CHORAL EUCHARIST

on the Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15th December 2024 | 11.00am



Missa Brevis [K,S,B,A] Mathias Setting

Canticle Isaiah 12. 2-end



Motet Adam lay ybounden,

> Bounden in a bond: Four thousand winter

Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, An apple that he took.

As clerkës finden written

In their book.

Words: Anon. 15th Century

Nor had one apple taken been,

The apple taken been,

Then had never Our Lady,

A-been heaven's queen.

Blessed be the time

That apple taken was!

Therefore we may singen

Deo gratias!

Music: Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Organ Prelude from Symphony No. 1 Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)



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The Opening Hymn



- 1. The race that long in darkness pined Has seen a glorious light:
 The people dwell in day, who dwelt In death's surrounding night.
- 2. To hail thy rise, thou better Sun, The gathering nations come, Joyous as when the reapers bear The harvest treasures home.
- 3. To us a child of hope is born, To us a Son is given; Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of heaven.

Words: John Morison (1750-1798) based on Isaiah 9: 2-7

- 4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, For evermore adored, The Wonderful, the Counsellor, The great and mighty Lord.
- 5. His power increasing still shall spread, His reign no end shall know; Justice shall guard his throne above, And peace abound below.

Music: DUNDEE Melody from the Scottish Psalter, 1615 as set in Ravenscroft's Psalter, 1621

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jesus Christ is the light of the world: a light no darkness can overpower.

§ The third candle is lit.

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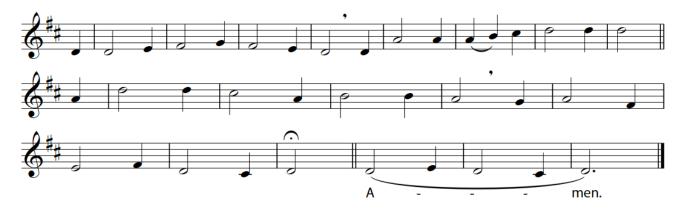
Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever.

Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and 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.

The Offertory Hymn



Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin-birth: Let every age adoring fall, Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit, thou art still The Word of God, in flesh arrayed, The Saviour, now to man displayed.

From God the Father he proceeds, To God the Father back he speeds, Runs out his course to death and hell, Returns on God's high throne to dwell.

O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now, The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness glow with new-born light,
No more shall night extinguish day,
Where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee Eternal praise and glory be, Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Words: Veni, Redemptor gentium St Ambrose of Milan (340-97) translated by John M Neale (1818-66) Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) Harmonised by G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

The Closing Hymn



To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Refrain

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Music: TO GOD BE THE GLORY George Washington Doane (1799-1859)