

CAROL SERVICE



Wycliffe Hall



Tuesday 7th December 2021, 4:30pm
St. Andrew's Church
Oxford



“She took a step further in ... "This must be a simply enormous wardrobe!" thought Lucy, going still further in and pushing the soft folds of the coats aside to make room for her. Then she noticed that there was something crunching under her feet. "I wonder is that more mothballs?" she thought, stooping down to feel it with her hand. But instead of feeling the hard, smooth wood of the floor of the wardrobe, she felt something soft and powdery and extremely cold... And then she saw that there was a light ahead of her; not a few inches away where the back of the wardrobe ought to have been, but a long way off. Something cold and soft was falling on her. A moment later she found that she was standing in the middle of a wood at night-time with snow under her feet and snowflakes falling through the air.”

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Christmas Music for trumpet and organ - Erin Heim, Alistair Reid

Choir Introit People Look East

Words: Eleanor Farjeon.

Music: French. Besançon Carol. Arranged by Dr. Stanley Vann

A moment of silence is kept.

Carol Verse 1 solo: Grace Jeon

Once In Royal David's City

Words: C.F. Alexander

Music: H.J. Gauntlett. Arranged by David Willcocks

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

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

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.

Welcome and Prayers

Chaplain

Carol

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Words: Ancient 12th Century

Music: From a French Missal. Arranged by David Clifton and Mark Russell

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine Advent here.
Disperse the stormy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

All praise Eternal Son to Thee,
Who came to set all people free;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7

A Student

Choir The Angel Gabriel

S. Baring-Gould. Basque Carol. Arranged by Edgar Pettman

Second Reading: Luke 1. 26-38

A Member of Staff

Choir The Nativity Carol

John Rutter

Carol

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Words: E. Caswall. Music: John Goss

See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years:

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

*Men - As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous sight:
Angels, singing peace on earth,
Told us of the Saviour's birth*

*All - Hail thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

*Women - Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this!*

*All - Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

*Teach, O teach us, holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility*

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Third Reading: Luke 2. 1-7

Family Member

Choir Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Words: From a traditional carol. Music: Philip Stopford

Fourth Reading: Luke 2. 8-20

A Tutor

Choir Ding Dong Merrily on High

Words: G.R. Woodward

Music: 16th Century French Melody. Arranged by Charles Wood

Fifth Reading: Matthew 2. 1-12

A Student

Carol

In The Bleak Midwinter

Words: Christina Rossetti

Music: G.T. Holst

In the bleak mid-winter, 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 mid-winter long ago

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign
In the bleak mid-winter a stable placed sufficed
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss

What can I give Him poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man I would do my part
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

‘The Journey of the Magi’ T.S. Eliot (1927)

The Principal,
Revd. Dr. Michael Lloyd

Sermon:

Revd. Sue Hope

Wise Men and Wardrobes: what are you looking for?

Carol

Silent Night

Words: Joseph Mohr

Music: Franz Gruber

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;
Glory streams 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 saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Prayers and opportunity for personal response

Chaplain

Carol

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Words: C. Wesley, T. Whitfield, M. Madan

Music: Mendelssohn. Arranged by David Willcocks

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

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.*

A Christmas Blessing

Revd. Dr. Liz Hoare

Christmas Music for trumpet and organ -

Erin Heim, Peter Heim
and Alistair Reid



A Merry Christmas To One And All!

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