

All Saints
Gosforth

All Saints Church, Gosforth

'The Community of All Saints: living, thoughtful, caring faith'.

A Service of
Lessons and Carols
for Advent

6.30 p.m.
Sunday 1st December 2024

Music before the service:

Variations on *Conditor Alme* and *Verbum Supernum* (plainsong)

Please remain seated as the choir sings: *Remember, O Thou Man*

*Remember 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,
Remember Adam's fall from heav'n to hell!
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all
In hell perpetual,
There for to dwell.*

*Remember God's goodness,
O thou man,
Remember God's goodness and promise made!
Remember God's goodness, how he sent his son, doubtless
Our sins for to redress;
Be not afraid!*

*The angels all did sing,
O thou man,
The angels all did sing on heaven's high hill;
The angels all did sing, "Praise to our hean'nly King,
And peace to man living,
With a good will.*

Thomas Ravenscroft (1592 – 1633)

arr. J Lewis

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All

**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

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| O COME, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear
Son | 4 O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the
grave,
From nether hell, thy people save. |
| <i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.</i> | 5 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. |
| 2 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. | 6 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. |
| 3 O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed
with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law. | |

7 O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Veni, Emmanuel

Cologne 1710, based on the ancient
Advent Antiphons *Tr.* T.A. Lacey (1853-1931)

Sit

The First Lesson

COMFORT YE, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 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 voice said, Cry. And I said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isaiah 40: 1-8

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
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Cross of Jesus

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Sit

The Second Lesson

BEHOLD, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgement and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Jeremiah 23: 5-6

The Choir sings:

People, Look East

*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.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, 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 guest, love the star, love the Lord is on the way!*

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

arr. John Lewis

The Third Lesson

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 increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. 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 judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9: 2-7

HYMN

- HARK the glad sound!
The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.
- 2 He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to
bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
Enrich the humble poor.
- 4
Our glad hosannas,
Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

Bristol

Philip Doddridge (1702-51) *altd.*

Sit

The Fourth Lesson

BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgement; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3: 1-5

HYMN

- 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.
- 2 Then 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.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

Winchester New

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) *tr* John Chandler (1808-76)

Sit

The Fifth Lesson

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, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-38

The Choir sings: *The Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 1

Faux-bourbons setting by Carolus Andreas (16th century)

The Sixth Lesson

AND Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and

said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1: 39-45

Remain sitting as the church lights are dimmed.

The Choir sings: *Stars!*

*Oh why is heaven built so far,
Oh why is earth set so remote?
I cannot reach the nearest star
That hangs afloat,
that hangs afloat.*

*I would not care to reach the moon,
One round monotonous of change;
Yet even she repeats her tune
Beyond my range,
beyond my range.*

*For I am bound with fleshly bands,
Joy, beauty, lie beyond my scope;
I strain my heart, I stretch my hands,
And reach for hope,
and reach for hope.*

Text by Christina Rossetti (from *De Profundis*)

Music by J. Lewis

Remain sitting, or kneel

The Collects

HYMN *during which the congregational candles are lit*

- 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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!
- 4 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!

Helmsley

Charles Wesley (1707-88) *altd.*

Remain standing

Blessing & Dismissal

Organ Voluntary

Mulled wine and mince pies are served in the Church Centre.



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