7th Lesson	St. Matthew II. v. 1-12 *Reader:* A member of Senate	
Carol	The Holly and the Ivy	*arr. W. Davies*
8th Lesson	Epistle of St. John III. v. 1-3 IV. v. 9-11 *Reader:* A member of Council	
Carol	Falan-tiding	*Tyrolese*
9th Lesson	The Christmas Gospel *Reader:* The Vice-Chancellor	
Hymn	*To be sung by the Choir and Congregation*	

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.

COLLECTS AND PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

in the

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
NOTTINGHAM

Wednesday, 6th December, 1950,
at 7.15 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *To be sung by the Choir and 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.

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.

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.

Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the mother mild;
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

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.

THE CHRISTMAS BIDDING PRAYER

1st LESSON — The Christmas Epistle
Reader: A member of the University Technical Staff

CAROL — In dulci jubilo — *German*

2nd LESSON — Isaiah IX v. 2, 6 and 7.
Reader: An undergraduate

HYMN — *To be sung by the Choir and Congregation*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice ! rejoice ! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

3rd LESSON — Micah V. v. 2-4
Reader: An undergraduate

CAROLS — How far is it to Bethlehem — *arr. Laming*
The Kings — *Corneliu*

4th LESSON — St. Luke I. v. 26-33, 38
Reader: An undergraduate

CAROL — Balulalow — *Warlock*

5th LESSON — St. Matthew I. v. 18-25
Reader: The Warden of a Hall of Residence

CAROLS — Behold, I bring you good tidings — *Vittoria*
Lullay my liking — *Holst*
Dinguilin, dinguilon — *arr. Laming*

6th LESSON — St. Luke II v. 8-16
Reader: A member of the Academic Staff

HYMN — *To be sung by the Choir and Congregation*

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and Worship,
Worship Christ the King,
Worship Christ the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant Light:

Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of Nations;
Ye have seen His natal star:

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:

Though an infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down: