



THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE



Thursday 8th December 2011
7.00pm
In the School Chapel

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

Choir: **Hodie Christus Natus Est (Today! Christ is Born)** Britten
from Ceremony of Carols

CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

Procession: Once in Royal David's City

1. Solo Alice Backstrom – Year 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.

Welcome and Prayer
Canon Janet Eastwood

THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED

Year 7 Choir:

Adam Lay Y Bounden

Warlock

Lesson 1: Christ's Birth and Kingdom are Foretold

Isaiah ix

Choir:

Midwinter

Chilcott

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 Virgin Mary *Luke i*

Choir: **Bogoróditse Djévo (*Rejoice, O Virgin Mary*)** Part

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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!

Year 7 Choir **Riding on a Donkey** Walters

Lesson 4: The Shepherds go to the Manger *Luke ii*

Choir: **And the Glory of the Lord** *from Messiah* Handel

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 Son 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: **Torches** Joubert

Lesson 5: The Wise Men Are Led by a Star to Jesus *Matthew ii*

Dr J Williams Foundation Governor

Choir: **Star Carol** Rutter

Away in a Manger

1. All

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. All

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. All

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

Choir: **Gaudete! (*Today! Christ is Born*)** Trad 16th Century

Lesson 6: St. John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation *John i*
Mrs D A Silcock Headteacher

Choir: **Hallelujah** *from Messiah* Handel

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.

Blessing. Canon Janet Eastwood

Choir: **O Holy Night** Adam

**The Choir will process out
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for the Blind**

