

METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL AND BASILICA OF ST CHAD BIRMINGHAM



SOLEMN MASS ON SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT B

11.30 am – 10 December 2023

INTROIT

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard, in the joy of your heart.

HYMN

- 1
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!'
- 2
Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3
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;
- 4
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.
- 5
Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

-words: From the Latin
Tr. E. Caswall (1814-78)
-music: W. H. Monk (1823-89)

THE CEREMONY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

1
Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
Regard thy servants when they call.

2
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.

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

-words: From the Latin *Tr* J. M. Neale (1818-66)

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Psalm 84



Show us your mercy O Lord, and give us your saving help.

SECOND READING:

2 Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Prepare a way for the Lord make his paths straight;
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL:

Mark 1:1-8

CREED

Plainsong – Credo III

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Alma Redemptoris Mater,
quae pervia caeli porta manes.
Et stella maris, succurre cadenti
surgere qui curat populo:
Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante tuum
sanctum Genitorem Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrialis ad ore sumens illud Ave,
peccatorum miserere.

*Mother of our Redeemer, Mother of love,
Star of the Sea and Gate of heaven above,
The marvel of our nature, who believed
The word that Gabriel brought, and so conceived,
Yet still remained a virgin as before,
While your Creator was the Son you bore:
Have pity on the stumbling human race,
And plead for sinners, Mary, full of grace.*

OFFERTORY

Rorate caeli desuper et nubes pluant justum: aperiatur terra et germinet Salvatore.

Pour out dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.

Show us your mercy, Lord, and grant us your salvation. Come, Lord, and do not delay.

-music: Francisco Guerrero (c.1527-99)

SANCTUS

Plainsong Mass XVIII

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and profess your
Res-ur-rec - tion un-til you come a - gain.

OUR FATHER

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, haHowed be thy name; thy king - dom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
and for-give us our tres-pa-sses, as we for-give those who trespass a-against us;
and lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver.

AGNUS DEI

Mass for 5 voices – William Byrd (1543-1623)

COMMUNION

Surge, illuminare Jerusalem,
quia venit lumen tuum:
et gloria Domini super te
orta est.

*Arise, shine, Jerusalem,
For your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has
risen upon you.*

-music: Francesco Corteccia (1504-1571)

FINAL HYMN

1

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.

-words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

-music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hymnus Creator alme siderum – N Lemmens (1822-81)

The Cathedral Carol Service

17 December 2023

at 5:00 pm