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92 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SONGS

ORGAN MUSIC before the Carol Service

Chorale Preludes

In dulci jubilo Bach

Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen Brahms

Prelude on 'Once in Royal David's City' C P Cowell

Advent and Christmas Preludes from the "Orgelbüchlein" Bach



All stand as the Ministers enter and sing this Carol :

[All] Unto us is born a Son,
King of Quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

[All unbroken voices] Christ, from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger:
Ox and ass their owner know
Becradled in the manger,
Becradled in the manger.

[All broken voices] This did Herod sore affray
And grievously bewilder;
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer,
And slew the little childer.

[Choir Trebles and Altos] Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story:
And O that Mary's gentle child
Might lead us up to glory,
Might lead us up to glory.

[All] O and A and A and O
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.

Words Piae Cantiones 14c trans GR Woodward
Music Piae Cantiones 14c arranged Martin Shaw

HYMN All : 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.

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.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

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.

Words Mrs C F Alexander 1818-95

Music H J Gauntlett 1805-76 arranged A H Mann

All remain standing for

THE BIDDING

All sit for

THE FIRST LESSON

The Angel Gabriel visits the Blessed Virgin Mary

Luke 1, 26-33 and 38 read by a Member of the Choir

CAROL Choir

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning

O what was in those ships all three ?
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there.

O whither sailed those ships all three ?
O they sailed into Bethlehem.

And all the bells on earth shall ring.

Tune Traditional arranged William Llewellyn
Words Traditional

All stand and say together

THE COLLECT OF THE ANNUNCIATION

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought into the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAROL All : A Sussex Carol

[Choir] On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring:
[All] On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring :
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

[Choir] Then why should men on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
[All] The why should men on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

[Choir] When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
[All] When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

[Choir] All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
[All] All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore - Amen.'

Music Traditional arranged Vaughan Williams
Words Traditional

All sit for

THE SECOND LESSON

St Luke tells of Christ's holy birth

Luke 2, 1-7 read by a member of the Staff of Charterhouse

CAROL Choir : Sir Christemas

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell.
Who is there that singeth so, nowell,
I am here, Sir Christemas.

Welcome, my lord Sir Christemas,
Welcome to all both more and less,
Come near, nowell.

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs,
tidings I you bring:
A maid hath borne a Child full young,
Which causeth you to sing, Nowell.

Christ is born of a pure maid,
In an ox-stall he is laid,
Wherefore sing we all at a brayde, Nowell.

Buvez bien par toute la compagnie,
Make good cheer and be right merry,
And sing with us now joyfully, Nowell.

Music Robin Wells
Words from a manuscript c 1520

All stand and say together
THE COLLECT OF ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

HYMN 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 to-night.

For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!

Words Philips Brooks 1835-93

English traditional melody arrd R V Williams 1872-1958

All sit for

THE THIRD LESSON

The shepherds go to the manger

Luke 2, 8 - 20 read by a member of Brooke Hall

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.

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!

CAROL Choir :

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.

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

All stand and say together

THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

HYMN All : Hark! the herald-angels sing

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 new-born 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 :

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 :

Music Mendelssohn 1840 adapted by W H Cummings 1855
Words Charles Wesley 1707-88 and others

All sit for


THE FOURTH LESSON

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus


Matthew 2, 1-12 read by the Head of the School

All stand to sing this CAROL


ORGAN




1 [Choir] Mast-ers in this Hall Hear ye news to- day.....
2 [Choir] There-in did we see..... A sweet and good-ly may.....
3 [Choir] Ox and ass Him know..... Kneel-ing on their knee,.....




1 Brought from o- ver sea,.... And ev- er I you pray :
2 And a fair old man.... Up- on the straw she lay :
3 Wond- rous joy had I..... This lit- tle babe to see :




Now-ell! Now-ell ! Now - ell ! Now-ell sing we clear ! Holp-en are all folk on earth, Born




is God's son so dear ; [ALL] Now-ell! Now-ell! Now - ell ! Now-ell sing we loud! God to -




day hath poor folk raised and cast a-down the proud. [All] Go-ing o'er the hills,
[All] And a lit- tle child
[All] This is Christ the Lord,



Through the milk- white snow,..... Heard I ew- es bleat.....
 On her arm had she,..... 'Wot ye who this is?'.....
 Mas- ters be ye glad! Christ- mas is come in,..... And



While the wind did blow :
 Said the hinds to me : [ALL] Now-ell! Now-ell! Now - ell !
 no folk should be sad :



Now-ell sing we clear! Hol-pen are all folk on earth, Born is God's son so dear:.....
 Now-ell! Now-ell! Now - ell ! Now-ell sing we loud! God to-day hath poor folk raised And



cast a-down the proud.

Music French arrd Gustav Holst
 Words William Morris 1834-96

All remain standing and say together THE COLLECT OF THE EPIPHANY

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAROL Choir : The Three Kings

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star;
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new born King of the Jews may be.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray :
The Kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem,
The Kings are travelling, travel with them !
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting-place.
Gold, incense, myrrh, thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

How brightly shines the morning star !
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.

Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erflowing.

Thy word,
Jesu,
Inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us,
Life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

Music Peter Cornelius [from 'Weinachtslieder']
 : the choral accompaniment arranged Ivor Atkins
Words Peter Cornelius translated H N Bate

All stand for

THE FIFTH LESSON

St John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation
John 1, 1 - 14 read by the Headmaster

HYMN All : Of the Father's love begotten



Of the Fath- er's love be- got- ten Ere the world be- gan to be,
This is he whom seers in old time Chant- ed of with one ac- cord,
O ye heights of heaven, a- dore him; An- gel hosts, his prais- es sing;
Christ, to thee, with God the Fath- er, And, O Ho- ly Ghost, to thee,



He is Al- pha and O- me- ga, He the source, the end- ing he,
Whom the voi- ces of the proph- ets Prom- ised in their faith- ful word;
All do- min- ions, bow be- fore him, And ex- tol our God and King;
Hymn, and chant, and high thanks- giv- ing, And un- wear- ied prais- es be,



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu- ture years shall see,
Now he shines, the long- ex- spect- ed; Let cre- a- tion praise its Lord,
Let no tongue on earth be si- lent, Ev- ery voice in con- cert ring,
Hon- our, glo- ry, and do- min- ion, And e- ter- nal vic- to- ry,



Ev- er- more and ev- er- more.

Music Late form of a Plainsong Melody as given in *Piae Cantiones* 1582
Words Prudentius 348 - c 410 translated JM Neale and HW Baker

All kneel and say together

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin : Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit ; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

HYMN All : Adeste fideles

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:

[Choir] O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

[All] 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 :

See how the Shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks,
Draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps :

Lo, star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ-child
Bring our hearts' oblations :

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
'Glory to God
In the highest' :

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given:
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing :
[All] O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Words probably JFWade 1745 translated F Oakley
Music probably JFWade 1745

All kneel for

A PRAYER FOR SICK CHILDREN

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

THE BLESSING

Organ Music after the Service Fantasia on In Dulci Jubilo : Alla Breve in D major JS Bach

A retiring collection will be taken for the Charterhouse-in-Southwark Children's Fund

The LATE EVENING CAROL SERVICES will be held in this Chapel
Tomorrow, Monday, December 9th, at 8.30 pm and again on Tuesday December 10th at 8.30 pm.

You are welcome at these Services, and tickets are not required.

Please enter by the North-East Door, which will be opened at 8.00 pm.

There will be a collection for Godalming Old People's Welfare Association.