

# Senior Carols Service



ST PETERS  
GIRLS



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

## Orchestral Performance *'A Christmas Festival'*

Arranged by Leroy Anderson

*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 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 you, O Israel.*

O come, O branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
*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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School Chaplain**

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

### *'Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head'*

#### **Concert Choir with Oboe Solo**

Arranged by Trevor Manor  
Solo Oboe - Josh Oates

## Reading

### **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

**Isabella Bernardi  
Head Prefect 2020**

*Please stand*

## Congregational Carol

### *'O Little Town of Bethlehem'*

#### **Accompanied by the Flute Ensemble**

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.

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

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**

**Heather Lines**  
**Staff member**

## Choir Carol

### *'Do You Hear What I Hear?'*

**Chamber Choir and Orchestra**

Words and Music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne  
Arranged by Craig Courtney  
Orchestration by Brant Adams

## Reading

### **Luke 1: 26-38**

**Susanna Anderson (nee Jamieson, Patteson 1984)**  
**Parent and Old Scholar**

## Instrumental Item

### *'Carol of the Bells / God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen'*

**Senior Strings**

Mykola Leontovych  
Arranged by Matt Riley

## Congregational Carol

### *'Once in Royal David's City'*

**Soloist: Isabelle Norman**  
**Head Chorister 2020**

**Solo:**

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.

**All:**

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, despised and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood  
day by day like us he grew,  
he was little, weak and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all 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.

**Descant:**

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 his children gather round,  
bright, like stars, with glory crowned.

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95, alt.

Reading

**Luke 2: 1-7**

**Ariel Spartalis**  
**Year 9 student**

Choir Carol

***'Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)'***

**Enchante**

Words and music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio  
Arrangement and additional lyrics by Keith McKay Evans

Reading

**Luke 2: 8-20**

**Eleanor Anderson**  
**Deputy Head Prefect 2020**

*Please stand*

## Congregational Carol

## *'Angels from the Realms of Glory'*

### **Accompanied by the Flute Ensemble**

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Heralds of creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Gloria*  
*In excelsis deo*  
*Gloria*  
*In excelsis deo*

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching over flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant Light:  
*Gloria.....*

Wise men, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
You have seen his natal star:  
*Gloria.....*

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.....*

French traditional melody arr. Martin Shaw 1875-1958

*Please be seated*

## Reading

## **Matthew 2: 1-11**

**Meg Bleby**  
**Parent**

## Choir Carol

## *'Christmas Time'*

### **Combined Choir and Orchestra**

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

## Reading

## John 1: 1-14

**Julia Shea**  
**Principal**

## 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

See how the shepherds  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

#### 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



*All remain standing*

## Intercessory Prayers

### The Blessing

**Matilda Braithwaite**  
**Chapel Prefect 2020**

**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 Brass Ensemble and 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.***

## Recessional

**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)



## Acknowledgements

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Ariel Spartalis (Year 9)

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### Enchante

Sari Noble

### Flute Ensemble

Sam Hennessy / Karen Fletcher

### Brass Ensemble

Warren Heading

### Guest Artist - Oboist

Josh Oates

### Accompanist

Sue Mears

### 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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