



## **Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew**

It is good that we are here to offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving. You are very welcome to join us as part of this worshipping community. Please stay after the service for refreshments in the John Skinner Centre; and introduce yourself to the clergy or one of the stewards.

## **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Sunday, 15 December 2019, 10.45 am

### **Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)**

Celebrant and Preacher: Very Rev'd Isaac Poobalan, Provost

Director of Music and organist: Professor Andrew Morrisson  
The Cathedral Choir

### **Mass Setting**

Hans Leo Hassler, *Missa super dixit Maria*

### **Organ voluntary**

Johannes Brahms, *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

Today is '**Gaudete Sunday**', the third Sunday of Advent, also called Refreshment Sunday. The name comes from the traditional Latin Mass Introit, 'Gaudete', meaning 'rejoice!' – reflected in today's Motet. The vestment colour is 'Rose Pink'.

### Processional Hymn 5 (NEH)

(Words: Latin 6<sup>th</sup> century, *Vox Clara Ecce Intonat*, Tr Edward Caswall, a Church of England priest who converted to Roman Catholicism. Music: William H. Monk, Merton, published in 1861 in *The Parish Choir*.)

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| 1 Hark! a herald voice is calling:<br>'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;<br>'Cast away the dreams of darkness,<br>O ye children of the day!'     | 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,<br>Comes with pardon down from heaven;<br>Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,<br>One and all to be forgiven; |
| 2 Startled at the solemn warning,<br>Let the earth-bound soul arise;<br>Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,<br>Shines upon the morning skies. | 4 So when next he comes with glory,<br>And earth's final hour draws near,<br>May he then as our defender<br>On the clouds of heaven appear.    |
| 5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,<br>To the Father and the Son,<br>With the co-eternal Spirit,<br>While unending ages run. Amen.                   |  |

### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## Psalm 146 (vv. 4-10) Chant 169

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob | for his | help : and whose hope  
is | in the | Lord his | God;  
5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that | therein | is : who |  
keepeth his | promise for | ever;  
6 Who helpeth them to right that | suffer | wrong : who | feed|eth the | hungry.  
7 The Lord looseth men | out of | prison : the Lord giveth | sight | to the | blind.  
8 The Lord helpeth | them that are | fallen : the Lord | careth | for the |  
righteous.  
9 The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the | fatherless and |  
widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he | turneth it | upside | down.  
(2nd Pt) 10 The Lord thy God O Sion, shall be King for | ever|more : and  
through|out all |gener|ations.

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.  
A|--|men.

**Epistle:** James 5:7-10 (NRSV)

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Gradual Hymn 499 (NEH)**

(Words: Lewis Hensley, 19<sup>th</sup> century Church of England priest and author of devotions and hymns. Music: L.G. Hayne, priest, composer and organ builder, *St Cecilia*)

1 Thy kingdom come, O God,  
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
Break with thy iron rod  
The tyrannies of sin.

2 Where is thy reign of peace  
And purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
As in the realms above?

3 When comes the promised time  
That war shall be no more,  
And lust, oppression, crime  
Shall flee thy face before?

4 We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
And come in thy great might;  
Revive our longing eyes,  
Which languish for thy sight.

5 O'er lands both near and far  
Thick darkness broodeth yet:  
Arise, O morning Star,  
Arise, and never set!

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11 (NRSV)

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.’

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.”

‘Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.’

**Offertory Hymn 9 (NEH)**

(Words: Charles Wesley and John Cennick. Music: Adapted from John Wesley’s *Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed, Helmsley*)

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

2 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.

3 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!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

**Communion motet:**

*Rejoice in the Lord Alway* (Anonymous, sometimes attributed to John Redford)

**Post-Communion Hymn 7 (NEH)**

(Words: Adapted by the editors of the New English Hymnal from a hymn by Charles E. Oakley, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Church of England priest. Music: Martin Shaw, a noted musician and composer who had a significant influence on English church music, and was the founder of what became the Royal Society of Church Music)

1 Hills of the North, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice;  
Him who made earth and skies.  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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 sons of earth be blest.

**Organ Voluntary:**

J.S. Bach, *Fugue in B minor (Corelli)* BWV 579

## LET US PRAY

**In the Cathedral community** we pray for Helena Thomas, Yvonne Craik, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Ravi Garg and Gordon Smith.

**We praise God** for those who mark a blessing this week with a birthday or an anniversary.

**We remember** those whom we love but see no longer, and those whose year's mind occurs this week.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Diocese of Sokoto in Nigeria, and the Rt Rev'd Augustin Omole; and for the Diocese of El Salvador in Central America, and the Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St Mary's Church, Cove Bay, Aberdeen, and for the Rev'd John Duthie and the Rev'd Hector MacKenzie.

**In the Porvoo Prayer Diary** we pray for the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham in the Church of England, and Bishops Paul Williams and Tony Porter; and for the Diocese of Borg in the Church of Norway, and Bishop Atle Sommerfeldt.

## EVENTS AND SERVICES

15 December (today) 3 pm, **Advent Meditations in the Christingle Garden**, led by the new **Mi Kasa** youth group, with musical support from Andrew Morrisson. Please come and support them.  
**No Evensong** this Sunday.

18 December **Wednesday Holy Communion**, 10 am.

21 December **Cathedral at Noon**, 12 pm: Con Anima, with the Bon Accord Brass Quintet, Christmas music.

22 December **Holy Communion** at 8 am  
**Sung Eucharist** for the Third Sunday of Advent, at 10.45 am  
**Nine Lessons and Carols** at 6.30 pm

28 December **Provost's Open House**, 3-5 pm, 27 Raeden Avenue: come and have some mulled wine and festive nibbles.

31 December **Cross-over Eucharist** at 10.45 pm, with Cathedral Gospel Band

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