



# **Music and Readings for Christmas**



## **December 2020**

The choral anthems, carols and readings in this service take us on a journey from the anticipation of Advent to the peace and joy of the Nativity.

## Music before the service

Organ: Advent Chorale Preludes by J. S. Bach and D. Buxtehude

**Please stand**

### Solo

Once in Royal David's City  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

### Choir

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

### Congregation

And through all his wondrous  
[childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly Maiden,  
In whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he.

### Congregation

For he is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.

### Congregation

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

H. J. Gauntlett

**Please be seated**

**WELCOME**

**Ms Kay Mountfield**

**Cantorum**  
A Gallery Carol  
*John Gardner*

**First Lesson**

**Charlotte Farmer, School Vice Captain**

Isaiah ix

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

**Please stand**

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoicèd much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding,  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
This blessed babe to find:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises  
All you within this place  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

English trad. arr. David Willcocks

**Please be seated**

**Second Lesson**

**Leon Tasch, School Captain**

Luke i

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and be called the son of the Highest; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**Chapel Choir**  
Angels Divine  
*Ken Berg*

## Third Lesson

Imogen Baguley, School Captain

Luke ii

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

### **Cantorum**

Away in a Manger

*Traditional Normandy arr. Reginald Jacques*

**Please stand**

### **Congregation**

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 to-night.

### **Congregation**

O 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 wondering love.

### **Choir**

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given;  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His Heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

### **Congregation**

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

English trad. Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Please be seated**

### **Cantorum**

There is no Rose  
*Jonathan Lane*

**Fourth Lesson**

**Mr James Simpson, Deputy Head**

Luke ii

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

**Please stand**

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew night to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

English trad. arr. David Willcocks

**Please be seated**

**Chapel Choir**  
**My Lord Has Come**  
*Will Todd*

## **Fifth Lesson**

**Olly Gale, School Vice Captain**

Matthew ii

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him? When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

**Youth Voices**  
**Soon and Very Soon**  
*Andrae Crouch*

## **Sixth Lesson**

**Ms Kay Mountfield, Headteacher**

John I

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.



**Cantorum**  
**Ave Maris Stella**  
*Philip Stopford*

**Please stand**

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.....*

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.....*

Sing choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest.

*O come, let us adore him.....*

18<sup>th</sup> century anon. arr. David Willcocks

**Please be seated**

**CLOSING ADDRESS**

**Ms Kay Mountfield**

**Please stand**

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 the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'  
*Hark, the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb,  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail, the 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 heaven-born Prince of Peace:  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness.  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen 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.*

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. David Willcocks

**BLESSING**

**Reverend Dave Bull**

**SWBGS Massed Choir**  
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas  
*arr. Ryan Brandeau*

**Voluntary**  
Toccata in G Major  
*Théodore Dubois*

**Director of Music:** Mr Seth Miall  
**Teacher of Music, Assistant Head:** Dr Ben Parsons  
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We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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