

*All Hallows Church
On The Market Square*



*Service of Music and Readings
for Advent Sunday*

*Sunday December 3rd
6.00pm*

The Clergy and Choir assemble at the west end of the darkened & quiet church

Choir Introit: Creator of the starry height. *John Mason Neale (1818~1866)*

Processional Hymn: *The Procession Moves to the front of the nave.*

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! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

John Mason Neale (1818~1866)

The Bidding Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done:
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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

Choir: There is no Rose.

Graham Ellis (b 1953)

First Reading: Exodus 3. *The burning bush*

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 us displayed.

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns to God's high throne to dwell.

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. Amen.

St Ambrose (340~397)

Second Reading: Isaiah 40. *A voice crying in the wilderness*

Hymn: [The Procession moves to the Choir Stalls](#)

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
to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved Name.

Philip Doddridge (1702~1751)

Choir: Song of Peace.

C V Stanford (1852~1924)

Third Reading: Isaiah 52. *How beautiful on the mountains*

Hymn:
How beauteous are their feet
who stand on Sion's hill.
Who bring salvation on their tongues
And words of peace reveal!

How happy are our ears
that hear this happy sound,
which kings and prophets waited for,
and sought, but never found.

How blessed are our eyes
that see this heavenly light,
prophets and kings desired it long
but died without the sight!

The Lord makes bare his arm
through all the earth abroad:
Let every nation now behold
their Saviour and their God.

Isaac Watts (1674~1748)

Fourth Reading: Malachi 3. *Behold, I send a messenger.*

Junior Choir: Born in the night, Mary's Child. *Geoffrey Ainger (b 1925)*

Fifth Reading: Isaiah 61. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.*

Hymn:

The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come,
their joy when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

For unto us a Child is born,
to us a Son is given;
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.

His righteous government and power
shall over all extend:
on judgement and on justice based,
his reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit One.

John Morrison (1750~1798)

Sixth Lesson: Philippians 4. *The Lord is at hand.*

Hymn: *The Church Lighting will come on gradually during this hymn*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
shine on your Church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light! etc.

Longing for food, many are hungry,
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed:
Christ be our light! etc.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ be our light! etc.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your Kingdom come.
Christ be our light! etc.

Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)

Choir: The Benedictus.

Anglican Chant

Please stand for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel: Luke 1. *The birth of John the Baptist is foretold*

Hymn: [The Procession moves to the Sanctuary](#)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast 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 flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine 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)

Choir: People, look East.

Traditional French Carol

The Conclusion & Blessing

Hymn:

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

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced 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 (1707~1788)

[During the voluntary the clergy and choir process to the back of the church](#)

Organ Voluntary: Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”.

David Baseford (b 1961)

Please do stay for refreshments

