



The Chapel of St Peter and St Paul at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich

Choral Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 8 December 2024 at 11.00am

Welcome to the Chapel of St Peter and St Paul for our worship this morning. If you have any questions or require help, please speak to a member of the welcome team.

We welcome in particular the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, who is presiding and preaching at this service.

The setting of today's mass is the Missa brevis by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594).

A collection will be taken during the service. To make a contactless donation, please see a member of the congregation holding a reader as you leave the Chapel. Standing Order forms and forms to register for Gift Aid tax relief are available at the back of the Chapel. We are grateful for all donations supporting the ministry and mission of this community.

If children need a break during the service, families should feel welcome to go outside and then re-enter. Families are also welcome to use the Queen Mary Undercroft as a self-service crèche facility. It is not staffed, but toys and books are provided.

In the case of a fire alarm, please make your way out of the main doors or as directed by the Foundation staff. Any person with mobility issues will be assisted by the staff. Everyone should assemble on the Lower Grand Square.



An induction loop system for the hearing impaired is installed in the Chapel. Hearing aid users should adjust their aids to T.

Introit

Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto thee.

Words: Psalm 102, v 1

Music: Henry Purcell (c. 1659-95)

Opening Hymn

'Hark! A herald voice is calling'

NEH 5

The service continues in the main booklet.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *The Prophets*

Blessed art thou, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to thee be praise and glory forever. Of old thou spakest by the mouth of thy prophets, but in our days thou speakest through thy Son, whom thou hast appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, thy people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for thou art our light and our salvation.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

The service continues in the main booklet.

Collect

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

Malachi 3, v 1-4

read by James Hitchcock

‘Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle – *Benedictus*

Luke 1, v 68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets:
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies:
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham:
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies:
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people:
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God:
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading

Philippians 1, v 3-11

read by Susan Blackall

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 3, v 1-6

The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the 1st verse.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
Prepare 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun

The service continues in the main booklet.

Offertory Hymn

‘Hills of the North, rejoice’

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The service continues in the main booklet.

Communion Anthem

Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta.
Sion deserta facta est,
Jerusalem desolata est.

*Your holy city has become a wilderness.
Zion has become a wilderness,
Jerusalem has been made desolate.*

Words: Isaiah 64, v 10

Music: William Byrd (1540–1623)

The service continues in the main booklet.

Final Hymn

'Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes'

NEH 6

Voluntary

Es ist ein Ros'entsprungen

Johannes Brahms (1833-97)



NOTICES

MONDAY EVENSONG: Introit, *Hear my prayer, O Lord* by Purcell; Responses by Byrd; Canticles, *Evening Service in A minor* by Noble; Anthem, *Hail, gladdening light* by Wood.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST: The midweek Said Eucharist on Wednesday, 11 December will not take place. This service will resume at the usual time of 1.05pm on Wednesday, 8 January 2025.

CHAPEL CLOSURE, 10-11 DECEMBER: Due to the Trinity Laban graduations, the Chapel will be closed to the public all day on Tuesday, 10 December and Wednesday, 11 December.

'TALES OF WINTER' CONCERT, 14 DECEMBER: Robert Kendrick (counter-tenor) and Rachel Miller (piano) will perform a concert at the Church of the Ascension, Blackheath on Saturday, 14 December at 7.15pm. The programme will include works by Handel, Debussy, Schubert, and Purcell. Tickets (£10/£8) are available on the door (cash only).

REFRESHMENTS TICKETS, 15 DECEMBER: Following the Carols service on 15 December, a bar will be open in the QMU, where mulled wine, and mince pies will be served. Tickets may be purchased from Anthea Larken or Eileen Falconer for £7.50 (cash only). On the night, the price will be £8.00 (card only).

2025 SUNDAY PARKING PERMITS: Those wishing to park their cars during Sunday services in 2025 must apply for a new parking permit. There is now an online application form, which can be accessed using the QR code below or the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZL7J39VVJtr?origin=lprLink>.

If you require assistance in completing the form, help will be available during coffee hour in the QMU after today's service. Please have the following information on hand: the make, model, and colour of your car, as well as the vehicle registration number.



BAKE AND CRAFT SALE RESULT: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Bake and Craft Sale and Raffle last Sunday. Alongside members of the congregation who contributed baked goods and gifts and made purchases, we are indebted to the following for supplying special raffle prizes: Waitrose Greenwich for the contents for the Christmas hamper; Greenwich PictureHouse

for two cinema tickets; and the Trafalgar Tavern for lunch with wine for two. The total raised so far has exceeded the £850 mark – an excellent result, and the biggest contribution yet made by such an event to the Chapel Fund. Remaining items will be on sale again this Sunday at coffee hour.

CELEBRATING FAITH WAKELING: The Revd Faith Wakeling will step down as Assistant Chaplain at the close of the year. Following the service on 22 December, we will celebrate Faith's years of ministry among us. To contribute towards her leaving gift, please leave your donation at the back of Chapel or contact Marjorie Ouvry.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH: This month's charity is the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter. The shelter is open between October-March and provides emergency accommodation for those sleeping rough. Guests receive casework support, dinner, breakfast, and a single room. Referrals come through the Greenwich Homeless Project's Day Centre or its partner referral agencies, which include Thames Reach, the 999 Club, and the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

CHAPEL MAILING LIST: To receive the Chapel's weekly email, including the Chaplain's message, the forthcoming order of service, and the previous week's sermon, please send your first and last name and email to the Chapel Secretary at ornccsecretary@outlook.com with the subject line Chapel Mailing List.

WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES: For all inquiries regarding weddings and baptisms at the Chapel, contact the Chaplain at chaplain@ornc.org.

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday, 15 December

11.00am Choral Eucharist for
the Third Sunday of Advent
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robert Tobin

Sunday, 22 December

11.00am Choral Eucharist with Baptism for
the Fourth Sunday of Advent
Preacher: The Revd Faith Wakeling

Sunday, 29 December

11.00am Morning Prayer for
the First Sunday of Christmas
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robert Tobin

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Regular Services in the Chapel

Sunday 11.00am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Monday (term time) 5.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Wednesday (term time) 1.05pm Said Eucharist (CW)

For details of other services and events, visit www.ornc.org

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Safeguarding at the Chapel

We are committed to making the Chapel a safe and welcoming place for everyone. If you have a safeguarding concern, please speak directly to the Chaplain or Assistant Chaplain. Alternatively, you can contact the Diocese of Southwark Safeguarding Team on 0207 939 9441 (Mon-Fri, 9.00am-5.00pm) or on 020 3874 6743 (after 5.00pm and weekends). If you think that someone may be at risk of immediate harm, please ring 999.