

THE CHAPEL OF
PUSEY HOUSE
OXFORD

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
10 DECEMBER 2023

PRELUDE Folk Tune, *Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*

SETTING Mass XVIII, *Graduale Romanum*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NEH 500 Thy kingdom on bended knee

INTROIT

O PEOPLE of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations : and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. *Ps. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel : thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.* 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.**

O people ...

POPULUS SYON, ISAIAH 30.19, 30; PSALM 80.1

COLLECT

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, now and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

AND Hilkiāh the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiāh gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord. And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiāh the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord. And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

2 KINGS 22.8-10, 23.1-3

ADVENT PROSE NEH 501 Drop Down Ye Heavens From Above

Those on the North side (left facing the altar) sing vv.1 &3, those on the South side (right facing the altar) sing v.v. 2 &4. The Refrain is sung by all.

EPISTLE

WHATSOEVER things were written aforetime were written for our learning; that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one towards another, according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say, that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers; and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles, and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

ROMANS 15. 4-13

GRADUAL

OUT of Sion hath God appeared : in perfect beauty. Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

EX SYON SPECIES, PSALM 50.2, 3, 5

ALLELUIA

ALLELUIA. Alleluia. For the powers of heaven shall be shaken : and they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Alleluia.

VIRTUTES CAELI, LUKE 21.26, 27

GOSPEL

AND there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig-tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled: heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away.

LUKE 21. 25-33

SERMON The Revd Alexander McGregor

OFFERTORY

WILT not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee : shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

DEUS TU CONVERTENS, PSALM 85.7, 8

OFFERTORY HYMN NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word

COMMUNION

JERUSALEM, haste thee, and stand on high : and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

IERUSALEM SURGE, BARUCH 5.5; 4.36

MOTET A Tender Shoot, *Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)*

A TENDER shoot has started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

COMMUNION HYMN NEH 1 (t.i) Creator of the Stars of Night

RECESSIONAL HYMN NEH 9 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude in A minor, BWV 543, *J.S. Bach 1685-1750*

Please remain or depart quietly during the Organ Voluntary, which is offered as a part of our worship. Applause is not encouraged.

NOTICES

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER You are warmly invited to join members of the Serving Team in saying Morning Prayer at 10.40am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel each Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL takes place in the Ursell Room during Mass today. Please ask the sidesman on duty for further details. A special visitor will be appearing after Mass...

DRINKS AFTER MASS Do join us for sherry and soft drinks after Mass, in the Ursell Room and Quad.

TIMES OF THE OFFICES CHANGING Please note that from Monday 12th December, the times of the Offices will revert to the later vacation times of 8.10am Morning Prayer and 8.30am Mass. These times will continue until Friday 22nd December.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY CARDS Please do pick up an Advent, Christmas and Epiphany card, detailing times of our services over the festive season.

CAROLLING After the 6pm Masses on 13th and 20th December we will go carolling around the streets and restaurants near Pusey. All welcome, however talented a singer you are. St. Lucy and St. Thomas pray for us!

HELP WITH SINGING OVER ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS Our regular choir is now on vacation. If you are interested in singing as part of the Pusey Singers on Sundays in Advent and at services over the Christmas season, please contact our Master of Music at Edward.gaut@keble.ox.ac.uk, or feel free to turn up at 9.30am on Sunday morning for the rehearsal!

ADVENT STUDY GROUP: ST ATHANASIUS 'ON THE INCARNATION' Come and contemplate the implications of the Incarnation in this classic text, through the eyes of a key Early Church figure in an Advent reading group. Since Athanasius is both Ancient and Eastern, his focus, insights & inspiration can sometimes be quite different from our own! No previous study of theology or Church history required. At 6.15pm in the Liddon Room on the Mondays of 4th, 11th, 18th Dec. Please contact russell@epektasis.co.uk for further details.

OF YOUR CHARITY, PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR – *Years Mind*: 10 December William Dodsworth *priest* 1861, Mother Nora of the Five Wounds SHT 1980, Alfred John Rose, *priest*, Colin Clement Walter James *bishop* 2009, Margaret Curtis 2021, 11 December John Loughborough Pearson 1897, Mother Agatha, 15 December Thomas Benson Pollock *priest* 1896, Harvey William Walker *priest* 2019, 16 December Cyril Easthaugh *bishop* 1988

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 11 December

8.10 Morning Prayer

8.30 Mass

17.30 Evensong

Tuesday 12 December

8.10 Morning Prayer

8.30 Mass

17.30 Evensong

21.30 Compline

Wednesday 13 December, Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784

8.10 Morning Prayer and Litany

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass with Homily, Preacher – Mr David Sten, *Chapel Intern*

Thursday 14 December, John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

8.10 Morning Prayer

8.30 Mass

17.30 Evensong

Friday 15 December

8.10 Morning Prayer

8.30 Mass

17.30 Evensong

Saturday 16 December

NO SERVICES

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

10.40 Morning Prayer

11.00 High Mass

Preacher, The Chaplain

Mass XI (Graduale Romanum), Adam lay ybounden (Warlock)

DIARY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUP A new weekly group, led by Sarah Collister, will be starting on **Tuesday evenings, 6.30pm – 8.00pm**. Women of all ages and stations in life are welcome.

FUTURE EVENTS

VOX CHAMBER CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT On **Sunday 17th December at 5pm**, Vox Chamber Choir, directed by David Crown, will be presenting a concert of unaccompanied Christmas choral music from J. S. Bach to Eric Whitacre in the Chapel of the Resurrection. Tickets, priced at £15.00 are available from their website, or on the door.

THE EVE OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE On **Wednesday 20th December at 6pm**, we will offer a Sung Mass for the Eve of St Thomas, the Apostle. This will be followed by carolling around the streets and restaurants of the local area. *ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.*

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS FOLLOWED BY DINNER On **Saturday 13th January 2024** we will hold a Service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols at 4.30pm, followed by a ticketed dinner in the Hood Room, catered for by a local private chef. Tickets, including pre-dinner drinks, 4-course meal with wine, port and coffee are priced at £69.95 per head. If you would like to reserve tickets for this dinner, please contact Ian Palmer on pusey.society@stx.ox.ac.uk

FRIENDS' HIGH MASS AT ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET We will once again be returning to All Saints' Margaret Street in London on **Saturday 27th January** at 4pm. The Venerable Edward Dowler, Archdeacon of Hastings, will preach. All are welcome. Please mark it in your diary.

HOUSE CONTACTS

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