

# St Mark's Church, Bromley

Service of Worship and Music for the First Sunday of Advent

Online

29 November 2020

## Organ Voluntary

Improvisation on Veni Creator  
*Ralf Ayling-Miller*

## Welcome

*Canon Victoria Pask, Vicar*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## Kyrie Eleison

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)  
from Communion Service in F  
*Sung by Sung by Quentin-Zach Martins (Choral Scholar) and  
Andrew Wilson (Director of Music). Ralf Ayling-Miller (Organ)*

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

## Advent Antiphon – Radix Jesse

*Sung by Sung by Quentin-Zach Martins (Choral Scholar) and  
Andrew Wilson (Director of Music). Ralf Ayling-Miller (Organ)*

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us and tarry not.

## Gospel Reading

**Mark 13: 24-end**  
*read by Andrew Wilson*

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,<sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

## Reflection

*Canon Victoria Pask*

## Anthem

People, look east  
Martin Leckebusch (b.1962)  
Tune: Besancon Carol  
French trad. harm. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)  
*Sung by St Mark's Choristers*

People, look east to see at last  
hopes fulfilled from ages past:  
now in the promise of the morning,  
see, a brighter day is dawning,  
rich with the visions long foretold,  
prophets' dreams from days of old.

God reaffirms the gracious call:  
words of welcome meant for all;  
comfort enough for all our sorrows;  
justice shaping new tomorrows.  
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored,  
freed to praise and serve the Lord.

Now, with the coming of the light  
darkest fears are put to flight;  
see how the clouds of gloom are clearing,  
blown aside by hope's appearing.  
Jesus, the Light of all our days,  
Comes and sets our hearts ablaze.

Born of our race, a child so small –  
hail the promised Lord of all!  
Nailed to a cross for our salvation,  
he shall rule God's new creation.  
Lift up your eyes, and look again:  
see, he comes in power to reign!

## Intercessions for Advent Sunday

*From Common Worship: Times and Seasons  
read by Teresa Wilson*

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,  
restore the sick  
and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

**Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers  
For the sake of your Son Our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Hymn**

Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the Gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
heal to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all mankind,  
let there be light!

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*Sung by St Mark's Choristers*

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight!  
Move on the waters' face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and, in earth's darkest place,  
let there be light!

Blessèd and Holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide,  
let there be light!

*John Marriott (1780-1825)  
Adapted from tune by F. Giardini 1716-96  
In Madan's Collection 1769*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **Blessing**

### **Organ Voluntary**

*Plein Jeu et Fugue sur la trompette  
from Messe pour les couvants  
Francois Couperin (1668-1733).*

**Director of Music:** Andrew Wilson  
**Organist:** Ralf Ayling-Miller