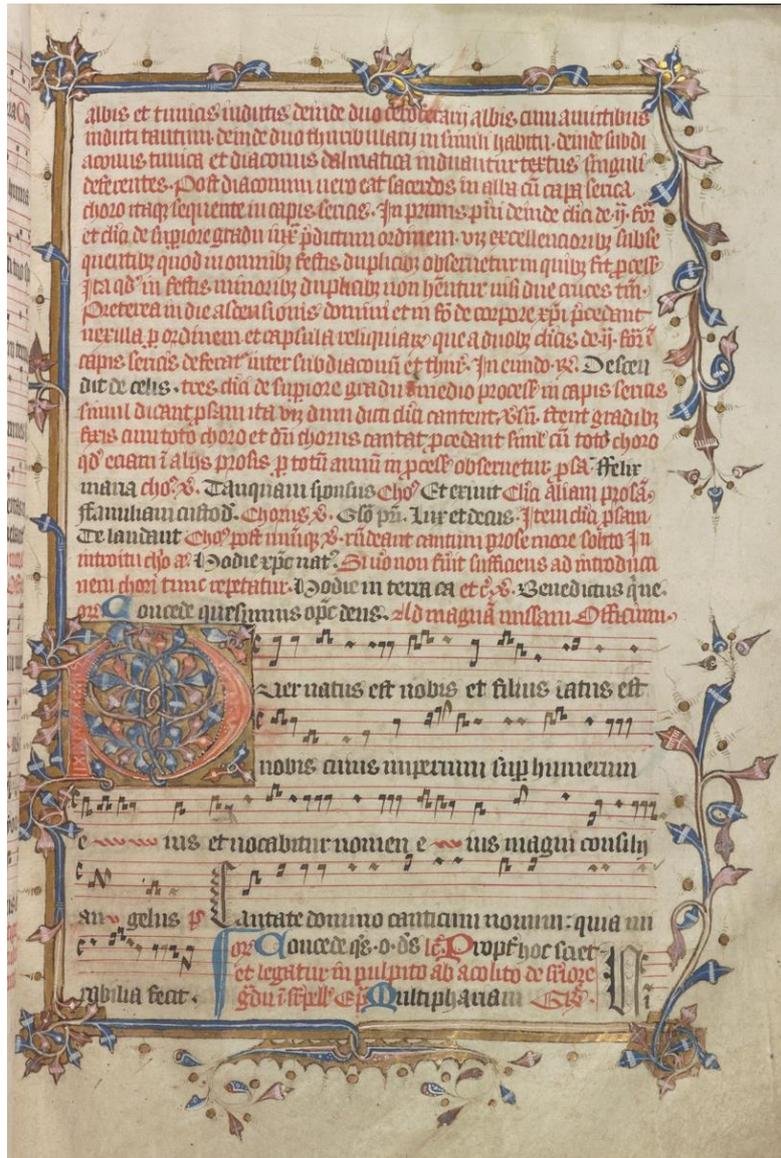


# A SERVICE OF READINGS & CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS



CHELSEA OLD CHURCH  
THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2022

6PM

*Please stand at the sounding of the bell to signal the start of the service.*

**STAND**

***Carol***

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

*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.

*Choir only*

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.

*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.**

**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***

*The Revd Max Bayliss  
Vicar, Chelsea Old Church*

***Bidding Prayer***

*The Revd Anna Jones  
Chaplain*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 9.2-7**

*Read by Mr Nigel Farrow (1958)*

**Choir Carol**

**'The Pear Tree Carol'**

*Bob Chilcott (1955 - )*

*The first tree to blossom is the pear,  
It comes to life in spring.  
The blossom of the pear is white,  
We bless its opening. Alleluia.*

*Despite the winter storm,  
The pear will have its day.  
The pear will blossom once more,  
Our care will melt away. Alleluia.*

*The white that winter wears  
Brings in summer's green.  
The pear tree opens its arms  
No matter how cold the scene. Res miranda.*

*If I took the pear tree's shape,  
I'd blossom in your heart.  
If I were a petal of snow  
I'd let the healing start. Gaudeamus.*

**Second Reading**

**Luke 1.26-38**

*Read by Miss Hope Whitehead (2016),  
former Hargreaves Choral Scholar*

**Choir Carol**

**'Ave Maria'**

*(Robert Parsons, 1535-71)*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum:  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Amen.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with thee:  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Amen.*

**Congregational Carol**

**'It came upon the 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, good will to men  
From heaven's 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.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

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 splendours fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

*SIT*

*Third Reading*

**Luke 2.1-20**

*Read by Mr Benjamin Markovic (2020), Aliko Vatikioti Organ Scholar*

*Choir Carol*

**'Shepherd's Pipe Carol'**

*(John Rutter, 1945-)*

*Going through the hills on a night all starry  
On the way to Bethlehem  
Far away I heard a shepherd boy piping  
On the way to Bethlehem*

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:  
"Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King  
Is come to bring us peace on earth  
And He's lying cradled there at Bethlehem."*

*"Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily  
On the way to Bethlehem  
Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely  
On the way to Bethlehem?"*

*"None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely  
On the way to Bethlehem;  
But a King will hear me play sweet lullabies  
When I get to Bethlehem."*

*"Where is the new King, shepherd boy piping merrily  
Is He there at Bethlehem?"  
"I will find Him soon by the star shining brightly  
In the sky o'er Bethlehem."*

*"May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily  
Come with you to Bethlehem?  
Pay my homage too at the new King's cradle  
Is it far to Bethlehem?"*

**STAND**

## **Congregational Carol**

‘O little town of Bethlehem’

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**

O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.

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  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

*SIT*

### *Fourth Reading*

**Matthew 2.1-12**

*Read by Mr Rowan Kitt, Fellow & Development Director*

### *Choir Carol*

**'We Three Kings'**

*(John Henry Hopkins; arr. Stuart Nicholson, 1975-*

*Performed by special permission)*

*We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.*

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.*

*O star of wonder...*

*Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshiping God on high.*

*O star of wonder...*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb.*

*O star of wonder...*

*Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Heav'n sing Alleluia,  
Alleluia the earth replies.*

*O star of wonder...*

**STAND**

## ***Fifth Reading***

**John 1.1-14**

*Read by Dr Mohamed El-Erian, President*

## ***Congregational Carol***

**'Hark! The herald angels sing'**

**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 hosts 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.*

***SIT or KNEEL***

***Prayers, concluding with the Lord's Prayer***

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, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

***STAND***

***Congregational Carol***

***'O come all ye faithful'***

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,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

***Blessing***

*The Chaplain*

*Please remain standing during the Choir and Clergy recession.*

***SIT***

***Organ Voluntary***

*Jack McCabe, Junior Organ Scholar*

*'Prelude & Fugue No. 1 in B major'*

*Marcel Dupré (1857-1934)*

*Please remain seated while the organ voluntary is played.*

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Thanks also to all who have assisted in preparing for this service today, including the President and Fellows, the Development Director and Staff in the Alumni & Development Office, and also to our readers and musicians:

### **Fellows in Attendance**

The President, Dr Mohamed El-Erian (1977)

Mr Rowan Kitt, Development Director

The Reverend Anna Jones, Chaplain

Mr Nicholas Morris (2011), Bye-Fellow & Director of Music

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### **Alumni**

Mr Nigel Farrow (1958)

Miss Hope Whitehead (2016), *Former Richard Hargreaves Choral Scholar*

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### **Queens' College Chapel Choir**

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#### **The Aliki Vatikioti Senior Organ Scholar**

Mr Benjamin Markovic (2020)

#### **The George C. Phillips Junior Organ Scholar**

Mr Jack McCabe (2021)

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