

A Procession with Carols  
on Advent Sunday



During the course of  
Solemn Evensong and Devotions

7:00 pm

Organ Prelude

*When the bell rings, all stand and turn to face the west end,  
where the choir sing this:*

**MATIN RESPONSORY**

*Aspiciens a longe*

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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. 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?

*Music adapted from G.P. da Palestrina, 1525-94*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*Veni, Redemptor gentium*

*(The first two verses are sung by the choir alone)*

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.

2      Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now his course to run.

Please 3      From God the Father he proceeds,  
join in      To God the Father back he speeds;  
His course he runs to death and hell,  
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

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

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

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

*Evensong begins with the psalms*

**PSALM 50.1-6; Tone III,2**

1 THE LORD / even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken :  
and called the world, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.  
2 Out of Sion, the perfection of beauty : God hath shined forth.  
3 Our God cometh, and keepeth not silence :  
there goeth before him a consuming fire,  
and a mighty tempest is stirred up round about him.  
4 He calleth to the heavens from above :  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:  
5 'Gather my saints together unto me :  
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.'  
6 And the heavens declare his righteousness : for God is judge  
himself.

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.*

**PSALM 67; Tone VII,2**

1 GOD BE / merciful unto **us**, and bless us :  
and show us the light of his countenance, and be **mer-ci-ful un-to üs**;  
2 That thy way may be **known** up-on earth : thy saving health **a-mong** all  
na-tions.  
3 Let the people **praise** thee, O God : yea, let all the **peo-ple** praise thee.  
4 O let the nations re-**joice** and be glad :  
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the **na-tions**  
up-on eärth.  
5 Let the peo-ple **praise** thee, O God : yea, let all the **peo-ple** praise thee.  
6 The earth hath brought **forth** her in-crease :  
and God, even our own God, shall **give** us his bless-ing.  
7 **God** shall bless us : and all the ends of the **world** shall fear him.

Glory be to the **Fa**-ther, and to the Son : and **to** the Ho-ly Ghöst;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and **e-ver** shall be :  
world with-**out** end. *A-mën.*

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6.1-11a**

*God commissions Isaiah to be the Prophet of the Advent*

*In anno quo mortuus est rex Ozias*

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long?

**MAGNIFICAT: Luke 1.46 (Please stand)**

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 showed 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 for ever.  
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.*

**SECOND LESSON: Matthew 3.1-12 (for year A)**

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan, And were

baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

**SECOND LESSON: John 1.6-8,19-28** *(for year B)*

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**SECOND LESSON: Luke 3.1-16** *(for year C)*

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judæa, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituræa and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he

said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages. And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

*After the Lesson there is sung*

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** Luke 2.29 *(Please stand)*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation :  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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.*

*Then is said the Confession of Faith, called the APOSTLES' CREED.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you;

R. And with thy spirit. *All kneel*

V. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Christ have mercy upon us.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. *Amen.*

*Then the Priest shall say:*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the Queen;

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people;

R. And bless thine inheritance.  
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
R. And evermore mightily defend us.  
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### 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 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 Spirit, now and ever. *Amen.*

### THE SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

### THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*After the Third Collect, all stand to join in singing the hymn,  
during which a collection will be taken.*

*Please give as generously as you can; this church and its  
services depend upon the support of people like you.*

### HYMN

*Conditor alme siderum*

Creator of the starry height,  
Thy people's everlasting Light,  
Jesu, Redeemer of us all,  
Hear thou thy servants when they call.

2 Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry  
Of all creation doomed to die,  
Didst save our lost and guilty race  
By healing gifts of heavenly grace.

3 Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the bride,

As drew the world to eventide;  
Proceeding from a virgin-shrine,  
The spotless Victim all divine.

4 At thy great Name, exalted now,  
All knees in lowly homage bow;  
All things in heaven and earth adore,  
And own thee King for evermore.

5 To thee, O Holy One, we pray,  
Our Judge in that tremendous day,  
Ward off, while yet we dwell below,  
The weapons of our crafty foe.

6 To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honour, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally.

Conditor Alme Siderum  
Sarum Plainsong, 7th cent.

From the Latin (c 6th cent.)  
Tr J.M. Neale 1818-66

## THE PROCESSION

### HYMN

Vox clara ecce intonat

Hark! a herald voice is sounding;  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us all, with tears of sorrow,  
Pray that we may be forgiven;

4 That when next he comes with glory,  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
With his mercy he may shield us,  
And with words of love draw near.

5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the Everlasting Spirit,  
While eternal ages run.

MERTON  
W.H. Monk 1823-89

From the 6th cent. Latin  
Tr. E. Caswall 1814-78

*During the singing of this hymn the choir and ministers move in procession to the Baptistry, and, as they move the people turn to face the Baptistry.*

### **AT THE BAPTISTRY**

*All remain standing for the reading and the carol which follows.*

#### **READING AT THE FIRST STATION: Isaiah 35.1-6 (for year A)**

*The Prophet Isaiah foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God.*

*Lætabitur deserta*

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

#### **READING AT THE FIRST STATION: Isaiah 40.1-8 (for year B)**

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

*Consolamini*

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.

#### **READING AT THE FIRST STATION: Haggai 2.6-9 (for year C)**

*The Prophet Haggai foretells the advent of the desire of all nations.*

*Quia hæc dicit Dominus exercituum*

For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

**CAROL AT THE BAPTISTERY**

(See accompanying leaflet)

*The procession then continues to the Lady Chapel.*

**HYMN**

*Jordanis oras prævia*

- On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake, and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 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.
- 3 For thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
Our Refuge, and our great Reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away,  
Like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 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.
- 5 All praise, Eternal Son, to thee  
Whose Advent doth thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

WINCHESTER NEW  
Adapted from a chorale in  
Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1690

Charles Coffin 1676-1749  
Tr. John Chandler 1808-76

At the Lady Chapel  
before the statue of the Madonna and Child.

**READING AT THE SECOND STATION: Luke 1.26-35,38**

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*In mense autem sexto*

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 Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

*At the conclusion of the reading, the people sit.*

**CAROL AT THE LADY CHAPEL**

*(See accompanying leaflet)*

*Then, all stand, and the procession resumes.*

**HYMN**

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

- 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine Advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
- 4 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.

5 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, from Sinai's height,  
In ancient time didst give the law  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

VENI EMMANUEL  
Melody adapted from a French Missal  
by Thomas Helmore 1811-90

From the 12th cent. Latin  
Tr. J.M. Neale 1818-66

### AT THE ROOD

#### READING AT THE THIRD STATION: Mark 1.9-15

Jesus proclaims the advent of the reign of God.

#### *Initium Evangelii Jesu Christi*

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

*At the conclusion of the reading the people sit.*

### CAROL AT THE ROOD

*(See accompanying leaflet)*

*All stand as the choir returns to its stalls.*

**CHORALE:** "Sleepers, wake!" *WACHET AUF!*

Glory now to God we render,  
Who reigns on high in heav'nly splendour;  
Let ev'ry tongue in praise unite.  
Lo, we enter heav'ns bright portal  
To join the song of saints immortal  
With angels round thy throne of light.  
No mortal joy can e'er  
With heav'n's true bliss compare;  
Alleluia!  
Rejoice below,  
i o, i o!  
Sing out in dulci jubilo.

*Melody adapted and harmonized by J.S. Bach 1685-1750*

## BEFORE THE HIGH ALTAR

- V. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O Lord;  
R. In the midst of thy temple.

*All remain standing for the Collect.*

Let us pray:

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming: grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## DEVOTIONS

*All kneel when the bell rings and the Blessèd Sacrament  
is removed from the Tabernacle and placed upon the Altar.*

## HYMN

*O salutaris hostia*

- O Saving Victim, opening wide  
The gate of heaven to man below,  
Our foes press on from every side,  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 2 All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
For evermore, Blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end  
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

From the Latin of St Thomas Aquinas, 13th cent.  
Tr. E. Caswall 1814-78 and J.M. Neale 1818-66

## MOTET

(See accompanying leaflet)

## HYMN

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum*

Therefore we, before him bending,  
This great Sacrament revere;  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending,  
Makes our inward vision clear.

- 2 Glory let us give, and blessing  
To the Father, and the Son,  
Honour, might, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too his love confessing,  
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

From the Latin of St Thomas Aquinas, 13th cent.  
Tr. E. Caswall 1814-78

- V/. Thou gavest them Bread from heaven;  
R/. Containing in itself all sweetness.

### COLLECT OF CORPUS CHRISTI

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### PSALM 117; Tone VI: *with this* Antiphon

Lët üs a-döre Christ our Lord: in the Most Hö-ly Sa-cra-ment.

O PRÄISE / the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yë peo-ples.  
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us :  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ev-ër. Praise the Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë Ho-ly Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
world with-**out** ënd. A-men.

Lët üs a-döre **Christ** our Lord: in the Most **Hö**-ly Sa-cra-ment.

*While all remain humbly kneeling, the Blessèd Sacrament is returned  
in solemn procession to the Ambry at the Lady Altar.*

*Afterwards, all stand, and as the ministers pause in the  
midst of the choir, there is sung*

### VESPER RESPONSORY

*Judea et Hierusalem*

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed; to-morrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you. Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord. To-morrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. To-morrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

*Music adapted from G.P. da Palestrina, 1525-94*

Organ postlude