



THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE



Thursday 13th December 2012
7.00pm
In the School Chapel

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

Choir :

In The Bleak Mid-Winter

Darke

In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter, long ago.

CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

Procession: Once in Royal David's City

1. Solo

Year 7 Chorister

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.

Welcome and Prayer

Canon Janet Eastwood

THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED

Choir:

Adam Lay Y Bounden

Orb

Lesson 1

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold

Isaiah ix

Choir:

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Choir and Congregation – ALL STAND

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

1. All

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

2. All

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

3. Women and Children Only

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

4. All

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
"Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Lesson 2: The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary *Luke i*

Choir: **Do You Hear What I Hear?** Regney and Shayne

Lesson 3 **St Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus** *Luke ii*

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

1)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down.
And glory shone around.

2)

'Fear not' said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

3) Men only

'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A saviour who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

4) Women and Children Only

'The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'

5)

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song

6)

'All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

Year 7 Choir

Carol of the Children

Rutter

Lesson 4

The Shepherds go the manger

Luke ii

Choir:

Angels' Carol - Rutter

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.

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

Lesson 5 The wise men are led by the star to Jesus *Matthew ii*

Choir: **O Thou, The Central Orb** Wood

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

1) All

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2) All

From God our heav'nly Father
A blessèd angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:
O tidings ...

3) All

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
This blessèd Babe to find:
O tidings ...

4) All

But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this Infant lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings ...

5) All

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
O tidings ...

Lesson 6 St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation *John i*

Choir: **Where Riches is Everlastingly** Chilcott

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 this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing.

Blessing.

Canon Janet Eastwood

Choir:

O Holy Night

Adam

The Choir will process out

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Church and former students of The Blue Coat School who are
facing challenging circumstances.**

