Great Sacred Music

An Advent Sequence

1pm Thursday 2 December 2021

A 35-minute sequence to speak to heart, head and soul, led by **Revd Dr Sam Wells**, exploring through song and word the great classical music of our religious heritage.

Performed by **St Martin's Voices**
Directed by **Andrew Earis**
Accompanied by **Polina Sosnina**

Choir: This is the truth from above – arr. Michael Cayton
Hymn: O come, O come Emmanuel
Choir: A tender shoot – Goldschmidt
Choir: Alma redemptoris mater – Palestrina
Choir: Let all mortal flesh keep silence – Bairstow
Hymn: Lo he comes with clouds descending
Choir: People look East – Steel

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O come, O come Emmanuel
(t. Veni Emmanuel)

1 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.

2 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.
Refrain

3 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.
Refrain

4 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.
Refrain

Latin 13th century translated by John M Neale (1818-1866)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending (t. Helmsley)

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly,
thou shalt reign and thou alone!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Martin Madan (1726-1790), John Cennick (1718-1755)

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