

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT

A SERVICE OF READINGS AND CAROLS

IN

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT
Saturday 10 December 2022 at 4.00 pm

**A WARM WELCOME TO
SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT
PLEASE ENJOY THE SERVICE**

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FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel"
(which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

CELEBRANT



THE REVEREND FATHER
MICHAEL DOLMAN
RECTOR OF OSCOTT

ORDER OF SERVICE

CAROL

ALL STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING.

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

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory over the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Father Michael Dolman, Rector of Oscott.

COLLECT

V: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

R. Amen.

ALL SIT.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40, 1-11.

God consoles his people.

RORATE CÆLI

Plainchant, c 10th Century.

Sung by the Schola Cantorum.

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 23, 5-8.

I WILL RAISE A VIRTUOUS BRANCH FOR DAVID

CAROL

ALL STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING.

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 that little child.

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.

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.

ALL SIT.

THIRD READING

Apocalypse 22, 6-20.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.'

HOMILY

Father Michael Dolman, Rector of Oscott.

FOURTH READING

Luke 1, 26-38.

'Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.'

ANGELUS AD VIRGINEM

Sung by the Schola Cantorum.

FIFTH READING

Luke 2, 1-7.

ALL STAND.

Now in those days a decree went out from Cæsar Augustus that a census should be taken of the whole empire. This was the first census to take place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, since he was from the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her Child to be born. And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**NOW IN THOSE DAYS A DECREE WENT
OUT FROM CÆSAR AUGUSTUS**

ALL SIT.

CAROL

ALL JOIN IN SINGING.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay:
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes;
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus: look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

SIXTH READING

Luke 2, 15-20.

The visit of the shepherds.

CAROL

ALL STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING.

See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the gentle Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail thou ever blessèd morn!
 Hail redemption's happy dawn!
 Sing through all Jerusalem,
 Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies
He Who built the starry skies;

He Who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news to-day?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?

"As we watched at dead of night,
Lo! we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing 'Peace on earth,'
Told us of the Saviour's birth."

THE SCHOLA CANTORUM SING ALONE

Sacred Infant, all Divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this!

ALL JOIN IN SINGING.

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility.

INTERCESSIONS

R. Prepare our hearts, O Lord.

CAROL

ALL JOIN IN SINGING.

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!

Refrain: 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.

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear.
We, too, will thither bend our joyful footsteps.

Lo, star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh.
We to the Christ-child bring our hearts' oblations.

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
"Glory to God, In the highest!"

BLESSING

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

V: May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

R: Amen.

V: May God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

R: Amen.

V: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

R: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

ALL JOIN IN SINGING.

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.

Refrain: 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 the 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 Son 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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In Dulce Iubilo (BMV 929) - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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