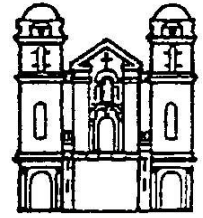


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Welcome to  
The Church of Saint James the Greater  
Leicester



## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2020

Welcome to the Church of Saint James the Greater for our Advent Carol Service. As with everything in 2020, this unique service will be different to how you may have experienced it in the past. We hope and pray that when we join together to mark the start of Advent in 2021, we will be able to give glory to God with our traditional Advent Procession and congregational hymn singing. Our thanks go out to Matt Haynes, Mike Rule and all of the choir for their efforts in putting together this service under, what can only be described as, challenging conditions this year.

Current restrictions mean there won't be an Offertory as part of our worship this afternoon. To allow you to show your appreciation of the wonderful music you'll listen to over the next hour or so, you'll find collection bowls on the tables at the back of church. We know that 2020 has been a difficult year for all of us and any contribution you are able to make to help St James continue its matchless musical tradition is truly appreciated by all of us.

### COVID-19

If you've downloaded the NHS app, which allows to allow you to check-in to venues, we have created our own unique QR code for St James and you'll find it displayed on the right. To check-in, please take the following steps:

1. Open the NHS COVID-19 app.
2. Select **Venue Check In**.
3. Hold your phone up to the QR code. When the app registers it, you'll see a tick and the name of the venue.

If you don't have a smartphone, you'll find a Track and Trace form on your seat. We ask that you complete this and place it in one of the boxes at the back of church before you leave.



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### *The congregation is seated in silence as the lights are dimmed*

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION by Reverend Andrew Quigley

ORGAN

Es ist ein ros entsprungen

Brahms

CHOIR

**Matin Responsory**

**Palestrina (Arr. Wilcocks)**

A COLLECT FOR ADVENT

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people:  
that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may of thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHOIR

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Carter

FIRST LESSON

The Promise

Jeremiah 23. 5 - 6

**CHOIR** **Antiphon I (LOWER VOICES)**

*O Sapientia*

O Wis - dom, co - ming forth from the mouth of the Most High  
rea - ching from one end to the o - ther migh - ti - ly, and sweet - ly or -  
der - ing all things, come and teach us the way of pru - dence.

**CHOIR** **A Tender Shoot**

SECOND LESSON

Those Who Sit In Darkness

**Goldschmidt**

Isaiah 9. 2 – 3, 6 – 7

**CHOIR** **Antiphon II (UPPER VOICES)**

*O Adonai*

O A - do - na - i, and lea - der of the house of Is - ra - el, who  
ap - peared to Mo - ses in the fire of the bur - ning bush, and gave  
him the law on Si - nai: Come and re - deem us with an out - stretched arm.

**CHOIR** **O Nata Lux**

THIRD LESSON

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

**Tallis**

Luke I. 26 -35, 38

**CHOIR** **Antiphon III (LOWER VOICES)**

*O Radix Jesse*

O Root of Jes - se, stand - ing as a sign a - mong the peo - ples;  
be - fore you kings will shut their mouths, to you the na - tions shall  
make their prayer: Come and de - li - ver us and de - lay no long - er.

**CHOIR** **Magnificat in G**

FOURTH LESSON

John the Baptist

**Stanford**

Mark I. 1 – 8

**CHOIR** **Antiphon IV (UPPER VOICES)**

*O Clavis David*

O Key of Da - vid and scep - tre of the house of Is - ra - el; you  
o - pen and no - one can shut; you shut and no - one can o - pen;  
Come and lead the pri - so - ners from the pri - son house, those who dwell in dark - ness  
and the sha - dow of death.

**CHOIR****On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

FIFTH LESSON

Good News to the Poor

Luke 4. 14 – 21

**CHOIR****Antiphon V (LOWER VOICES)***O Oriens*

O Morn - ing Star, splen - dour of light e - ter - nal and  
sun of right - eous - ness: Come and en - light - en those who dwell in dark - ness  
and the sha - dow of death.

**CHOIR****E'en so Lord Jesus****Manz**

SIXTH LESSON

The King and the Kingdom

Luke 19. 28 – 40

**CHOIR****Antiphon VI (UPPER VOICES)***O Rex Gentium*

O King of the na - tions, and their de - sire, the cor - ner stone  
ma - king both one: Come and save the hu - man race,  
which you fa - shioned from clay.

**CHOIR****Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

SEVENTH LESSON

The Parable of the Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25. 1 – 13

**CHOIR****Antiphon VII (ALL VOICES)***O Emmanuel*

O Em - ma - nu - el, our king and our law - gi - ver, the hope of  
the na - tions and their Sa - viour: Come and save  
us, O Lord our God.

**CHOIR****Wake! O Wake!****Nicolai (Bach)**

SILENCE IS KEPT

**CHOIR****Let All Mortal Flesh****Holst**

EIGHTH LESSON

Judgement

Matthew 25. 31 – 46

**CHOIR****Of the Father's Love Begotten****Arr. Wilcocks**

After the hymn, the congregation kneels or sits

As we await the fulfilment of the promise of glory, let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words our Saviour 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, the power and the glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

**PRIEST  
CHOIR**

**We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.  
In the midst of thy temple**

SILENCE IS KEPT

**CHOIR**

**Vesper Responsory**

**Palestrina**

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now and 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 for ever. Amen

**CHOIR**

**Amen**

**Plagal**

The congregation now stands for the remainder of the service

NINTH LESSON

The Vision of Heaven

Revelation 5. 11 - 12

**CHOIR**

**Gloria Patri**

**Stanford**

BLESSING

The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing;

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made know unto God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
shall keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**CHOIR**

**Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2020

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

4:00pm

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
(Please contact the office to reserve seats)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30am

Christmas Morning Sung Eucharist

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

4:00pm

Epiphany Carol Service

**Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the service.**