ADVENT SUNDAY

CHORAL EUCHARIST

28TH NOVEMBER 2021, 11AM

ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH

Opening Sentence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Processional Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appears:

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

O come thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

Tune: Veni Emmanuel, French, adapted by T Helmore 1811–90
Words: Based on the ancient Advent Antiphons
Tr. J M Neale 1818–66

The minister greets the people

Minister The Lord be with you,
All **and also with you.**

Welcome

The lighting of the first Advent Candle

We light these Advent Candles to remind us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ: the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary. As we remember them, Lord God, help us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and to open our hearts to receive him.

Advent I

Sovereign Lord, you call the Patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive Jesus Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Holly and The Ivy

Choir *The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,*
of all the trees that are in the wood,
the holly bears the crown:

The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
the playing of the merry organ,
sweet singing in the choir.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Penitence

Minister When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things
now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Kyrie
Missa Assumpta est Maria – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Choir

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Collect

Minister *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;
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,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

First Reading
Jeremiah 33: 14-16
read by Rachel Chapman

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle
Benedicite in B flat – Herbert Sumsion

Choir

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye heavens; O ye waters that be above the firmament;
O all ye powers of the Lord; O ye sun and moon;
O ye stars of heaven; O ye showers and dew;
O ye winds of God; O ye fire and heat;
O ye winter and summer; O ye dews and frosts;
O ye frost and cold; O ye ice and snow;
O ye nights and days; O ye light and darkness;
O ye lightnings and clouds;
O let the earth bless the Lord;
O ye mountains and hills;
O all ye green things upon the earth;
O ye wells; O ye seas and floods;
O ye whales, and all that move in the waters;
O all ye fowls of the air; O all ye beasts and cattle;
O ye children of men; O let Israel bless the Lord;

O ye priests of the Lord; O ye servants of the Lord;
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous;
O ye holy and humble men of heart;
O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him 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.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end
read by Roger Garside

For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God, praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, so that he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long!
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy belovèd name.

Tune: Bristol from T Ravencroft's Psalmes 1621
Words: P Doddridge 1702–51

Gospel Reading

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 21: 25-36
read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake, *Associate Priest of St Bride's*

Jesus said to his disciples:
There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

And he told them a parable: Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce, *Rector of St Bride's*

Please stand

Creed

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession
led by Robin Turner

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers**
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace

Minister *In the tender mercy of our God,*
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you,
All **and also with you.**

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing:
Christ 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:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

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 home,
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 by M Shaw 1875-1958
Words: C E Oakley 1832-65

Minister Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Minister Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Minister The Lord be with you,
All **and also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister Let us pray.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death
and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power
and great triumph to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Missa Assumpta est Maria – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,	God of power and might,
pleni sunt caeli et terra	heaven and earth
gloria tua.	are full of your glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit	Blessed is he who comes
in nomine Domini.	in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration

Minister Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Minister Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise.

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power**
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Minister Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Minister We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:
All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

This prayer is said before the distribution

All **We do not presume**
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.

Anthem

Angelus ad virginem – arr. Andrew Carter

Angelus ad virginem
subintrans in conclave
virginis formidinem
demulcens inquit: 'Ave!
Ave, regina virginum,
caeli terraeque Dominum
concipies et paries intacta
salutem hominum,
tu porta caeli facta
medela criminum.'

The angel came to the virgin
in her chamber,
dispelling the fears of the virgin,
and said: 'Hail!
Hail, queen of virgins;
the Lord of earth and heaven
you will conceive and bear,
chaste the salvation of men;
you have been made the gates of heaven,
the cleanser of crimes.'

'Quomodo conciperem
quae virum non cognovi?
Qualiter infringerem
quod firma mente vovi?'
'Spiritus Sancti gratia
perficiet haec omnia;
ne timeas, sed gaudeas, secura
quod castimonia
manebit in te pura
Dei potentia.'

'How shall I conceive
when I have known no man?
And how shall I break
what I have vowed with a firm mind?'
'The Holy Spirit by grace will
accomplish all these things;
do not be afraid, but rejoice safe
because your chastity
shall remain untouched within you
by the power of God.'

Ad haec virgo nobilis
respondens inquit ei:
'Ancilla sum humilis
omnipotentis Dei.
Tibi caelesti nuntio,
tanti secreti conscio
consentiens et cupiens videre
factum quod audio;
parata sum parere
Dei consilio.'

To this the noble virgin replied
and said to him:
'I am the humble handmaiden
of almighty God.
With you, the heavenly messenger,
I agree, and with so great a mystery,
and wish to see accomplished
what I hear;
I am ready to obey
the will of God.'

Eia Mater Domini,
quae pacem reddidisti
Angelis et homini,
cum Christum genuisti:
tuum exora Filium
ut se nobis propitium
exhibeat et deleat peccata:
praestans auxilium
vita frui beata
post hoc exilium.

Accordingly, mother of the Lord, you
who brought back peace
to the angels and to man,
when you bore Christ;
beseech your son
that he might show mercy
upon us, and blot out our sins:
and that he might help us
to enjoy a blessed life
after this time of exile.

Words: Late 13th Century

Prayers after Communion

The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Post Communion Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

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.

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:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Tune: Helmsley included in Wesley's Selected Hymns 1765
Words: C Wesley 1707–88
and J Cennick 1718-55

Blessing

Minister *Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,*
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you and remain with you,
now and always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Minister Go in the peace of Christ.
Choir *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Voluntary

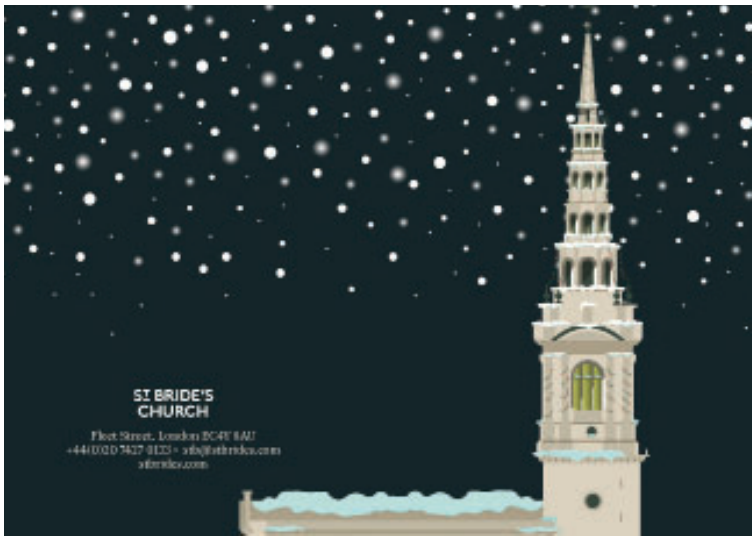
Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel' – Andrew Carter

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SAT 25TH DEC 11AM

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ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all who have continued to support us during this crisis, both through regular giving and occasional gifts.

This financial support remains vital to our on-going ministry. Although our normal services have now resumed, our ability to raise funds to maintain our ministry and building is still impacted.

The singers, organist, and Director of Music are all freelance professional musicians who have been significantly affected during the pandemic, and your donations have allowed us to help them financially through these difficult times.

We shall continue to offer our online worship - even though this requires additional investment - because no service from St Bride's would be complete without the wonderful music which our choir provides.

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