

# Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Canto Deo Chamber Choir

*presented online*

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Traditional Advent services in the Anglican church vividly and poignantly prepared worshipers for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Much of our program draws from these ancient liturgies, yet we soon discover that new carols connect us to the faithful past by echoing the same messages of hope and expectation. Time and again, people have recrafted familiar words and melodies in new ways to speak of their own experience of a life apart from God; his loving forgiveness; and their hope for his merciful dealings with all the world. This Advent service gives voice to the longing of God's people through the ages as they look for his living and working in their lives. We, therefore, join together for this ceremonial Service of Lessons and Carols, expectantly awaiting God's presence among us.

With the birth of a child born in obscurity while the rest of the world was asleep, God offers us restoration from brokenness to wholeness, and the remarkable gift of continuously transformed lives. Christ brings peace, light, and hope into the black despair which threatens to overwhelm our world. In this service, as in all the Advent season, we recognize the world's desperate need of Christ, recall his coming to save it, and refocus our gaze on his coming again in judgment to make it wholly his at last.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### ADVENT PROSE

Drop down ye heavens from above,  
And let the skies pour down righteousness.  
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people;  
My salvation shall not tarry.  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions.  
Fear not, for I will save thee;  
For I am the Lord thy God,  
The Holy One of Israel, thy redeemer.  
Drop down ye heavens from above,  
And let the skies pour down righteousness.

*Gregorian chant, Rorate Caeli  
Words from the Advent Prose, Isaiah 45:8  
Setting by Judith Weir (b. 1954)*

*§ Traditionally, during the following hymn the Advent candle is lit to represent the coming of the Light of Christ into the world, after which follows the Minister who bears the Word of God, our record and evidence in the Gospels of the coming of that Light.*

GATHERING HYMN

to be sung by all

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are divided into four parts: two for the Choir and two for the Congregation.

Choir 1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, And ma - ni -  
 Choir 2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But of the  
 Congregation 3. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained With vir - gin  
 Congregation 4. Forth from his cham - ber go - eth he, That roy - al  
 fest — thy vir - gin birth: Let ev' - ry age a - dor - ing  
 Spi - rit, thou art still The Word of God in flesh ar -  
 ho - nour all un - stained; The ban - ners there of vir - tue  
 home — of pur - i - ty, A giant in two - fold sub - stance  
 fall: Such birth be - fits the God of all.  
 rayed, The pro - mised fruit to man dis - played.  
 glow; God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.  
 one, Re - joic - ing now his course to run.

5. *Choir*

From God the Father he proceeds,  
 To God the Father back he speeds;  
 His course he runs to death and hell,  
 Returning on God's throne to dwell.

6. *Congregation*

O equal to thy Father, thou!  
 Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;  
 The weakness of our mortal state  
 With deathless might invigorate.

7. *Choir*

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

8. *Congregation*

All laud, eternal Son, to thee  
 Whose advent sets thy people free,  
 Whom with the Father we adore,  
 And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

*Traditional melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

*Words by St. Ambrose (340-397)*

*Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

§ All shall remain in an attitude of reverence and prayer.

## BIDDING PRAYER

to be offered by the minister

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us PRAY.

Let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church and in our country, and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

to be offered by 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 those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Minister:*

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:1-15, 17-19*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

And to the man he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken; you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

## CAROL

### The Lord at first did Adam make

The Lord at first did Adam make  
Out of the dust and clay,  
And in his nostrils breathed life,  
E'en as the Scriptures say.  
And then in Eden's Paradise  
He placed him to dwell,  
That he within it should remain  
To dress and keep it well.

*chorus*

Now let good Christians wake from sleep  
Let darkness turn to day,  
And sinners find in mutual love,  
The straight and glorious way.

And thus within the garden he  
Was set therein to stay,  
And in commandment unto him  
These words the Lord did say:  
"The fruit which in the garden grows  
To thee shall be for meat,  
Except the tree in the midst thereof,  
Of which thou shalt not eat."

*chorus*

"For in the day thou shalt it touch,  
Or dost to it come nigh;  
If so thou do but eat thereof  
Then thou shalt surely die."  
But Adam he did take no heed  
Unto that only thing,  
But did transgress God's holy law,  
And so was wrapt in sin.

*chorus*

Now mark the goodness of the Lord  
Which he for mankind bore,  
His mercy soon he did extend,  
Lost man for to restore;  
And then for to redeem our souls  
From death and hellish thrall,  
He said his own dear son should be  
The Saviour of us all.

*chorus*

*Traditional English carol  
Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

## SECOND LESSON

*Look to the east. Isaiah 60:1-5, 19-20*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

The sun shall no longer be  
your light by day,  
nor for brightness shall the moon  
give light to you by night;  
but the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.  
Your sun shall no more go down,  
or your moon withdraw itself;  
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your days of mourning shall be ended.

## CAROL

### People look east

People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning 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 with shouts of mirth  
Him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*Traditional French carol  
Words by Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)  
Arranged by Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)*

### THIRD LESSON

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem. Micah 5:2-4*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,

### CAROL

#### **Tomorrow shall be my dancing day**

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;  
Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man's nature  
To call my true love to my dance.  
Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
So very poor, this was my chance  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass  
To call my true love to my dance.  
Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard I from above,  
To call my true love to my dance.  
Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.

*Music by Philip Stopford (b. 1977)  
Words traditional English carol*

## HYMN

to be sung by all

## O come, divine Messiah!

1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When  
 2. You come in peace and meek - ness, And low - ly will your cra - dle be; All  
 3. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and pro - phet long fore - told, Come,  
 hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.  
 clothed in hu - man weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.  
 break the cap - tive fet - ters; Re - deem the long lost fold.  
 Dear Sa - viour, haste; Come, come to earth, Dis - pel the  
 night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O  
 come, di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When  
 hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

*16th century French carol**Words by Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin (1663-1745)**English translation by Mary Frances Lescher (1825-1904)*



## FOURTH LESSON

*The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to bear a son, Jesus. St. Luke 1:26-38*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## CAROL

### Gabriel's message

Gloria!

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame:  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

"For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee:  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.  
Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
Most highly favored lady! Gloria!

*Traditional Basque carol  
English translation by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)  
Arranged by Jonathan Rathbone (b. 1957)*

## FIFTH LESSON

*You are not in darkness, for you are children of the light. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, 23, 24, 28*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## HYMN

**to be sung by all**

### **O come, O come Emmanuel**

*All*

O come, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel  
That into exile drear is gone, far from the face of God's dear Son.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Men*

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!

*Women*

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright! Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Disperse the long night's ling'ring gloom, and pierce the shadows of the tomb.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Men*

O come, thou Lord of David's Key! The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heav'nward road, and bar the way to death's abode.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*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!

*Melody from 15th century French Franciscan Processional*

*Words 9th century*

*Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

## SIXTH LESSON

*The parable of the wise and foolish Virgins. St. Matthew 25:1-13*

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

## CAROL

### **This Advent moon shines cold and clear**

This Advent moon shines cold and clear,  
These Advent nights are long;  
Our lamps have burned year after year,  
And still their flame is strong.  
“Watchman, what of the night?” we cry,  
Heart-sick with hope deferred:  
“No speaking signs are in the sky,”  
Is still the watchman’s word.  
  
One to another hear them speak,  
The patient virgins wise:  
“Surely He is not far to seek,”  
“All night we watch and rise.”  
“The days are evil looking back,  
The coming days are dim;  
Yet count we not His promise slack,  
But watch and wait for Him.”  
  
Weeping we hold Him fast to-night;  
We will not let Him go  
Till daybreak smite our wearied sight,  
And summer smite the snow:  
Then figs shall bud, and dove with dove  
Shall coo the livelong day;  
Then He shall say, “Arise, My love,  
My fair one, come away.”

*Music by Ellen Gilson Voth (b. 1972)  
Words by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

## SEVENTH LESSON

*The Seer sees the New Jerusalem and hears the church's plea for her Lord's return.*

*Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5, 12-13, 16-17, 20*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his people,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”  
And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”  
And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

## CAROL

### **E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come**

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sin,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All!

*Music by Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)*

*Words from Revelation 22, Adapted by Ruth Manz (1919-2008)*

## COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

### **And with your spirit.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor 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.**

## CAROL

### **The Bridegroom comes**

The Bridegroom comes, his bride awaits,  
The Lord of all and spotless lamb  
In Godly might, in high estate,  
The King of kings, the great I AM.  
The feast prepared, his church the bride;  
The meekest child, the aging men.  
Come Jesus, come our loving guide,  
Return us to thyself again.

*Words and music by David Giardinieri (b. 1955)*

*§ All shall keep silent for a time.*

## Lo! He comes with clouds descending

1. Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him robed in  
 3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his  
 4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

fa - voured sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears; Cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing, swell the tri - umph of his  
 naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry, claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - jah! Al - le - lu - jah!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 pers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own; O come quick - ly! O come quick - ly!

Al - le - lu - jah! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 O come quick - ly! Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come!

*Music adapted from an 18th century English melody*

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Last stanza arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

*§ All shall remain in an attitude of joyful reflection and keep silent for a space.*

## THE BLESSING

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit Your people in peace.  
Send forth Your Spirit from on high that their hearts may be uplifted unto You.  
O Lord, who were for us of a Virgin born, make holy Your people and bless Your heritage:  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and abide with you for ever.

**Amen**

## THE PEACE

Minister: The night is far spent, the day is at hand.  
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.  
Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.

**All: Even so, Lord, come.**

Minister: O Lord Jesus Christ, come

**All: at evening time, with light,**

Minister: and in the morning, with your glory,

**All: to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Minister: He who receives our prayers says: Surely I will come quickly.

I am the root and offspring of David. I am the bright and morning star.

**All: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**



*§ After the service shall be sung*

## CAROL

### Benedicamus Domino

Procedenti puero  
Eya, nobis annus est!  
Virginis ex utero  
Gloria! Laudes! Deus homo factus est et immortalis.  
Sine viri semine  
Eya, nobis annus est!  
Natus est de virgine  
Gloria! Laudes! Deus homo factus est et immortalis.  
Sine viri copia  
Eya, nobis annus est!  
Natus est ex Maria  
Gloria! Laudes! Deus homo factus est et immortalis.  
In hoc festo determino  
Eya, nobis annus est!  
Benedicamus Domino!  
Gloria! Laudes! Deus homo factus est et immortalis.

A boy comes forth,  
Ah, this is our time,  
From the womb of a virgin.  
Glory! Praise! God is made man and immortal.  
Without the seed of a man  
Ah, this is our time,  
He is born of a virgin.  
Glory! Praise! God is made man and immortal.  
Without the means of a man,  
Ah, this is our time,  
He is born of Mary  
Glory! Praise! God is made man and immortal.  
On this appointed feast,  
Ah, this is our time,  
Let us bless the Lord.  
Glory! Praise! God is made man and immortal.

*Music by Peter Warlock (1894–1930)  
Words from Sloane MS. 2593, time of Henry VI*

## CAROL

### Sans day carol

Now the holly bears a berry  
as white as the milk,  
And Mary bore Jesus,  
who was wrapped up in silk:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ  
our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood,  
it was the holly!  
Now the holly bears a berry  
as green as the grass,  
And Mary bore Jesus,  
who died on the cross:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ  
our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood,  
it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry  
as black as the coal,  
And Mary bore Jesus,  
who died for us all:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ  
our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood,  
it was the holly!  
Now the holly bears a berry,  
as blood is it red,  
Then trust we our Savior,  
who rose from the dead:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ  
our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood,  
it was the holly!

*Traditional English carol  
Arranged by Philip Stopford (b. 1977)*



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