

## Come Love Caroling

## ADVENT PREFACE

(CHM-E-2)

Last week I mentioned the two figures, Mary and John the Baptist, who are prominent in the Advent liturgy of the church, preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ: and I talked about the Angel's greeting to Mary, in a way the beginning of Christmas. I didn't play it then, but there's a very old Advent carol which recounts the Annunciation — it's called 'Angelus ad Virginem': the Angel unto Mary. It was once probably the best-known carol in Europe — and has been called Europe's best carol. It comes from the early 14<sup>th</sup> century, over 600 yrs ago: it's mentioned in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales as being sung by the clerk of Oxenford — so here it is now, in two versions sung by the King's College choir, Cambridge.

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MUSIC (Angelus ad Virg.)

PRAYER [Christmas Liturgy  
E.C.P. § 217]Winkler Carols  
Home 2'

And now a modern song: "God will be with me" MUSIC

PRAYERS (MCP Advent)