



The Chapel of St Peter and St Paul at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich **Choral Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, 15 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.

The setting of today's mass is the Mass in G by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958).

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

My spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.
Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest unless it come from thee.
Unless it come from thee, in vain I look around;
In all that I can see no rest is to be found.
No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love;
O let my wish be crowned, and send it from above!

Words: John Byrom (1692–1763)

Music: John Dowland (1563–1626)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *John the Baptist*

Blessed art thou, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to thee be praise and glory for ever.

Thy prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.

May we thy servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

The service continues in the main booklet.

Collect

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

Zephaniah 3, v 14-end

read by Garreth Romain

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: 'Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

'I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather

the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,' says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord:
yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man:
for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth:
and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help:
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:
who keepeth his promise for ever;

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous.
The Lord careth for the strangers,

he defendeth the fatherless and widow:

as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore:
and throughout all generations.

Second Reading

Philippians 4, v 4-7

read by Roderick Burrows

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 3, v 7-18

read by Leslie Howard

The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the 7th verse.

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

John said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits that befit repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the multitudes asked him, 'What then shall we do?' And he answered them, 'He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than is appointed you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.'

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Revd Dr Robert Tobin

The service continues in the main booklet.

Offertory Hymn

'Come, thou long-expected Jesus'

NEH 3

The service continues in the main booklet.

Communion Anthem

Ave verum corpus,
natum ex Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
vero fluxit sanguine;
esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie,
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*Hail the true body,
born of the Virgin Mary:
who having truly suffered
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind.
Whose pierced side
flowed (with water) and blood;
may it be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.
O clement, O pious,
O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.*

Words: *C14 Eucharistic chant*

Music: *Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

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Final Hymn

‘The Lord will come and not be slow’

NEH 15

Voluntary

Wachet auf

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)



NOTICES

MONDAY EVENSONG AND WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST: Both these services have now finished for the term and will resume on 6 and 8 January, respectively.

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 and give thanks for Faith's years of ministry among us. Today is the last day to donate towards Faith's leaving gift, so if you would like to contribute, please see Marjorie Ouvry after the service.

REFRESHMENTS TICKETS, 15 DECEMBER: Following the Carols service this evening, a bar will be open in the QMU, where mulled wine, and mince pies will be served. Tickets may still be purchased after today's service from Anthea Larken or Eileen Falconer for £7.50 (cash only). The price will be £8.00 (card only) at the bar.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Although most of the ORNC site will be closed on Christmas Day, special access will be possible for those attending the 11.00am service in the Chapel. The East Gate (off Park Row) will be open from 10.30am. If arriving on foot via the West Gate, please ring the pedestrian bell for entry to the site.

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/ZL7J39VJtr?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.



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.

LIFT USE ON SUNDAYS: To ensure that those requiring access to the Chapel lift do not encounter any difficulty or delay, a Foundation staff member will be on duty at the lift from 10.00–10.45am every Sunday morning. Those who wish to enter the Chapel using the lift are asked to arrive before 10.45am.

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

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| Sunday, 22 December | 11.00am Choral Eucharist with Baptism for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
Preacher: The Revd Faith Wakeling |
| Tuesday, 24 December | 11.00pm Midnight Mass at St Alfege Church
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robert Tobin |
| Wednesday, 25 December | 11.00am Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robert Tobin |
| Sunday, 29 December | 11.00am Morning Prayer for the First Sunday of Christmas
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robert Tobin |
| Sunday, 5 January 2025 | 11.00am Choral Eucharist for the Feast of Epiphany (Nelson Commemoration)
Preacher: The Revd Stephen Ashley-Emery RN |



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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.