

Junior Carols Service



ST PETERS
GIRLS



Thursday 3 December 2020
A Service of Readings and Carols for Christmas
Chapel, St Peter's Girls' School

Please stand for the procession

Processional Carol

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

Chamber Choir

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

All

O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to the tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Melody from 15th Century French Franciscan Processional.
Adapted and arranged by David Willcocks 1919-53. Anonymous
(Latin) c 13th cent. Translated by John Mason Neale 1818-66.

Please be seated

The Welcome

Thomas Bassett
School Chaplain

The Bidding Prayer

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Beloved in Christ,
As we await the great festival of Christmas,
let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.
Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture,
how the prophets of Israel foretold
that God would visit and redeem the waiting people.
Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns,
that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled.

Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in these words that Christ himself taught us.

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Choir Carol

'Christmas Star'

Just Jazz

Words by Leslie Bricusse
Music by John Williams
Arr by Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi

Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Aurelia Pyne
Year 6 student**

Please stand

Congregational Carol

'O Little Town of Bethlehem'

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet, in your dark streets shining
the everlasting light,
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.

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 all on earth.

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
their great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel.

English Traditional Melody
coll., adapt. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958
Words by Phillips Brooks 1835-93, alt.

Please be seated

Reading

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Emily Bates
Year 6 student

Choir Carol

'One Single Candle'

Junior Choir

Words and music by Ruth Elaine Schram

Reading

Luke 2: 1-7

Sophie Lively
Year 6 student

Instrumental Item

‘On Christmas Day in the Morning’

Intermediate Strings

Arr. by Robert Longfield

Congregational Carol

‘O Come, All Ye Faithful’

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the lord!

True God of true God,
Light of light eternal,
lo, he abhors not the virgin’s womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created:

Refrain

Descant:

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God, glory in the highest:

Refrain

Adeste Fideles irregular
Possibly by John Francis Wade c. 1711-86
Tr. Frederick Oakeley 1802-80
William Thomas Brooke 1848-1917[vv.3-5] and others

Reading

Luke 2: 8-20

Eva Chassiotis
Year 6 student

Choir Carol

'Felize Navidad'

Junior Choir

Music and Lyrics by Jose Feliciano.
Arr. by Audrey Snyder

Reading

John 1: 1-14

Suzanne Haddy

Head of Junior School

Choir Carol

'Christmas Time'

Combined Choir

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Joanna Carlson
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson
Orchestration by Mark Kellner

All remain standing

Intercessory Prayers

Thomas Bassett

School Chaplain

Choir Carol

'Come on Down to Bethlehem'

Just Jazz and In-Ta Jazz

Words by John Parker
Music by Joel Raney

The Blessing

Thomas Bassett

School Chaplain

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the
Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God most gracious,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Congregational Carol

'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'

Accompanied by the Organ

Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the newborn king,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all you 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 newborn 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 in human flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king.

Descant:

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 we no more need die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king.

From a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809-47 and
William Hayman Cummings 1831-1915.
Words Charles Wesley 1707-88 (and others)

Recessional

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Intermediate Strings

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Organist

Mark Joyner



A sense of community and a strong culture of participation in school events is one of the most special things about St Peter's Girls. Friends of The Arts (FoA) is a voluntary group of parents, friends and staff who support our girls and the broader School community at Performing Arts events.

We strongly believe that learning and wellbeing are enhanced by The Arts and our goal is to highlight The Arts within the School community.

FoA provides a forum for volunteers to encourage learning and plan for various social and fundraising activities centred on the Performing Arts. Each member contributes where they can and we work together to ensure each event is successful. All money raised goes directly back into The Arts within the School.

FoA welcomes any interested party who has a desire to encourage The Arts and a willingness to participate in any capacity.

Come along to the next meeting - it's a great opportunity to get to know other parents and have some fun while supporting the School!



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