



St. Augustine of Hippo  
Edgbaston



A FESTIVAL  
OF NINE LESSONS  
AND CAROLS

20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
2009

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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*The congregation stands as the Procession enters from the Vestry.  
All join in singing the last three verses.*

**Solo**                    **O** NCE 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**                    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 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.

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**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.

**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.

**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;  
When like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

*Words, MRS C. F. ALEXANDER  
Melody, H. J. GAUNTLETT  
Harmonised, A. H. MANN  
Descant, SIR PHILIP LEDGER*

# BIDDING PRAYER

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*Then, all standing, this bidding prayer is said.*

BELOVED IN CHRIST, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this city and diocese of Birmingham.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

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These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**All**                    **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

**All**                    **Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

# INVITATORY: RECIT

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## And It Came to Pass In Those Days

**A**ND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up into the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

# CHORALE

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## The Blessed Son of God (from 'Hodie')

**T**he blessed son of God only  
In a crib full poor did lie;  
With our poor flesh and our poor blood  
Was clothed that everlasting good.  
Kyrieleison.

The Lord Christ Jesus, God's son dear,  
Was a guest and a stranger here;  
Us for to bring from misery,  
That we might live eternally.  
Kyrieleison.

All this did he for us freely,  
For to declare his great mercy;  
All Christendom be merry therefore,  
And give him thanks for evermore.  
Kyrieleison.

*SIR RALPH VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS*

# FIRST LESSON

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**READER:** Professor Werner Ustorf,  
Professor, Chair in Mission, University of Birmingham

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the  
seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head*

Genesis iii, vv 8-15

**A**ND they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Thanks be to God

# CAROL

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## On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

**O**n Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring;  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad:  
When from our sin He set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before Your grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night;  
“Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and forevermore. Amen.”

*Trad.*  
*Arr. SIR PHILIP LEDGER*

# SECOND LESSON

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**READER:** Mrs Ade Duncan,  
Support Worker, St Basil's

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed*

Genesis xxii vv. 15-18

**A**ND the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Thanks be to God

# CAROL

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## A Tender Shoot

A tender shoot has started  
up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted  
from Jesse's holy race;  
It blooms without a blight,  
blooms in the cold bleak winter  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us,  
from Jesse's root should spring;  
the Virgin Mary brought us  
the branch of which we sing:  
our God of endless might  
gave her this child to save us,  
thus turning darkness into light.

*OTTO GOLDSCHMIDT*

# THIRD LESSON

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**READER:** Mr Bryce Somerville,  
Chairman, Birmingham Early Music Festival

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*

Isaiah ix, vv.2-7

**T**HE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Thanks be to God

*All stand*

# CAROL

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## God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

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**G**od rest ye merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour  
Was born upon this day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone a-stray:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy*

All

From God our Heav'nly Father  
A blessed 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 of comfort and joy, etc*

**Congregation**

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  
The Son of God to find:

All

*O tidings of comfort and joy, etc*

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**Choir Only**      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:

**All**                    *O tidings of comfort and joy, etc*

**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 of comfort and joy, etc*

*Trad.*  
*Arr. SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS*

*The congregation sits*

# CAROL

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## I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing in  
*On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;*  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
*On Christmas Day in the morning.*

And what was in those ships all three,  
*On Christmas Day, etc.*

Our Saviour Christ and his lady,  
*On Christmas Day, etc.*

Pray, wither sailed those ships all three,  
*On Christmas Day, etc.*

O they sailed into Bethlehem,  
*On Christmas Day, etc.*

And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
*On Christmas Day, etc.*

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,  
*On Christmas Day, etc.*

And all the souls on earth shall sing,  
*On Christmas Day, etc.*

Then let us all rejoice amain,  
*On Christmas Day, etc.*

*Trad.*  
*Arr. SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS*

# FOURTH LESSON

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**READER:** Mrs Barbara Shackley,  
Vice Chairman, The Victorian Society,  
Birmingham & West Midlands Group

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

Isaiah xi

**A**ND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD. With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Thanks be to God

# CAROL

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## Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

**T**he tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared to Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile;  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree

*ELIZABETH POSTON*

# FIFTH LESSON

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**READER:** Mr David Temperley,  
Chairman, North Edgbaston Residents' Association

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

St Luke i

**A**ND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Thanks be to God

# CAROL

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## Mary's Magnificat

Softly the light is stealing,  
sweetly a maiden sings  
ever wakeful, ever wistful  
watching faithfully, thankfully,  
tenderly her king of kings

My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour

Mary sang to Jesus, softly the Lady sings,

I will love you, I will serve you, make my lullaby  
glorify, magnify the King of Kings  
Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby

*ANDREW CARTER*

# SIXTH LESSON

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**READER:** Councillor Mrs Deirdre Alden,  
Councillor for Edgbaston Ward

*St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.*

St Matthew i

**N**ow the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Thanks be to God

# CAROL

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## I Sing Of a Maiden That Is Makeless

I sing of a maiden that is makeless;  
King of all kings to her son she ches.  
He came all so still where his mother was,  
As dew in April that falleth on the grass.  
He came all so still to his mother's bower,  
As dew in April that falleth on the flower.  
He came all so still where his mother lay,  
As dew in April that falleth on the spray.  
Mother and maiden was never none but she:  
Well may such a lady God's mother be.

*Trad.*

*Music. PATRICK HADLEY*

# CAROL

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## Still, Still, Still

Still, still, still,  
Let all the world be still.  
For Mary lays her Son to rest,  
Sings to Him softly at her breast;  
Still, still, still,  
Let all the world be still.

Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
My dearest baby, sleep;  
The angels all rejoice and sing,  
Heav'n for your delight shall ring;  
Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
My dearest baby, sleep;

Joy, joy, joy,  
My heart is filled with joy.  
The God of love has left His throne,  
Made this humble world His own;  
Joy, joy, joy,  
My heart is filled with joy!

*Trad. German.*  
*Arr. SIR PHILIP LEDGER*

# SEVENTH LESSON

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**READER:** Mr Peter Miles,  
Chairman, Midland Antique Collectors Circle

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

St Luke ii

**A**ND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Thanks be to God

*All stand*

# HYMN

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## It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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 heavens all gracious King!”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow;  
Look now, for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing;  
Oh rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing.

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For lo! the days are hastening 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 splendour fling,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

*Trad. English*  
*Arr. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN*

***The congregation sits***

# CAROL

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## Silent Night

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

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

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

*FRANZ GRUBER*  
*Harm. PAUL RICHARDS*

# EIGHTH LESSON

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**READER:** Mrs Gisela Stuart MP,  
Member of Parliament for Edgbaston Constituency

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

St Matthew ii

**N**OW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Thanks be to God

# CAROL

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## O Leave Your Sheep

O leave your sheep, your lambs that follow after,  
O leave the brook, the pasture and the crook.  
No longer weep, turn weeping into laughter,  
O shepherds seek your goal,  
Your Lord, your Lord, who cometh to console.

You'll find him laid within a simple stable,  
A babe newborn, in poverty forlorn,  
In love array'd,  
A love so deep, 'tis able to search the night for you,  
'tis he, 'tis he, 'tis he the shepherd true.

O kings so great, a light is streaming o'er you,  
More radiant far than diadem or star,  
Forego your state,  
A baby lies before you, whose wonder shall be told,  
Bring myrrh, bring myrrh, bring  
frankincense and gold.

*Trad. French*  
*Arr. KENNETH LEIGHTON*

# CAROL

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## Away In a Manger

A way in a manger,  
No crib for His 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

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.

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 take us to heaven  
To live with Thee there

*Tune by Y W. J. KIRKPATRICK*

*Arr. PAUL RICHARDS*

*All stand*

# NINTH LESSON

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**READER:** The Reverend Matthew Tomlinson,  
Vicar of St Augustine's

*St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*

St John i

**I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God

# HYMN

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful

**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.

**Choir**                *O come, let us adore him,*  
                                 *O come, let us adore him,*

**All**                    *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, etc.*

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

Child for us sinners,  
Poor and in the manger,  
Fain we embrace thee, with love and awe,  
Who would not love thee,  
Loving us so dearly?  
*O come, etc.*

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

*18<sup>th</sup> Century Tune*  
*Descant. SIR PHILIP LEDGER.*

*All remain standing.*

# COLLECT AND BLESSING

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The Lord be with you.

**All**                    **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**All**                    **Amen.**

CHRIST, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and things heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**All**                    **Amen.**

# HYMN

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## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

**H**ARK! 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.

*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

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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.*

*FELIX MENDELSSOHN  
Descant. SIR PHILIP LEDGER*

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## **ORGAN VOLUNTARIES**

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*Choral Prelude In dulci jubilo..... J. S. Bach*

*Fantasia on Adeste Fideles .....John Pryer*

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***The Vicar  
and  
Churchwardens  
wish you all a happy  
and joyous Christmas!***



***Vicar***  
*The Reverend Matthew Tomlinson*

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*Stephen Hartland*

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