



# A Service in Preparation for Christmas

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**ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CHAPEL**

**BROADCAST ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**Organ Music before the Service:**

**Kevin Ke** (3<sup>rd</sup> Form): Prelude in F (BWV 556), J S Bach

**Lorenzo Granado** (5<sup>th</sup> Form): Prelude and Fugue in G minor (BWV 558), J S Bach

**Anna Tomkinson** (5<sup>th</sup> Form): Prelude and Fugue in C (BWV 553), J S Bach

**Gabriel Gritten** (3<sup>rd</sup> Form): Prelude in F (BWV 556), J S Bach

*The School records its gratitude to the Reverend Canon Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's College, and to the College, for permission to use photographs of the College Chapel in the production of this virtual service.*

- Reading: The Christmas Life  
*Wendy Cope*
- Introit: Adam lay ybounden Choristers  
*Music: Boris Ord*
- 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.*

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

## **BIDDING AND PRAYER**

- Carol: I Saw a Fair Maiden Form 6 Choir  
*Music: Peter Warlock*
- Reading: Isaiah 9 (2, 6) The Prophet Foretells the Coming of the Saviour
- Carol: I Sing of a Maiden Adekoya Okusaga (Form 6)  
*Music: Roger Quilter*
- Reading: Luke 1 (26-35, 38) The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Carol: The Cherry Tree Carol Choristers  
*Music: Traditional, arr. Stephen Cleobury*
- Reading: A Lullaby  
*Janet Loxley Lewis*

- Carol: Sing Lullaby Form 3 Choir  
*Music: David Hall*
- Reading: Luke 2 (4-7) The Birth of Jesus
- 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.
- 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*
- Carol: The Blessed Virgin's Cradle Song Form 6 Choir  
*Music: Edward Bairstow*
- Reading: In the Bleak Midwinter  
*Christina Rossetti*
- Carol: Nativity Carol Form 4 Choir  
*Music: John Rutter*
- Reading: Luke 2 (8-14, 16) The Visit of the Shepherds

Carol:	The Little Road to Bethlehem <i>Music: Michael Head</i>	Form 3 Choir
Reading:	The Stable <i>M Chrysostom</i>	
Carol:	Past Three a Clock <i>Music: J Alban Hinton</i>	Form 4 Choir
Reading:	The Three Kings <i>Henry Wadsworth Longfellow</i>	
Carol:	Do you Hear what I Hear? <i>Music: Gloria Shayne</i>	Form 2 Choir
Reading:	Bethlehem Down <i>Bruce Blunt</i>	
Carol:	Sans Day Carol <i>Music: John Rutter</i>	Form 5 Choir
Reading:	Of the Father's Love Begotten <i>Aurelius Prudentius</i>	
Carol:	A Gallery Carol <i>Music: John Gardner</i>	Choristers

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

**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.*

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*

### **Organ Music after the Service:**

**Angus Crichton-Stuart** (4<sup>th</sup> Form): Fuga sopra 'Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her'  
(BWV 700) J S Bach

The School would like to thank Andrew Nethsingha, James Beddoe and the College Choir for providing film footage from their recent Advent Carol Service and the College for allowing us to photograph the chapel for our virtual service. Every other element of this service was recorded in the Hinsley Hall at Senior House in the week beginning Monday 30th November using green screen technology to project the children and staff 'into' the chapel.

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