

Sunday 3rd December

CHRISTINGLE ~ Advent Sunday



NH&WS

- Hymn 1: 315 The holly and the ivy
- Hymn 2: 210 Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining
- Hymn 3: Sing Christingle [Words in Order-of-Service]
- Hymn 4: Away in a Manger [Words in Order-of-Service]
- Anthem: "The Old Church Choir" *Performed by 'In-Joy'*

SUNDAY COMMENT

Zachary Stephen "**Zach**" Williams, born in Pensacola, Florida in March 5th, 1981 and who grew up in Jonesboro, Arkansas is the composer of today's anthem. An American Christian rock artist, he is the lead singer of the Christian group "Brothers of Grace".



"There's revival, and it's spreading Like a wildfire in my heart.
 Sunday morning, 'Hallelujah !' And it's lasting all week long.
 Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
 Oh, once you choose it, you can lose it, There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
 I got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul, I got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
 I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored, There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy."

MUSIC

- Idylle (1910)
- Idylle (1921)

[Rowley - 1892-1958 - Prof. at Trinity College, London]



These two contrasting lyric pieces were composed just 11 years apart - but were separated by the Great War, and by a cultural divide. Sir Edward Elgar's 1910 piece reflects his by-gone age of Victorian/Edwardian elegance. Alec Rowley's 1921 work has altogether a more modern feel, one of passionate intensity in which he abandons the 'rules' which constrained Elgar.

Sunday 10th December

Communion 2nd Sunday in Advent

- A&M
- Opening hymn: 24 Hark ! A thrilling voice is calling
- Gloria: ['Regent Square' Gloria] T. 185.
- Gradual: 27 On Jordan's bank ...
- Collection: 26 O come, o come, Emmanuel
- Communion: 31 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus
- Recessional: 28 Lo ! He comes ...

Advent
A Season of Hope & Expectation

SUNDAY COMMENT

Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, which is commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. It is regarded, like Lent, as a period of self-denial (and, in the Eastern churches, of fasting—*how unlike the chocolate calendars in our shops*).

Since approximately the 13th century, the usual liturgical colour in Western Christianity for Advent has been violet; although Pope Innocent III declared black to be the proper colour for Advent. Blue, a colour representing hope, is an alternative liturgical colour for Advent, a custom traced to the usage of the Church of Sweden (Lutheran) and the medieval Sarum Rite in England. This colour is often referred to as "Sarum blue".

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