



# A Service in Preparation for Christmas

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**ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CHAPEL**

**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021 AT 2.15PM**

*The congregation is asked to sit for the readings and carols  
and to stand for the prayers and for the singing of the hymns.*

**Organ Music before the Service:**

**Angus Crichton-Stuart** (5<sup>th</sup> Form): Fanfare, William Mathias

**Anna Tomkinson** (6<sup>th</sup> Form): In dir ist Freude (BWV 615), J S Bach

**Gabriel Gritten** (4<sup>th</sup> Form): Prelude in G minor (BWV 558), J S Bach

**Kevin Ke** (4<sup>th</sup> Form): Andante tranquillo (*from* Sonata no. 3), Felix Mendelssohn

*The School records its gratitude to the Reverend Canon Mark Oakley,  
Dean of St John's College, and to the College Council for permission to use the  
College Chapel.*

Reading: Isaiah 9 (2, 6) The Prophet Foretells the Coming of the Saviour

Introit: Peace on Earth Choristers  
*Music: Errollyn Wallen*

**Hymn:** O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating man from dust and clay:  
To us reveal salvation's way.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw  
the quarry from the lion's claw;  
from those dread caverns of the grave,  
from nether hell, thy people save.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Words: 18<sup>th</sup> Century, tr. Thomas Lacey, Melody: 15<sup>th</sup> Century French  
Descant: David Hill*

### **BIDDING AND PRAYER** (Please remain standing)

Carol: Adam lay ybounden Senior House Chamber Choir  
*Music: Peter Warlock*

Reading: A Bell  
*Clinton Scollard*

Carol: I Sing of a Maiden Adam Ahmad (6<sup>th</sup> Form)  
*Music: Roger Quilter*

Reading: Luke 1 (26-35, 38) The Birth of Jesus Foretold

**Hymn:** Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears, on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture, With what rapture, With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

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! O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

*Words: Charles Wesley & John Cennick, Melody: 18<sup>th</sup> Century English  
Descant: Christopher Robinson*

Reading: Young Mary  
*Madeleine L'Engle*

Carol: The Time of Snow  
*Music: Bob Chilcott* Byron House Chamber Choir

Reading: Joseph  
*U A Fanthorpe*

Carol: A Carol  
*Music: Ollie Lepage Dean* Senior House Chamber  
& Forms 3 & 4 Choirs

**Hymn:** O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

Oh morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king,  
And peace to men on Earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wand'ring love.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him,  
Still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
Descend on us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

*Words: P Brooks, Music: Trad. English, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Descant: Thomas Armstrong*

**Reading:** Luke 2, (1-7) The Birth of Jesus

**Carol:** A Little Child there is yborn Senior House Chamber Choir  
*Music: Trad. German, arr. K Simpson*

**Reading:** BC:AD  
*U A Fanthorpe*

Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter  
*Music: Harold Darke* Choristers

Reading: Luke 2 (8-14, 16) The Visit of the Shepherds

**Hymn:** Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

*Words: Charles Wesley et al., Music: Felix Mendelssohn  
Descant: Christopher Robinson*

Carol: African Noel  
*Music: Trad., arr. Dave & Jean Perry* Byron House Chamber  
& Junior Choirs

Reading: The Three Kings  
*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Carol:	Star Carol <i>Music: John Rutter</i>	Senior House Chamber Choir
Reading:	A Song Was Heard at Christmas <i>Timothy Dudley-Smith</i>	
Carol:	Love Came Down at Christmas <i>Music: Malcolm Archer</i>	Senior House Chamber Choir
Reading:	The Christmas Life <i>Wendy Cope</i>	
Carols:	Tomorrow Shall be my Dancing Day <i>Music: John Gardner</i>	Choristers
	I Saw Three Ships <i>Music: Trad., arr. Malcolm Archer</i>	All Choirs

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING** (Please stand)

**Hymn:** O come, all ye faithful,  
 Joyful and triumphant,  
 O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;  
 Come and behold Him  
 Born the King of Angels:  
*O come let us adore him,*  
*O come let us adore him,*  
*O come let us adore him,*  
*Christ the Lord!*

God of God,  
 Light of Light,  
 Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
 Very God,  
 Begotten, not created:  
*O come let us adore him, etc.*

See how the shepherds,  
 Summoned to his cradle,  
 Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
 We too will thither  
 Bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come let us adore him, etc.*

Lo! star-led chieftains,  
Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child  
Bring our hearts' oblations:  
*O come let us adore him, etc.*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God  
Glory in the highest:  
*O come let us adore him, etc.*

*Words and Melody: John Wade, arr. David Willcocks*  
*Descant: David Willcocks*

*After the final hymn, please remain standing while the Choristers and Clergy leave in procession. Please then be seated quietly while the remaining children leave the main body of the Chapel.*

**Organ Music after the Service:**

**Lorenzo Granado** (6<sup>th</sup> Form): The Archbishop's Fanfare, Francis Jackson  
Processional, William Mathias

The retiring collection will be taken in aid of this year's Parents' Association Charity:

**Castle School, Cambridge**

The Castle School has 200 pupils up to the age of 19 with various additional needs. The school can meet basic staffing and building maintenance costs but has to fundraise for other aspects of provision. The school is currently fundraising for the redevelopment of the outdoor play/work area for Key Stage 1 and the setting up of a shop selling crafts made by the Castle School community which will allow valuable work experience for the older pupils.