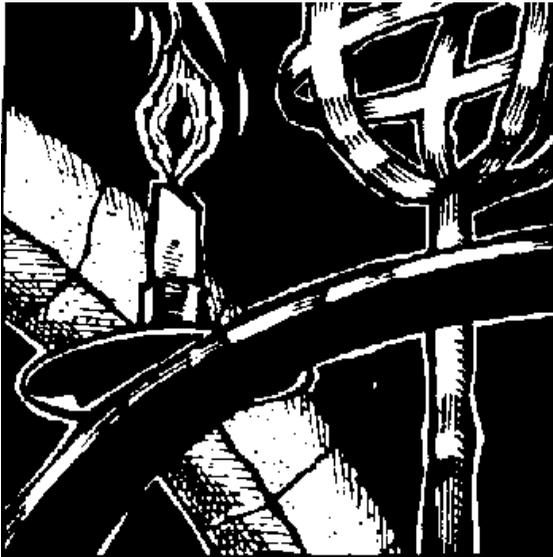


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall

Advent Service

of Readings, Hymns
& Anthems



Advent Sunday 2012
at 6.30 pm

THE FIRST FOLLOWERS OF JESUS were Jews who saw in him the fulfilment of their hopes. Hopes reaching back to Abraham and Moses, to the promise of blessing in the form of a homeland, liberation from oppression and covenant with God. Inspired by these new beliefs, they came to read the Hebrew Scriptures in a different light – anticipating the coming of Christ. With time, certain passages, together with the images they contained, were brought together to supply a biblical framework for a season of preparation for the birth of Jesus. That season is known as Advent. The following service bears witness to that heritage and provides an opportunity for us both to reflect on Jesus' Jewish roots and to prepare ourselves afresh for the incarnation of Christ.

Advent Carol Service

A Word of Welcome

Processional Hymn

O COME, O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice ...

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice ...

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice ...

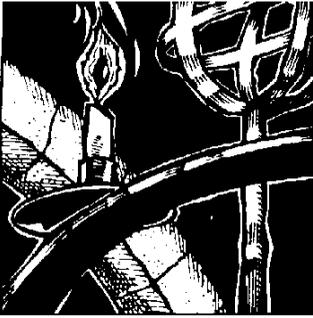
O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice ...

13th cent; trans from the Latin by John M Neale (1818-66).

Tune: Veni Emmanuel.

Opening Prayer



Kindling the First Advent Light

The forebears of faith

Choral introit – ‘Creator of the starry height,’ 7th cent.

We light this candle for all God’s people,
struggling to be bearers of hope
in a troubled world.

**God, as we wait for your promise,
give light, give hope.**

Jan Berry.

Choir – ‘I look from afar’ (Matin Responory), Palestrina (1525-94).

Reading – Genesis 12. 1 – 9.

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.

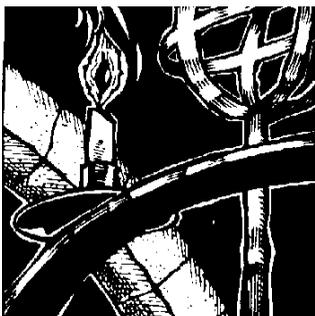
Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world’s new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
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 longing earth be blest.

*Charles E Oakley (1832-65), adapted.
Tune: Little Cornard.*



Kindling the Second Advent Light *The prophets*

Choral introit – ‘Creator of the starry height,’ 7th cent.

We light this candle for all God’s prophets,
confronting justice and restoring the dream
of a world of freedom and peace.

**God, as we wait for your promise,
give light, give hope.**

Jan Berry.

Choir – ‘Rejoice in the Lord always,’ John Redford (1485-1547).

Reading – Isaiah 40. 1 – 11.

Hymn

LONG AGO, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear God’s people’s burden,
feely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
God will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

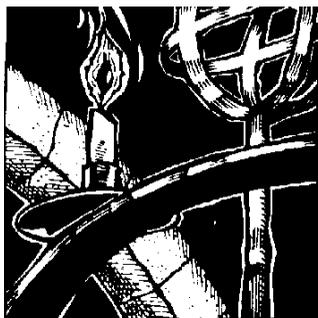
Mary hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
in her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000).
Tune: Personent Hodie.



Kindling the Third Advent Light

John the Baptist

Choral introit – 'Creator of the starry height,' 7th cent.

We light this candle for all God's messengers,
preparing the way for change,
signs pointing to a new age to come.

**God, as we wait for your promise,
give light, give hope.**

Jan Berry.

Choir – 'The Lord at first did Adam make,'

English traditional, arranged by David Willcocks (b 1919).

Reading – Matthew 3. 1 – 12.

Litany of Penitence

When I come in the guise
of the needy, the helpless,
the cold and the hungry,
the stranger, the lonely
will you look away?

**What will you do?
What will you say?**

When I come close to home
in the need of your neighbour,
at times inconvenient,
in places and faces
that mask and conceal me.

**What will you do?
What will you say?**

When I come in the message
of prophet and preacher,
in truths inescapable
or words which dismay,
will you listen to me
and give me a welcome?

What will you do?
What will you say?

When, face to face
at the end of the journey
we look at each other,
will you look away?

What will you do?
What will you say?

Kenneth Carveley.

Hymn

ON JORDAN'S bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

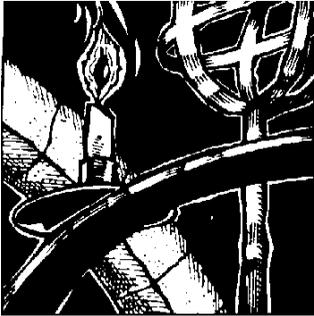
Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thy hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost, for evermore.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749).
Tune: Winchester New.



Kindling the Fourth Advent Light
Mary, the mother of Jesus

Choral introit – ‘Creator of the starry height,’ 7th cent.

We light this candle for all God-bearers,
saying ‘yes’ to God’s challenge,
accepting the pain and joy of an unknown future.
**God, as we wait for your promise,
give light, give hope.**

Jan Berry.

Choir – ‘The Lamb,’ John Tavener (b 1944).

Reading – Luke 1. 26 – 45.

Hymn

MARY, BLESSÈD teenage mother,
with what holy joy you sing!
Humble, yet above all other,
from your womb shall healing spring.
Out of wedlock pregnant found,
full of grace with blessing crowned.

Mother of the homeless stranger
only outcasts recognise,
point us to the modern manger;
not a sight for gentle eyes!
O the joyful news we tell:
‘Even here, Immanuel!’

Now, throughout the townships ringing,
hear the black Madonna cry,
songs of hope and freedom singing,
poor and humble lifted high.
Here the Spirit finds a womb
for the breaker of the tomb!

Holy mother, for the nations
bring to birth the child divine:
Israel's strength and consolation,
and the hope of Palestine
All creation reconciled
in the crying of a child!

*Michael Forster (b 1946).
Tune: All Saints (Darmstadt).*

The Advent 'O's – Prayers of Intercession

The following bidding and response is used between each petition.

Maranatha:

Come, Lord Jesus.

The intercessions conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

**OUR FATHER in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Choir – 'Resonemus laudibus,' 14th cent, traditional, arranged
by David Willcocks (b 1919).

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

LO, HE COMES with clouds descending,
once for mortal sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
we who set at naught and sold him,
pieced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
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, with what rapture,
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! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88), John Cennick (1718-55)
& Martin Madan (1726-90).
Tune: Helmsley.*

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