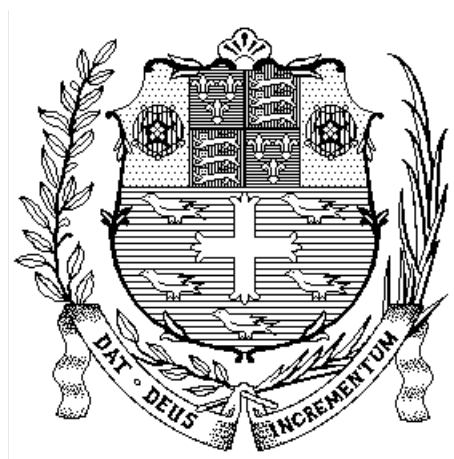


Westminster School
Carol Service



Westminster Abbey
Monday 13 December 2010
at 7.00 pm

Music before the Service

<i>Tuba Tune op. 15</i> <i>Played by Albert Kang</i>	<i>C S Lang (1891 – 1971)</i>
<i>Nun Komm', der Heiden Heiland</i>	<i>D Buxtehude (1639 – 1707)</i>
<i>Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme</i>	<i>J G Walther (1684 – 1748)</i>
<i>Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122, No 8</i>	<i>Johannes Brahms (1833 – 1897)</i>
<i>In dulci júbilo (BWV 729)</i>	<i>J S Bach (1685 – 1750)</i>

The choir is directed by Tim Johnson and the organ is played by Simon McGregor

Westminster School Brass Ensemble

<i>Trumpet:</i>	<i>Kiran Laidlay</i> <i>Adam Smith</i> <i>Carsten Dean</i> <i>Alex Ballard</i>
<i>Horn:</i>	<i>Ivo Tedbury</i>
<i>Trombone:</i>	<i>Henry Kitchen</i> <i>Theo Tindall</i> <i>Benedict Honey</i>
<i>Tuba:</i>	<i>William Barrie</i>

ORDER OF SERVICE

When instructed, please stand for the Chamber Choir to sing

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 Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

*Franz Gruber (1787-1863)
arr Barry Rose*

Please make sure that you have turned off your mobile phone.

Please take great care when lighting and holding candles.

Please take this service sheet and your candle with you at the end of the service.

There will be a retiring collection (see the note at the end of this order of service).

Please do join a house for refreshments after the service. Details of where to go can be found at the end of this order of service.

The Congregation remains standing

Treble Solo: **O**NCE 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: 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.

The procession enters
All sing:

And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly Maiden,
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

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;
When like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)
Verses 1-5 harmonised by A H Mann
Descant and organ part by David Willcocks

All remain standing for

THE BIDDING PRAYER

BELOVED in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear
again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto
Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a
manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving
purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious
Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth
and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the
Church he came to build, and especially in this School and Abbey
community.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his
name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the
sick and them that mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and the little
children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or
who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon
another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can
number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the
Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven,
in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

All say together

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done, In earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we
forgive them that 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.

All sit for the Chamber Choir to sing

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die.
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

Traditional Appalachian

Carl Rutti (born 1949)

All remain seated for

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3: 8-15

The Fall

Read by a member of the Fifth Form

All stand to sing

OF the Father's love begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore!

By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore!

This is he, whom seer and sybil
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore!

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering.
Evermore and evermore!

*Prudentius (348 - 413)
tr R F Davis*

*Divinum Mysterium
Sanctus trope, 11th century*

All sit for

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7
The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Saviour
Read by a member of the Lower Shell

All remain seated while the Chamber Choir sings

<p>O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepio! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!</p>	<p>O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!</p>
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*Fourth of the nine responsories for Matins Morton Lauridsen (born 1943)
of Christmas Day*

All sit for

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35, 38
The Annunciation
Read by a member of the Upper Shell

All remain seated while the Chamber Choir sings

Of one that is so fair and bright
Velut maris stella,
Brighter than the day is light,
Parens et puella:
I cry to thee, thou see to me,
Lady, pray thy Son for me,
Tam pia,
That I might come to thee
Maria.

All this world was forlorn
Eva peccatrice,
Till our Lord was y-born
De te genetrice.
With *ave* it went away
Darkest night, and comes the day
Salutis;
The well springeth out of thee,
Virtutis.

Lady, flower of everything,
Rose sine spina,
Thou bear Jesu, heavens king,
Gratia divina:
Of all thou bearest the prize,
Lady, queen of paradise
Electa:
Maid mild, mother *es Effecta*
Effecta.

Anon (c 1300)

Benjamin Britten (1913 - 1976)

All stand to sing

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.

Choir only:

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.

All:

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.

Bishop Phillips Brooks

*English traditional
arr Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)
descant by Timothy Garrard (born 1980)*

All sit for

THE FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 1: 18-23
The Birth of Jesus
Read by a member of the Sixth Form

All remain seated while the Chamber Choir sings

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus-Child
While amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough

Ah, Baby, dear one
Slumber now

Happy is Thy laughter; holy is Thy silent rest
Lay Thy head in slumber fondly on Thy mother's breast

Ah, Baby, dear one
Slumber now

Edward Teschemacher (c 1875 - 1940)

Ivo Tedbury (Hakluyt's)

All remain seated while the Chamber Choir sings

In the bleak midwinter
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 midwinter,
Long ago.

Enough for him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day
A breast full of milk
And a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
which adore.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

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..

Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)

Harold Darke (1888 - 1976)

All remain seated for

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2: 8-16
The Birth is announced to the shepherds
Read by a member of the Remove

GOD rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father
A blessèd angel came.
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy...

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessèd babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy...

Choir only:

But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this infant lay
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy...

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy...

English traditional

*English traditional
arr David Willcocks (born 1919)*

Remember O thou man
Thy time is spent:
How thou art dead and gone,
And I did what I can,
Therefore repent!

Remember God's goodness,
O thou man,
And promise made!
How he sent his son, doubtless
Our sins for to redress:
Be not afraid!

The angels all did sing,
O thou man,
On heav'n's high hill;
Praises to our heav'nly King,
And peace to man living,
With a good will.

To Bethlem did they go,
O thou man,;
The shepherds three:
To Bethlem did they go
To see whether it were so,
Whether Christ was born or no
To set man free.

Thomas Ravenscroft (c 1582 - 1635)

Bob Chilcott (born 1955)

All remain seated for

THE SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12
The Magi visit the infant Christ
Read by a member of the Common Room

All stand to sing. During the carol, the candles will be lit.

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:

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:

Charles Wesley OW (1707 - 88)

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 47)
descant by David Willcocks (born 1919)*

All sit while the Chamber Choir sings

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad:
Then why should we on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad:
When from our sin He set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen."

English Traditional

*English Traditional
arr Philip Ledger (born 1937)*

All stand for

THE SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-14
The Incarnation of the Word of God
Read by the Head Master

All remain standing to sing

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...

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come...

Adeste Fideles
tr Frederick Oakley (1802 - 80)

Anon (probably 18th century)
arr David Willcocks (b 1919)

All remain standing for the Collect and Blessing.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

CHRIST, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please wait until the Procession has passed before leaving your seat.

Candles should be extinguished carefully.

Music after the Service

Fugue sur le theme du carillon des heures op. 12 Maurice Duruflé (1902 -1986)
Played by Daniel Marx

Retiring Collection Charities

Waterford Kamhlaba, United World College of Southern Africa, founded in Swaziland by the late Michael Stern in 1963. From small beginnings the school has risen to a position of prominence; originally set against the iniquity of apartheid, it now has an outstanding record of academic achievement and service to the community. The collection today is to support Waterford's community service mission which makes an important contribution to the people of Swaziland, assisting in a range of projects including hospital orphan care, working with juvenile offenders, community housing and child rescue work.

Westminster PHAB (Physically Handicapped, Able Bodied). Every summer a number of disabled guests are invited to Westminster, where a group of staff and Sixth Form pupils welcome them and give them a holiday in London. PHAB has been running at Westminster for more than thirty years now and, with your help, will continue to enrich the lives of pupils and guests for many years to come.

Guests are warmly invited for refreshments as follows:

House	Venue
Ashburnham	Ashburnham (6 Dean's Yard)
Busby's	Busby's
College	College
Dryden's	Dryden's
Grant's	Grant's
Hakluyt's	School
Liddell's	Liddell's
Milne's	Milne's (5a Dean's Yard)
Purcell's	Purcell's (5 Barton Street)
Rigaud's	Rigaud's
Wren's	Lecture Room (first floor of Ashburnham House in Little Dean's Yard)

Anyone who is not linked to a particular House will be very welcome up School.

