





ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL, NAIROBI



**THE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE WITH
PROCESSION, LESSONS AND CAROLS**

The Kingdom of God is with us

Sunday 3rd December 2023, 6pm | All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi

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The Christian season of Advent is the period when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and for His coming in Glory. Much of the service is drawn from ancient sources. Some of the images have been used from the beginnings of Israel, through the period of the New Testament and early Church, through the Middle Ages to the present day. Every age has found in them a new richness through which God's continuous mercy, revealed most dramatically in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, can be seen.

During this service, the procession moves from West to East, from darkness towards the brightness of sunrise. As it does so, it expresses symbolically our desire to turn away from the darkness in which we are separated from God, and draw closer to the Light. The candlelight in the procession is a reminder of the light of the presence of the incarnate God in our human nature, God with us.

As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence, by refraining from unnecessary conversation.

Please switch off your mobile phones and do not use photographic or video recording equipment either before or during the service.

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Ben Ogola
CONDUCTOR: Joe Davis Kabuba
ORGANIST: Antony Muriuki

Organ music before the service

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen [Johannes Brahms]

ORDER OF SERVICE

The service will proceed without any announcements. The congregation is asked to be seated during the Choir Carols and the readings of all lessons except the 7th lesson. At the end of each lesson, the reader will say, "This is the word of the Lord". To which we all respond: **"Thanks be to God"**

1. MATIN RESPONSORY: I look from afar.

[Words translated from the First Responsorial of Advent Sunday in the office of Matins, an early medieval Roman rite, music adapted from a Magnificat by Palestrina]

Congregational Hymn: Come Thou Redeemer of the earth

2. VENI REDEMPTOR GENTIUM

[Sung as the procession moves to the transept crossing]

Choir

Sopranos: Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
Come, testify Thy Virgin birth:
All lands admire, all times applaud:
Such is the birth that fits a God.

Choir only: Forth from His chamber goeth He,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now His course to run.

All: From God the Father He proceeds,
To God the Father back He speeds;
Runs out His course to death and hell,
Returns on God's high throne to dwell.

O Equal to Thy Father, Thou!
Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate

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

All laud, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose Advent sets Thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen

[Words ST. AMBROSE, 340 – 397 Trans. J.M. NEALE and others Music, M. PRAETORIUS 1571 - 1621]

Congregation remain standing for the Bidding Prayer

3. BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown 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 men 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:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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.

Congregation sit and the choir sings

4. AN ADVENT PROSE: (Old French church melody)

[With accompaniment and Faux-Bourden by J. H. Arnold]

5. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: The Advent of our King

[Sung as the procession moves to the south transept]

The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on,
To set his servants free.

Daughters of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And his true members all unite
With him in heaven to reign.

All glory to the Son
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

6. CHOIR CAROL: Remember, O thou man

[Words 16th Century English – Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1562-c.1635)]

7. CHOIR CAROL: King Jesus has a garden

[Japanese children's song adapted by Philip Ledger]

8. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Hark! A thrilling voice

[Sung as the procession moves to the transept Crossing]

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding:

'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;

'Cast away the dreams of darkness,

O ye children of the day!'

Wakened by the solemn warning,

Let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, her sun, all ill dispelling,

Shines upon the morning skies.

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.

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.

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

9. CHOIR CAROL: Advent Peace Canon

[Text By Charles Wesley]

[Music by Johann Pachelbell (Canon in D)]

Arr. By Ruth Elaine Schram (ASCAP)]

10. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Creator of the starry height **[Sung as the procession moves to the North transept]**

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

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

When earth was near its evening hour,
Thou didst, in love's redeeming power,
Like bridegroom from his chamber, come
Forth from a Virgin-mother's womb.

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.

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.

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.

11. CHOIR CAROL: The Call

[From the Five mystical Songs George Herbert (1593-1633)]

[Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)]

Arr. By Douglas Wagner]

12. CHOIR CAROL: I Wonder as I wander

[Appalachian folk carol Arr. Andrew Carter]

13. HYMN: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry

[sung as the procession moves to the choir stalls]

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.

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.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

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.

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

14. 1ST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1 - 8 ~ Maureen Ong'ombe
The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile

15. Choir Carol: How lovely are the messengers
[Text from Romans 10:15,18]
[Music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
edited by Malcolm Archer]

16. 2ND LESSON: Jeremiah 23: 5 – 6 ~ Patrick Lumumba
The Lord promises to send His people a righteous King

17. CHOIR CAROL: This is the record of John
[Text from John 1:19]
[Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) Edited by Peter le Huray]

18. 3RD LESSON: Zechariah 9: 9 - 10 ~ Caroline Mwenda
The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace

19. CHOIR CAROL: Sleepers, wake, a voice is calling
[Matthew 25:1]
[Felix Mendelssohn]

20. CHOIR CAROL: The blessed Son of God
[Words by Miles Coverdale after Martin Luther
Arr: R. Vaughn Williams]

21. 4TH LESSON: Haggai 2: 6 - 9 ~ Stephen Okinyo
The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations

22. CHOIR CAROL: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day
[Arr: John Gardner]

23. 5TH LESSON: Isaiah 35: 1 - 6 ~ Linda Macharia

The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God

24. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: The Lord will come and not be slow.

[Sung as the procession moves to Lady Chapel/Choir Vestry]

The Lord will come and not be slow
His footsteps cannot err;
Before Him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men

Rise, God, judge Thou the earth on might,
This wicked earth redress;
For Thou art He who shalt by right
The nations all possess

The nations all whom Thou hast made
Shall come and all shall frame
To bow them low before Thee, Lord,
And glorify Thy name

For great Thou art, and wonders great
By Thy strong hand are done:
Thou in the everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

25. CHOIR CAROL: Gabriel's message

[Words by Rev. S Baring-Gould (1834-1924)]

[An old Basque Carol arranged and harmonised
by Edgar. Pettman]

[Sung antiphonally from Lady Chapel & Choir Vestry]

26. 6TH LESSON: St. Luke 1:26-35, 38 ~ Rev. David Otieno

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

27. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Hills of the north rejoice

[Sung as the procession moves to below the Rose Window]

Hills of the north, rejoice;
River and mountain-spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and lowland, sing:
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgement brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the east, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
Has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost west,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the north we come,
From east and west and south.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

28. CHOIR CAROL: People look East

**[Words by Eleanor Farjeon Melody: Besancon carol
arranged by Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)]**

29. Offertory Hymn: O Come, O come Emmanuel

[Sung as the procession moves to stand at the front of the Altar]

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*

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.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

[Ladies only]

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

[Men only]

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.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of Might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

Congregation stand for the 7th lesson

30. 7TH LESSON: St Mark 1:1-15 ~ Provost

Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God

All shall keep silence for a time

31. VESPER RESPONSORY:

[Sung by the choir with the congregation standing]

[Adapted from Palestrina arr. B. OGOLA]

32. THE FINAL PRAYER

Provost: We wait for Thy loving kindness, O Lord

All: In the midst of Thy temple

Provost: Let us pray

All: shall say the Advent Collect together:

All:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; so that,

on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal: through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

33. THE BLESSING

Provost:

You are the light of the world. May you shine with the light of Christ in the darkness of injustice and oppression. Shine in the darkness of corruption and hatred. Shine in the darkness of ignorance and poverty. Shine in the darkness of death and disease. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

34. RECESSIONAL HYMN: Lo! He comes with clouds descending

Lo, He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain,
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Christ appears on earth to reign.

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.

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!

Yea, Amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

35. ORGAN MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

J. S. Bach – BWV 572

“Fantasia in G”

NOTICES

a) PRAYER MINISTRY:

i) **ON SUNDAYS** the clergy and the lay ministers are available for prayers after every service.

- a. Prayers at the Tent at the Northern Lawn after **7.00am, 8.00am & 9.30am services**
- b. Prayers at the Altar after the **Youth, Kiswahili, 11.30am and 6.00pm services.**

ii) ON WEDNESDAYS:

- a) The Cathedral is open for prayers and the clergy are available to pray with any member of the congregation who needs prayers.
- b) Wednesday Prayer & Healing Service begins at **5.30p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.**

b) ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEENS' CAMP:

The Teens' ministry invites all Teens aged between **13-18 years** to the annual holiday teens' camp set to be held from **11th-15th December 2023**. The camp cost is **Ksh 14,000 per Teen**. Kindly register with the Teens' Minister or the Teens' Coordinator.

c) THE SPECIAL ABILITY MINISTRY

Is inviting applications for **2024 intake** for the Basic Kenya Sign Language Training to teach signing skills to those who desire to serve the deaf. The next course will begin in January. Enrollment among ministry members is encouraged. For more information, visit the Information Tent or text your name to **0754521422**.

d) SENIOR CITIZENS END OF YEAR LUNCH

Will be held on **6th December 2023** from **12:30pm**. Please register at the Information Tent.

e) ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

Is recruiting members who feel called and willing to join the cathedral evangelistic team. Kindly visit the information tent or the website and register for more details.

h) UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

1. 17th December 11:30am - **POLICE SERVICE**
2. 17th December 3:00pm - **JINGLE EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
3. 24th December 6:00pm - **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**
4. 24th December 11:00pm - **CHRISTMAS WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**
5. 25th December at 7:00am & 9:30am: **CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST SERVICES**
6. 31st December at 8:00pm - **END YEAR THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE**
7. 31st December at 11:00pm - **NEW YEAR'S WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**
8. 1st January 2024 at 7:00am & 9:30am - **NEW YEAR EUCHARIST SERVICES**
9. 6th January at 7:00am & 6: 6:00pm - **EPIPHANY EUCHARIST SERVICES**

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*You are to tell him: This is what the Lord of Armies says:
Here is a man whose name is Branch; He will branch out from His place &
build the Lord's temple. Yes, He will build the Lord's temple;
He will be clothed in splendor & will sit on His throne & rule.*

ZECHARIAH 6:12-13

