

Worship from King's College Chapel Episode 5 Transcript

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[00:00:45] **INTROIT:** Creator of the stars at night - plainsong **CANTOR:** William Brown

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:02:09] Your word, O God, is lantern to our feet and a light upon our path. The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all:

[00:02:21] **and also with you.**

[00:02:24] A very warm welcome to King's College Chapel at the University of Aberdeen for Evening Prayer. My name is Marylee and I am one of the University Chaplains. Today, I am joined by our Director of Chapel Music, Stuart Muir, who is also playing the organ, our Duncan Hopkin conducting scholar Liam Dyker, as well as two members of the University of Aberdeen Chapel Choir, Breagha Sinclair and William Brown. If you would like to follow with us, orders of service are available on the Chapel website.

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:03:05] We come together in worship, from many different places and perhaps times. We come together at the start of Advent, perhaps with a new understanding of what it means to wait. We come together in worship, with many different burdens and fears. So we remember that God waits for us with open arms, God welcomes all and everything about us, welcoming us to be part of the light, the light that shines in the darkness.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

[00:03:50] **who is worthy of all thanksgiving and grace.**

[00:04:08] **PHOS HILARON:** O come, O come Emmanuel **CANTORS:** Breagha Sinclair and William Brown

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:06:36] Together, let's pray. Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, ruler of the universe, creator of light and darkness. In this holy season, when the sun's light is swallowed up by the growing darkness of the night, you renew your promise to reveal among us the splendour of your glory, enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son. Through the prophets you teach us to hope for his reign of peace. Through the outpouring of his spirit, you open our blindness to the glory of his presence. Strengthen us in our weakness. Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will and free our tongues to sing your praise. For to you all honour and blessing are due, now and forever. **Amen.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:07:45] Let my prayer be as incense to you:

[00:07:49] **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

[00:08:06] **PSALM 141:** O Lord, come quickly (St Columba) **CANTOR:** William Brown

PSALM 80: Guimont setting **CANTOR:** Breagha Sinclair

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:12:02] Together, we pray. Lord, teach us the silence of humility, **the silence of wisdom**, the silence of love, **the silence that speaks without words**, the silence of faith. **Lord, teach us to silence our own hearts and minds that we may listen for the movement of your Holy Spirit, and feel your presence in the depths of our being.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:12:45] Our reading comes from Mark 13 verses 24 to 37.

[00:12:53] But in those days after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; and the stars will be falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson. As soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near at the very gates. Truly, I tell you. This generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey. When he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake for you do not know when the master of the house will come. In the evening, or at midnight, or at cockerel, or at dawn. Or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you, I say to all. Keep awake.

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:15:09] This week in Advent, we are asked to think about what it means to wait, waiting isn't easy and perhaps at the moment we have a new appreciation for just how hard and difficult having to wait can be. We are used to a world where everything is at our fingertips. We live in a world of easy downloads, instantaneous email, even our food brought to our doorsteps, and yet we are asked to wait. Some of us are waiting for news of work. We wait for restrictions to change. Some of us are waiting for results of tests. We wait to embrace our friends and family. Waiting is difficult, waiting is tiresome. Waiting and faith go hand in hand because we wait in anticipation of what is to come and these scriptures remind us that we are to wait, but also be alert, we are called to be spiritually alert, waiting for Christ to come. And if we remain alert, we will recognise Christ as he enters the room, we will see Christ when he shuffles by us on the street, we will see Christ in love and kindness shared. We are called to be advent people; watching, waiting. So may we all be spiritually alert, may we watch for the light that shines in the darkness as we wait expectantly for Christ to come around the corner and be manifest in ways we could never imagine.

[00:17:36] **THE MAGNIFICAT:** My soul proclaims (tune: Martyrdom)

CANTOR: William Brown

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:20:03] Let us pray.

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:20:05] Where people are denied dignity of name and culture, abused, ridiculed or subtly excluded. Where race, or class, or gender are used to deny rights and liberty. God, our hope and our deliverer, shatter the rod of prejudice and let your light bring freedom to our darkness. Where the prosperous profit from the poor and families are caught in the spiral of debt. Where men are deprived of work and role and women's labour is underpaid or invisible. God, our hope and our deliverer, shatter the rod

of poverty and let your light bring justice to our darkness. Where the strong, bully and harass the weak, and the vulnerable are exploited and abused. Where war breeds cruelty and torture and leaves hunger and homelessness in its value. God, our hope and our deliverer shatter the rod of violence and let your light bring peace to our darkness. So in peace, let us pray to the Lord, that this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

[00:21:42] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:21:46] That all we have done this day and the people we have met may bring us closer to you:

[00:21:54] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:21:57] That we may be forgiven our sins and offences:

[00:22:02] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:22:06] That we hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:

[00:22:12] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:22:15] That you will sustain the faith and hope of the weary, the lonely and the oppressed:

[00:22:23] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:22:25] That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:

[00:22:34] **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:22:39] Lord, have mercy upon us.

[00:22:42] **Lord have mercy upon us.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:22:46] Christ have mercy upon us.

[00:22:49] **Christ have mercy on us.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:22:53] Lord, have mercy upon us.

[00:22:56] **Lord have mercy upon us.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:23:01] Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, for now and forever. **Amen.**

[00:24:02] **ANTHEM:** May God bless you (John L Bell) **CANTOR:** Breagha Sinclair

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:24:43] Let us pray. Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in your presence. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:25:52] Come, God, lead us in the way of your light.

[00:25:58] **Amen.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:25:58] Come God, lead us in the way of your justice.

[00:26:04] **Amen.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:26:04] Come God, let us in the way of your peace

[00:26:11] **Amen.**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:26:11] Come God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, bless your people this night and always. **Amen.**

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