

# Saint John

## A Service in Preparation for Christmas

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

TUESDAY 1<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AT 2.15PM

The congregation is asked to sit for the readings and carols,  
and to stand for the prayers and for the singing of the hymns.

Organ Music before the Service:

Thomas Watkin (5<sup>th</sup> Form): Intrada, Grayston Ives

Jaylen Cheng (6<sup>th</sup> Form): Praeludium in C (BWV 138), Dieterich Buxtehude  
Chorale Prelude on St Mary, Hubert Parry

Thomas Watkin: Fanfare, Kenneth Leighton

Jaylen Cheng: Carillon, Herbert Murrill

Thomas Watkin: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645), J S Bach

The School records its gratitude to the Reverend Canon Mark Oakley  
Dean of St John's College,  
and to the College Council for permission to use the College Chapel.  
Seats may not be reserved after 2pm



Carol:

In the Bleak No winter

Senior House Chamber Choir

Hymn: 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.

Oh 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 wand'ring love.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
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 on 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.

*Words: P Brooks, Music: Trad. English, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Descant: Thomas Armstrong*

Reading: A Christmas Carol  
G K Chesterton

Carol: Rise up, Shepherd and Follow Byron House & Senior House Chamber  
Music: Spiritual, arr. Richard Rodney Bennett & Forms 3 & 4 Choirs

Reading: Shepherds' Carol  
*Norman Nicholson*

Carol: Starlight ByronHouseChamber& Junior Choir  
*Music: Giles Swayne*

Reading: The Three Kings  
*H W Longfellow*

Hymn: Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail th'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 heav'born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n 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.*

*Words: Charles Wesley et al., Music: Felix Mendelssohn  
Descant: Christopher Robinson*

Reading:      **The Sky Exploded**  
                  *Jan Dean*

Carol:          **So Gentle the Donkey**  
                  *Music: John Barnard*

SeniorHouseChamber Choir

Reading:      **Wartime Christmas**  
                  *Joyce Kilmer*

Carol:

See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,

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We too will thither

Bend our joyful footsteps:

*O come let us adore him, etc.*

Lo! starled chieftains,

Magi, Christ adoring,

Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;

We to the Christ Child

Bring our hearts' oblatios:

*O come let us adore him, etc.*

Sing, choirs of angels,

Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;

Glory to God

Glory in the highest:

*O come let us adore him, etc.*

*Words and Melody: John Wade, arr. David W. ~~W~~ etdyid*

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