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## Voorwoord

ADVENT, komst of aankomst in de letterlijke betekenis van het woord. In de kerk heeft het twee betekenissen:

Het is een tijd om voor te bereiden op de verjaardag van de eerste komst van Jezus Christus, zijn geboorte in Bethlehem tweeduizend jaar geleden. Het komt samen in onze viering van Kerstmis. Het andere thema van Advent is de wederkomst van de Heer aan het einde der tijden, Zijn komst in oordeel en heerlijkheid.

De dubbele nadruk op zowel de eerste als de tweede komst van Christus geeft aan dit kerkelijke seizoen zijn unieke mix van vreugde: blijdschap over de verlossing die tot ons is gekomen in Zijn geboorte, en de hoop en verwachting over verlossing bij Zijn wederkomst.

*The Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday* ontstond in 1934 in King's College, Cambridge, Engeland en werd gecomponeerd door Dean Eric Milner-White (die negen jaar eerder ook verantwoordelijk was geweest voor het bekendere *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve*).

In zijn voorwoord bij de adventszondagsdienst schreef Dean Milner-White: *“In de oude Engelse liturgieën kende men een voorbereiding op de komst van onze Heer naar deze aarde, veel levendiger en uitbundiger dan die van ons huidige [1662] Gebedenboek. Een Advent Carol-viering is dus, ook al kent deze geen historische traditie, niet zonder betekenis, zonder functie. Deze speciale viering helpt uitdrukking te geven aan ‘de wens van alle naties en alle leeftijden.’ ”*

In deze bijzondere Service, ‘gaat het niet om het vieren van Kerstmis, maar om deze te verwachten.’ De verandering van het koor, beginnend in het donker onder het Kiespenning-orgel en eindigend in een volop verlicht Liturgisch centrum, symboliseert de beweging van de profetische verwachting van de Messias naar het begin van de vervulling van de profetie, in de geboorte van de Zoon van God en Zijn uiteindelijke wederkomst.

Wij hopen dat u het komende uur, ongeacht hoe dichtbij of veraf u staat van de religieuze betekenis van Advent en Kerst, geraakt wordt door blijdschap, hoop en verwachting. Wij wensen u een goede tijd op weg naar Kerst.

## Programma

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Lo! He comes with clouds descending	arr. by David Willcocks
Postludium	Pim Schipper

## ORDER OF SERVICE ADVENT PROCESSION

### Organ Voluntaries

Chorale Prelude on 'Vater unser im Himmelreich' BWV 737

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chorale Prelude on 'Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland' BWV 599

J. S. Bach

Chorale Prelude on 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen' Op. 122, No 8

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

### Matin responsory: I look from afar (staande)

Text: *Aspiciens a longe*

Sarum chant: arr. by David Drexler (b. 1967)

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming,

and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

tell us, art thou he that should come

to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

go ye out to meet him and say:

hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,

thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come

to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

- *allen blijven staan*

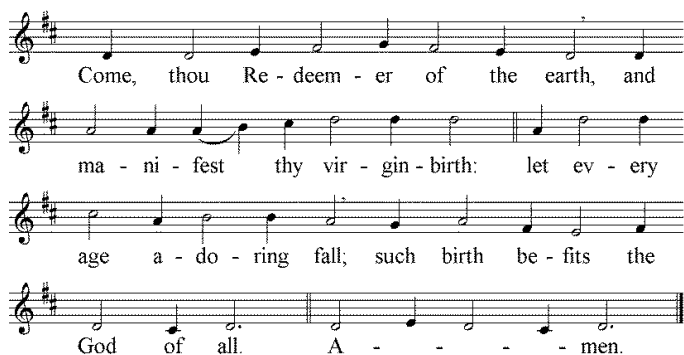
## Hymn: Come, thou Redeemer of the earth (staande)

Tune: traditional melody adapted by M. Praetorius

Arr. by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Words: St. Ambrose (339-397), transl. J. M. Neale

(Choir 1,2,3, all 7,8)



2. choir

Begotten of no human will,  
but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
the promised fruit to man displayed.

3. choir

The virgin womb that burden gained  
with virgin honour all unstained;  
the banners there of virtue glow;  
God in his temple dwells below.

7. all

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
and darkness breathe a newer light,  
where endless faith shall shine serene,  
and twilight never intervene.

8. all

All laud, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

- allen gaan zitten

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shewn its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ Himself taught us:

### **All:**

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 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

## Advent Prose: Rorate Cæli

Henning Sommero (b. 1952)

From: Tre Gregorianske tankar

Text: Jesaja 45:8

Rorate cæli desuper. Alleluia.

*Dauwt, hemelen, van boven. Halleluja.*

## The First Lesson: Zechariah 2: 10–13

*The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.*

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord.

And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (staande)

Tune: 17th-century French melody,

Harmony: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Words: Liturgy of St. James 4th century, transl. Gerard Moultrie

(All 1,4, choir 2,3)

The musical score is written on six staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1.' indicating the first part of the verse. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: '1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Pon-der not-hing earth-ly-min-ded, For with bles-sing in his hand Christ our God to earth de-scendeth, Our full ho-mage to de-mand.'

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence,  
And with fear and tremb - ling stand;  
Pon - der not - hing earth - ly - min - ded,  
For with bles - sing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth de - scen - deth,  
Our full ho - mage to de - mand.

2. choir

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood;  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

3. choir

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

4. all

At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!"

- *allen gaan zitten*

## The Second Lesson, Isaiah 11:1–10

*The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.*

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.



The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

From: *The Strathclyde Motets*

Text: *O Antiphon for Dec. 21*

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:  
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied:  
"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."  
Amen.

## Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Michaël Praetorius (1571-1621)

Original tune: *Speyerer Gesangbuch* (1599)

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen  
aus einer Wurzel zart,  
wie uns die Alten sungen,  
von Jesse kam die Art  
und hat ein Blümlein bracht  
mitten im kalten Winter,  
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röslein, das ich meine,  
davon Jesaia sagt,  
hat uns gebracht alleine  
Marie die reine Magd.

Aus Gottes ewgem Rat  
hat sie ein Kind geboren  
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Blümelein so kleine,  
das duftet uns so süß,  
mit seinem hellen Scheine  
vertreibts die Finsternis:  
Wahr' Mensch und wahrer Gott,  
hilft uns aus allem Leide,  
rettet von Sünd und Tod.

## Hymn: O come, O come Emmanuel (staande) arr. by David Willcocks

Tune: from 15th-century French Franciscan Processional

Words: 18th century, transl. T.A. Lacey

(All 1,5, choir 2,3,4)

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: O come, O come Em - ma - nu-el! Re - deem thy cap - tive Is - ra - el that in - to ex - ile drear is gone far from the face of God's dear Son. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

2. choir

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! Draw  
the quarry from the lion's claw;  
from the dread caverns of the grave,  
from nether hell, thy people save.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

3. choir

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4. choir

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
and bar the way to death's abode.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

5. all

O come, O come, Adonai,  
who in thy glorious majesty  
from that high mountain clothed with awe,  
gavest thy folk the elder Law.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

- allen gaan zitten

## The Third Lesson: Isaiah 40:1–8

*The Prophet proclaims good news to the people in exile.*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I

cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## In dulci jubilo

Matthew Culloton (b. 1976)

Tune and words: traditional German carol

In dulci jubilo (*in zoete jubel*)  
Let us our homage show,  
our heart's joy reclineth  
In praesepio (*in de kribbe*)  
And like a bright star shineth,  
Matris in gremio (*in de moederschoot*)  
Alpha es et O (*ben jij begin en eind*)  
O Jesu parvule! (*O klein Jezuken*)  
I yearn for thee alway!  
Hear me, I beseech thee,  
O Puer optime! (*O opperbeste Zoon*)  
my pray'r let it reach thee,  
O Princeps gloriae (*O Vorst der glorie*)  
Trahe me post te (*laat me met U meegaan*)  
O Patris caritas! (*O liefde van de Vader*)  
O Nati lenitas! (*O mildheid van de Geborene*)  
deeply were we stained,  
Per nostra crimina (*om onze zonden*)  
but thou hast for us gained  
Coelorum gaudia! (*de vreugden van de hemel!*)  
O that we were there!  
Ubi sunt gaudia (*waar is de vreugde*)  
Where, if they be not there?  
There are angels singing  
Nova cantica! (*nieuwe liederen*)  
and there the bells are ringing  
In regis curia (*in het koninklijk hof*)  
O that we were there  
In dulci jubilo! (*in zoete jubel*)

## Hymn: Hark! A herald voice is calling (staande)

Tune: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Words: Latin 6th century, transl. E. Caswall

(Choir: 1,3, all 2,4,5)



2. all

Startled at the solemn warning,  
let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

3. choir

Lo, the Lamb so long expected  
comes with pardon down from heaven.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all, to be forgiven;

4. all

so when next he comes in glory  
and earth's final hour draws near,  
may he then as our defender  
on the clouds of heav'n appear.

5. all

Honour, glory, virtue, merit  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the coeternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run.

– *allen gaan zitten*

## The Fourth Lesson: Baruch 4:36—5:9

*The scribe Baruch urges the people to look east because salvation is at hand.*

O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever. Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven. For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship.

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God. For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom. For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God, Moreover even the woods and every sweet-smelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God. For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## People look East

John Kitchen (b. 1950)

Original tune and words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

People, look East, the time is near  
of the crowing of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce to man and beast,  
him who cometh from the East.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## Seek him that maketh the seven stars

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Text: Amos 5:8, Psalm 139

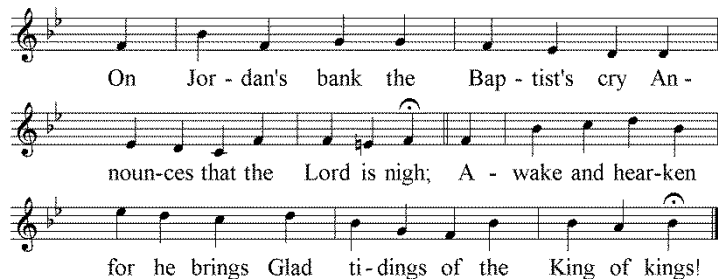
Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion,  
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.  
Alleluia.  
Yea, the darkness shineth as the day,  
the night is light about me.  
Amen.

## Hymn: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (staande)

Tune: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749), transl. John Chandler

(All 1,3,5, choir 2,4)



### 2. choir

Then cleansed be every life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.

### 3. all

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

### 4. choir

Stretch forth your hand; our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more.  
O let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.

### 5. all

All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

- allen gaan zitten



## The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26–38

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Magnificat

Emma Brown (b. 1986)

Text: Lucas 1: 46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For He hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear Him, throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm,  
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat

and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
 He hath filled the hungry with good things  
 and the rich He hath sent empty away.  
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
 as He promised to our forefathers,  
 Abraham and his seed, forever.

### *Doxology*

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.

## Hymn: Sing we of the blessed Mother (staande)

Tune: Abbott's Leigh by Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

(All 1,4, choir 2,3)

Sing we of the bles - sed Mo - ther  
 who re - ceived the an - gel's word,  
 And o - be - dient to the sum - mons  
 bore in love the in - fant Lord;  
 Sing we of the joys of Ma - ry  
 at whose breast the child was fed  
 Who is Son of God e - ter - nal  
 and the e - ver - las - ting bread.

2. choir

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
of the sword that pierced her through,  
when beneath the cross of Jesus  
she his weight of suff'ring knew,  
looked upon her Son and Saviour  
reigning from the awful tree,  
saw the price of man's redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.

3. choir

Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on his promised word:  
from on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,  
heav'nly breath of God's own being,  
tokened in the wind and flame.

4. all

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
when on earth her work was done,  
and the Lord of all creation  
brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
raised on high and crowned with grace,  
may thy Son, the world's redeemer,  
grant us all to see his face.

– *allen gaan zitten*

## The Sixth Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31–34

*A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.*

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall

be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## O Thou the central orb

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,  
pure beam of the most high,  
eternal light of this our wintry world,  
thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,  
hope soars above, above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
gilding the darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
as stars about thy throne, set in the height  
of God's ordaining counsel,  
as thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,  
thy power to prove.  
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with Thee,  
transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,  
now pure within, now pure within. Amen.

## The Seventh Lesson: Revelation 21:5–7; 22:12–13, 20

*Saint John unfolds the fulfillment of all creation.*

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that

overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## And I saw a new heaven

Edgar Leslie Bainton (1880-1956)

**Text:** Revelation 21:1-4

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying:  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away.

## Prayers

The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

## Advent Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor 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.

## Blessing

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace; send forth thy Spirit from on high, that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee; O Lord, who for our sake wast of a virgin born, make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. Amen.

## Hymn: Lo! He comes with clouds descending (staande)

Tune: 18th-century English melody, last verse arranged by David Willcocks

Words: C. Wesley and J. Cennick

(Sung by all)

Lo, he comes with clouds de- scen- ding,  
Once for fa - voured sin - ners slain;  
Thou - sand, thou sand saints at - tend- ing,  
Swell the tri - umph of his train:  
Al - le-lu - ya, Al - le-lu - ya, Al - le-lu - ya!  
Christ, the lord re - turns to reign!

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final line of the hymn, 'Christ, the lord re - turns to reign!', is written below the sixth staff.

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, deeply wailing, 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, with what rapture, 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! O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Postludium

Pim Schipper



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