



THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE



Thursday 12th December 2013
7.00pm
In the School Chapel

Organist: Mr P Miller
Director of Music: Mr S Emery

CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

Choir : **Hodie, Christus Natus Est** Britten
(Today, Christ is Born)

Processional: **Once in Royal David's City** arr. Wilcocks

1. Solo Olivia Fletcher (Yr.7)

2. Choir Only

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.

3. 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.

4. All

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.

5. All

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.

6. All

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.

THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED

Welcome and Prayer
Canon Janet Eastwood

Choir: **Adam Lay Y Bounden** Ord

Lesson 1: **Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold** *Isaiah ix*
Mr S P Jamieson

Choir: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** arr. Carter

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O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Wilcocks

1. All

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.

2. All

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!

3. Women and Children 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.

4. 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!

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Lesson 2: The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary
Kaylyn Chan and Elliot Falconer (Yr.13) *Luke i*

Choir: **Bogoroditsye Dyevo** Rachmaninov
(*Blessed Virgin, mother of God*)

Lesson 3: **St Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus** *Luke ii*
Mrs J M Shaw, Chair of Governors

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Unto Us Is Born A Son arr. Wilcocks

1. 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

2. All

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know,
Be cradled in the manger
Be cradled in the manger.

3. Men only

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

4. Women and children only

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!

5. All

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

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Choir: **Coventry Carol** Original tune of 1951

Lesson 4: **The Shepherds go to the Manger** *Luke ii*
Caitlin McLachlan (Yr. 7) and Jamil Abbasi (Yr. 8)

Year 7 Choir: **Welcome to our Saviour** Spanish Traditional
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Hark! the Herald-Angels Sing

1. All

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.

2. All

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.

3. All

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.

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Choir: **Sussex Carol** Eng. Trad arr Wilcocks

Lesson 5 **The Wise Men are led by the Star to Jesus** *Matthew ii*
Sam Russell and Linda Tay (Yr. 11)

Choir: **Riu Riu Chiu** Spanish Trad
Soloists: Jack Kauffman-Harding and Catriona Miller (Yr. 12)

Silent Night

1. All

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

2. All

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds first saw the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour is born
Christ, the Saviour is born

3. All

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiance beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

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Lesson 6: St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

Mrs D A Silcock, Headteacher

John i

Choir:

What sweeter music

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Choir and Congregation:

O Come All Ye Faithful

1. All

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!

2. All

God of God
Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God,
Begotten not created.

3. All

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw
nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps.

4. All

Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace Thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love Thee,
Loving us so dearly?

5. All

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

6. All

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born on Christmas morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing.

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Blessing:

Canon Janet Eastwood

Choir:

Holy Night

Adam

Headteacher:

Vote of Thanks

Postlude

*Our retiring collection this year will be for
The Philippines Appeal*

