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Anthology

Music for Advent

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, Graham Ross

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The familiar hymn *Veni Emmanuel* is emblematic of the Advent season – a period of reflection upon the meaning of Christ's coming. Framing this programme, the hymn paraphrases the great '**O' Antiphons** (plainchant settings traditionally sung on the days leading up to Christmas), complemented here by later works echoing their rich imagery and symbolism.

Artists

- Choir of Clare College, Cambridge
- Graham Ross
Conductor

Composers

- Anonymous
- William Byrd
- Herbert Howells
- Roderick Williams
- Michael Praetorius
- John Sheppard
- John Rutter
- Johann Sebastian Bach
- Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
- Graham Ross
- John Tavener
- Sergei Rachmaninov
- Traditional

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ANONYMOUS

• **Veni, veni Emmanuel** (0'52)

WILLIAM BYRD [1543-1623]

• **Vigilate** (4'04)

ANONYMOUS

• **Antiphon I: O Sapientia** (0'54)

HERBERT HOWELLS

• **The fear of the Lord** (5'34)

ANONYMOUS

• **Antiphon II: O Adonai** (0'59)

RODERICK WILLIAMS

• **O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel** (6'20)

ANONYMOUS

• **Antiphon III: O Radix Jesse** (0'55)

MICHAEL PRAETORIUS [1571-1621]

- **Es ist ein Ros entsprungen** (4'03)
ANONYMOUS
- **Antiphon IV: O Clavis David** (1'00)
JOHN SHEPPARD [c.1515-1558]
- **Audivi vocem de caelo** (3'49)
ANONYMOUS
- **Antiphon V: O Oriens** (0'50)
JOHN RUTTER
- **Hymn to the Creator of Light** (7'34)
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH [1685-1750]
- **Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern**, BWV 436 (1'33)
FELIX MENDELSSOHN BARTHOLDY [1809-1847]
- **Christus**
Say, where is He born... / There shall a star from Jacob (6'34)
ANONYMOUS
- **Antiphon VI: O Rex Gentium** (0'52)
- **Bethlehem Down** (4'20)
GRAHAM ROSS [1985-]
- **I sing of a maiden** (3'55)
ANONYMOUS
- **Antiphon VII: O Emmanuel** (0'48)
JOHN TAVENER
- **God is with us** (5'09)
ANONYMOUS
- **Antiphon VIII: O Virgo virginum** (1'06)
SERGEI RACHMANINOV [1873-1943]
- **All-Night Vigil**, Op.37
VI: *Bogoroditse Dyevo* (2'42)
HERBERT HOWELLS
- **Gloucester Service**
Magnificat (6'41)
TRADITIONAL
- **O Come, O come, Emmanuel** (5'07)