

# CHORAL EVENSONG for Advent Sunday



Kamuzu Academy Chapel  
Mtunthama, Malawi

27th November 2022  
7pm Central Africa Time

“Evensong” is the prayer service of the Anglican Church traditionally held at sunset. Created out of the turmoil of the protestant reformations in the 16th century, its form is borrowed from the evening services of the Roman Catholic Church, while its spirit, invoked in our worship this evening, is ecumenical, calling upon the varied traditions of faith found in Malawi and in this school community. This evening, it is used to mark the beginning of the season of Advent, which anticipates the birth of our Messiah.

## Sentence of Scripture

**Reverend:** “The days are coming,' declares the LORD, `when I will fulfil the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.” (Jeremiah 33.14)

*Preces (Ferial– sung by the choir)*

O Lord open thou our lips : and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
O God make speed to save us : O Lord make haste to help us.

*Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord : The Lord’s name be praised.

**Hymn** (*during which the choir process into the chapel*)

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 Wisdom from on High  
And order all thing, far and night;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.  
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.

*Please be seated*

The Welcome - **Reverend Gerald Guduli**

Psalm 121 (*Scottish Metrical Chant sung by the choir*)

I to the hills will lift my eyes.  
From whence shall come my aid?  
Our help is from the Lord alone,  
who heav'n and earth has made.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord,  
your shelter and your shade.  
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,  
you shall not be afraid.

He will not let your foot be moved,  
your guardian never sleeps.  
With watchful and unslumb'ring care  
His own he safely keeps.

From evil he will keep you safe,  
For you he will provide.  
Your going out, your coming in,  
Forever he will guide.

**First Reading:** *The Gospel According to St. Luke 24: 13-27*

The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn**

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, as you journey home,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
City of God the bond are free,  
We come to live and reign with thee!

**Magnificat** Luke 1:67-79 (*Dyson in C Minor – sung by the choir*)

*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 hand-maiden. 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 for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Second Reading:** *St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:18-21*

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**Nunc Dimittis** Luke 2:29-32 (*Dyson in F Major – sung by the choir*)

*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 Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Creed

*Please remain standing*

**Reverend:** I believe in God

**All:** the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

**Reverend:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with thy spirit.

**Reverend:** Let us pray.

*Please kneel*

**Reverend:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Reverend:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All:** 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.

**Responses** (*Ferial— sung by the choir*)

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us; And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State; And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness; And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people; And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord; Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us; And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**Collects**

*Collect of the Day*

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.

**All:** Amen.

*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 both 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.

**All:** Amen.

*Collect 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.

**All:** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Anthem** *Spiritual* - chosen by the choir

**Sermon:** Reverend Gerald Guduli.

**Offertory Hymn**

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.

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.

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.

Angels, announce to man and beast.  
Him who commeth from the east.  
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.

**Intercessions**

*Prayers and Thanksgivings are offered by **Eunice Kwataine**, concluding with the following prayer:*

**Reverend:** Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**All:** Amen.

## Hymn

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
Once for our salvation slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Join to sing the glad refrain:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!  
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing! Deeply wailing! Deeply wailing!  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom as thine own:  
Come Lord Jesus! Come Lord Jesus! Come Lord Jesus!  
Thou shalt reign and thou alone!

## The Grace

**Reverend:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.

**All:** Amen.

Organ Voluntary





