responses

Ferial Responses, Herbert Sumsion

Organ Sortie

played by Dr Philip Smith

You are warmly invited to remain for the Organ Sortie, to pray and reflect.

Holy Trinity Cathedral
Director of Choirs: Peter Watts
Cathedral Organist: Dr Philip Smith



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