

EASTBOURNE COLLEGE ADVENT CAROLS 2020



Rorate Caeli chant

O come, o come Emmanuel

Bidding Prayer

O Adonai chant

1st Reading

Warlock Adam Lay-ybounden

O Radix Jesse chant

2nd Reading

V-W This is the truth

O Sapientia chant

3rd Reading

Holst Lullay my liking

O Oriens chant

4th Reading

Tallis Audivi vocem

O Emmanuel chant

5th Reading

Bach Wachet Auf

Lo! he comes with clouds descending

Collect for Advent and Blessing

Organ Voluntary

TEXTS and TRANSLATIONS

RORATE COELI

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness.

Be not very angry, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity for ever:

Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness.

We have sinned and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:

Our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities,

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;

That ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness.

Comfort ye, my people, my salvation shall not tarry:

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness.

**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 vict'ry o'er the grave.
 *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...***

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And deaths' dark shadows put to flight.
 *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...***

**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! Emmanuel...***

**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! Emmanuel..***

BIDDING PRAYER

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us – how that when we were far off, he met us in his Son and brought us home; how he humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share his divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness. So first we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's Body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise his name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his kingdom, in the words he himself has taught us, saying:

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

And may the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting, now and at all times. **Amen.**

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

The First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

read by a pupil from Year 9

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed
that her sin has been paid for,

that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God!'

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those who have young.

Thanks be to God.

Adam lay y-bounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long
Deo gracias!

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Deo gracias!

Ne had the apple taken been, Ne had never our Lady a-been heavene queen.
Blessed be the time that aooke taken was; therefore we moun singen
Deo gracias!

[Text: 15th Century English; Music]

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;
before you kings will shut their mouths,
to you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

The Second Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34 read by a pupil from Year 10

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them" declares the Lord.

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'

because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sin no more."

Thanks be to God.

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

And we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his Son.

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.

And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And may thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

The Third Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-10* read by a pupil from Year 11

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
Thanks be to God.

I saw a fair maiden
Sitten and sing:
She lulléd a little child,
A sweeté lording.

*Lullay my liking,
My dear son, my sweeting;
Lullay my dear heart,
Mine own dear darling*

That eternal lord is he
That made allé thing;
Of allé lordés he is Lord
Of allé kinges King.
Chorus:

There was mickle melody
At that childés birth:
Though the songsters were heavenly
They madé mickle mirth.
Chorus:

Angels bright they sang that night
And saiden to that child,
"Blessed be thou and so be she
That is both meek and mild."
Chorus:

Pray we now to that child,
And to his mother dear,
God grant them all his blessing
That now maken cheer.
Chorus:

O Morning Star,
splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

The Fourth Reading: *Luke 1:26-38* read by a pupil from Year 12

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.
Thanks be to God.

Audivi Vocem

I heard a voice coming from heaven: come all wisest virgins;
fill your vessels with oil, for the bridegroom is coming.
In the middle of the night there was a cry: behold the bridegroom comes.

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

The Fifth Reading: *Luke 5: 14-21* read by a pupil from Year 13

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.
He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Thanks be to God.

Wachet Auf

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last!
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
Come forth, ye virgins, night is past!
The Bridegroom comes, awake,
Your lamps with gladness take;
Hallelujah!
And for His marriage feast prepare,
For ye must go to meet Him there.

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ 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.**

Collect and Blessing

Chaplain: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May God himself, the God of peace, make us perfect and holy; and keep us all safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Organ Voluntary: JS Bach Chorale-prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* BWV 661

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