

St Faith's
C A M B R I D G E



A Virtual Christmas Carol Service



Friday 11th December 2020

Welcome

Mr Nigel Helliwell, Headmaster

The Bidding Prayer

The Reverend Simon Coleman

Chamber Choir

The Shropshire Carol

*This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.*

*The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.*

*Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his Son*

*And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.*

*Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.*

English Traditional Carol arranged Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Reading

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 ~ The Peace that Christ will Bring
Read by Jeremy and Danielle, Year 8

STAND

O come, O come, Emmanuel

(Choir)

*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.***

(ALL)

O come, thou branch of Jesse! Draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from the dread cavern of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save.

O come, O come, thou dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O come, O come, Adonai!
 Who in thy glorious majesty
 from that high mountain clothed with awe
 gavest thy folk the elder law.
***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Melody: 15th century French melody (Franciscan) adapted & arranged D. Willcocks
Words: Veni, veni, Emmanuel 18th century translation, T.A. Lacey

SIT

Reading

Luke 2 ~ Gabriel's Message
 Read by Jessica and James, Year 3

Chamber Choir

Ave Maris Stella

*Ave maris stella,
 Dei mater alma
 Atque semper virgo,
 Felix caeli porta.
 Sumens illud Ave
 Gabrielis ore,
 Funda nos in pace,
 Mutans Evae nomen.*

*Hail, star of the sea,
 nourishing mother of God
 and eternal virgin,
 blessed gate of heaven.
 You who heard that 'Ave'
 from the mouth of Gabriel,
 preserve us in peace,
 changing the name of 'Eva'.*

*Solve vincula reis,
 Profer lumen caecis:
 Mala nostra pelle,
 Bona cuncta posce.*

*Strike off the chains of the guilty,
 bring light to the blind;
 drive out our evil,
 give us all that is good.*

*Monstra te esse matrem:
 Sumat per te preces,
 Qui pro nobis natus,
 Tulit esse tuus.*

*Show yourself to be our mother:
 through you may we receive our prayers,
 he who, born for us,
 consented to be yours.*

*Virgo singularis,
 Inter omnes mitis,
 Nos culpis solutos
 Mites fac et castos.*

*Virgin past compare,
 meekest of all women,
 make us, absolved of our sins,
 meek and chaste.*

*Vitam praesta puram,
 Iter para tutum:
 Ut videntes Jesum,
 Semper collaetemur.*

*Grant us a pure life,
 prepare a safe journey for us;
 that, seeing Jesus,
 we may ever rejoice.*

*Sit laus Deo Patri,
 Summo Christo decus,
 Spiritui Sancto,
 Tribus honor unus. Amen.*

*Let there be praise to God the Father,
 honour to Christ on high,
 to the Holy Spirit,
 to all three one honour. Amen.*

Words: Hymn at First Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Music: Sir James MacMillan (b.1959)

Reading

Luke 2 ~ Mary Explains to Joseph
 Read by Bethia and Reuben, Year 4

String Quartet

Il est né, le divin Enfant

He is born, the divine Child

Reading

Luke 2 ~ Mary and Joseph Arrive in Bethlehem

Read by Ollie and Millie, Year 5

STAND

(All)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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 ONLY)

*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.*

(All)

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to 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: Phillips Brooks Melody English Traditional: Arranged by R. Vaughan Williams Verse 4 arr. T Armstrong

SIT

Reading

Luke 2 ~ Shepherds in the Field
Read by Pablo and Lizzie, Year 6

Chamber Choir

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

*In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.*

*Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.*

*What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.*

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934) Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Reading

Luke 2 ~ The Shepherds Arrive in the Stable
Read by Heidi, Year 7

STAND

Prayer and Blessing

The Reverend Simon Coleman

Once in Royal David's City

(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.*

(ALL)

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.

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;
where like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Words: CF Alexander Melody: HJ Gauntlet harmonized by AH Mann, Verse 4 arr. Sir David Willcocks

Bells of the Church of St Mary the Great, Cambridge

Stedman Cinques performed by the Society of Cambridge Youths

Organ Voluntary

Finale from Symphonie VI pour Orgue in G minor

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Year 8 Chamber Choir:

Treble

Jeanne Williams
Sofi Pangalos**
Molly Rand
Ella Trowell*
Hope Howard
Hermione Harmsworth
Danielle Viljoen

Alto

Stephanie Birkwood
Harriet Bond
Luciana Pickthall

Tenor

Mateo Valenzuela-Niedbalski
Freddie Higgins

Bass

James Barber
Mr J Gorick

Director of Music/Organ

Mr J Gorick

Violin

Miss R McGirr

Viola

Mrs C Cobb

'Cello

Miss S Beale

Violin II

Miss S Gilford

**Soloist in Shropshire Carol*

***Soloist in Once in Royal David's City*



Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Christmas Day



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on RØDE NT1-A and RØDE NT4 microphones.*

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