

St. Aidan's Church of England High School

Carol Service

**Christ Church, Harrogate
Thursday 16th December 2021**



Welcome to this traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The service flows unannounced, without interruption or applause. Please stand for all congregational carols and remain seated for all readings and choral items.

The governors, pupils and staff of St. Aidan's would like to thank the vicar, churchwardens and parishioners of Christ Church for their welcome.

We would also like to thank the following for accompanying our worship this evening:

Organist Mrs Christine Alp

Pianists Jack Brierley (Year 10)
 Ethan Cowell (Year 11)



ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn

Verse 1 Solo: Maisie Havery (Year 8)

**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.**

Chamber Choir:

**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.**

Please stand

**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.**

**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.**

**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;
where like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.**

Tom Shaw (Yr 13) Welcome and bidding prayer

All: The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen**

Joshua Somerville (Yr 7) The First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15
Man disobeyed God

Senior Choir: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** Trad. arr. L Collett

Florence Gaughan (Yr 8) The Second Lesson: Genesis 22: 15-18
Abraham's faithfulness rewarded

Senior Choir: **Mary, Did You Know?** Buddy Greene arr. Pentatonix

Ella Swift (Yr 9) The Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
The Messiah's birth prophesied

Junior Choir: **Bethlehem Skies** D Barnes/D Maclean arr. R Emerson

Joe Lepine (Yr 10) The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-3, 6-10
Isaiah foretells the peace to come

Junior Choir: **Ding Dong! Merrily on High** trad. Arr. C C Miller

Katherine Pringle (Yr 11) The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-37
The Angel Gabriel greets Mary

Chamber Choir: **Gabriel's Message** Basque trad. Arr. Pettman

Sam Shores (Yr 12) The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7
Jesus is born

Chamber Choir: **Silent Night** Franz Gruber arr. Reinecke

Mr Mark Pallant (staff) The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2 8-16
Shepherds go to the Manger

Hymn (*Please stand*)

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.**

**'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.**

**'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:**

**'The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid.'**

**Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:**

**'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.'**

Chamber Choir: **In The Stillness** Sally Beamish

Mrs Joanne Wicks (Chair of Governors) The Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11
Wise men worship Jesus

All Choirs: **Immanuel** Michael Card arr. Paul Leddington-Wright

Mr Chris Ives: The Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14
(Associate Head Teacher) *St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*

Hymn (*Please stand*)

**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***

**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***

Rev Matthew Evans: Reflection

Mrs Liz Shores (Lay Chaplain) Prayers of intercession

Blessing

Hymn (*Please stand*)

**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!***

**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!**

**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.**

There will be a retiring collection for the work of Christian Aid

**MAY WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL
CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR**

*'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have
beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.'*

John 1 v 14 RSV