



THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL
CAROL SERVICE



Tuesday 16th December 2008

7.30pm

In the School Chapel

CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

Procession:

Once in Royal David's City

1.

Solo:
Siobhan Wilson
Year 12

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.

Choir Only

2

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

Choir and Congregation

3

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

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

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.

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

The Reverend Janet Eastwood

THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED

Choir:

Adam Lay y Bounden

Boris Ord

Lesson 1: *Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

Dr J Williams Governor

Isaiah 9

Choir:

O Thou the Central Orb Charles Wood

Choir and Congregation ALL STAND

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Arthur Sullivan

1

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 the earth, goodwill to
men,

From heav'n's all gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

3

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!

2

Still through the cloven skies they
come,

With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heav'nly music
floats

O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

4

For lo! The days are hastenng
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 send
back the song

Which now the angels sing.

Choir: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy arr. Mark Wilberg

Lesson 2: *The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary* **Luke 1**
James Heron Year 7 & Freya Balchin Year 8

Choir: Mary Had a Baby arr. Uzzee Brown

Lesson 3: *St Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus* **Luke 2**
Mr N Barends Assistant Headteacher

Choir: I Saw Three Ships arr. John Rutter
Choir and Congregation: ALL STAND

Angels from the Realms of Glory

1

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:

Gloria in excelsis deo

3

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

Gloria in excelsis deo

2

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

Gloria in excelsis deo

4

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

Gloria in excelsis deo

5

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:
Gloria in excelsis deo

Lesson 4: *The shepherds go to the manger*
Beth Currie & Tom McKenna Year 10

Luke 2

Choir: Angels Carol John Rutter
Choir and Congregation:
ALL STAND

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1

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 th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King.

2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

3

Hail the heav'n 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.

Lesson 5: *The Wise Men are led by a star*
Vlad Paraoan & Zoe Glacken

Matthew 2
Heads of School

Choir: In the Bleak Mid Winter Harold Darke

**Choir and Congregation
ALL STAND**

While Shepherds Watched

LADIES

1

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

MEN

3

"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

ALL

5

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

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".

ALL

4

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

ALL

6

"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace,
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to
men
Begin and never cease".

Choir: Mary's Song

Alan Woods

Congregation – ALL STAND

Lesson 6: *St. John unfolds the great Mystery of the Incarnation* **John 1**
Mrs D A Silcock Headteacher

Choir and Congregation:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1.

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

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

3

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

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

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

Closing Prayer and Blessing

The Reverend Janet Eastwood

Choir: O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

The Choir will process out.

Retiring collection in aid of:-

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