

Carols for Christmas

Welcome to our Carol Service, which will be shorter and more informal this year. Only the choir is allowed to sing, so please stay seated during all the carols. We hope you enjoy the service!

Choir: Once In Royal David's City

*Solo v1 Joshua Peacock 5pm,
Donna Despotovich 7pm*

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.

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. *Descant Willcocks
Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

Welcome, The Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer by The Rector, The Revd Dr Nicholas Peacock

Ending with:

**All: Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Choir: My Lord Has Come (Will Todd)

First Reading

Luke 1.26-38 - The Birth Of Jesus Foretold

Choir: Out Of Your Sleep (Robin Nelson)

Second Reading

Luke 2.1-7 - The Birth Of Jesus

Choir: In The Bleak Mid-winter (Roger Brice)

Treble - William Brice, Tenor - Martin Hurst

Third Reading

Luke 2.8-16 - The Shepherds And The Angels

Choir: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on earth, goodwill to men,
from heaven' all gracious King!
The world on solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not
the love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever circling years
comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing. *Descant Willcocks
Edward Hamilton Sears (1810-1876)*

Choir: Candlelight Carol (John Rutter)

Fourth Reading

Matthew 2.1-11 - The Visit Of The Wise Men

Choir: The Wise Men And The Star (Oliver Tarney)

Fifth Reading

John 1.1-14 – The Word Became Flesh

Choir: Jesus Child (John Rutter)

Blessing

Choir: O Come All Ye Faithful

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,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

*arr David Willcocks (1919-2015)
John Francis Wade (1711-1786)*

Organ Postlude – Adeste Fideles (Noel Rawsthorne)



Music Director, Roger Brice, and Organist, Mark Hopper

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