Heart and Voice 'An Advent Journey'

Sunday 5 December, Ipm

30 minutes of music, readings and reflections in this season of Advent

with the Square Mile Choral Scholars Directed by Andrew Earis and led by Rev'd Katherine Hedderly

Choir: O come, O come Emmanuel - arr. John Rutter

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn for all:

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free, from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Tune: Cross of Jesus

Patriarchs & Prophets

- Reading: Hebrews 11.8-12
- **Choir:** Long since in Egypt's plentous land Parry

Reflection

Poem: from East Coker (Four Quartets) - T S Eliot

Prayer

John the Baptist

- Reading: John I. 19-28
- Choir: I look from afar Matin Responsory, arr. Palestrina
- Poem: Advent Calendar Rowan Williams

Prayer

Mary

- **Choir:** The angel Gabriel from heaven came arr. Pettman
- Reading: Luke I. 26-38
- Choir: There is no rose Graham Jordan Ellis

Reflection

Hymn for all:

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!...

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!...

O come, thou key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice!...

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times did'st give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice!...

> Latin 13th century, translated by John M Neale (1818-1866) Tune: Veni Emmanuel

Prayer of Blessing

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