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**A FESTIVAL OF
READINGS AND CAROLS
FOR CHRISTMAS**

Friday 24th December 2021
6.30pm



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The Boy Choristers and Lay Clerks sing under the direction of The Director of Music, Mr Mark Duthie.

The organ is played by The Assistant Organist, Mr Edward Taylor

The Voluntaries before the service are:

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) *In Dulci Jubilo* BWV 729

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) *Chorale Prelude on 'In Dulci Jubilo'*

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772) *Grand Jeu et Duo (Noël no. 10)*

Siegfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933) *Adeste Fideles (from 'Cathedral Windows')*

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925) *Rhapsodie sur des Noël's*

John Ireland (1879-1962) *The Holy Boy*

Harrison Oxley (1933-2009) *Prelude on 'Whence is that goodly fragrance'*

ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation remains seated as the Clergy enter the Sanctuary and the Choir move to the Stalls.

INTROIT Come, sing and dance
sung by the Choir

From far the angels draw near, Eia, Eia!
Sweet is the dayspring that heals our fear:

*Come sing and dance, come pipe and play:
Natus est Christus hodie.*

A child this day to us is born, Eia, Eia!
sing all ye shepherds, proclaim the morn:

Now all mankind doth say and sing, Eia, Eia!
This is the day of Christ and King:

Traditional carol arranged by Simon Lindley (1948-)

VERSE Hail the babe

Hail the babe who brings to us salvation;
Hail the Saviour, Hope of every nation;
Hail the King of Peace and Love,
Bending from his throne above.
Praise our God, in holy adoration.

We keep a moment's silence. From the stillness, a solo voice is heard.

HYMN 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 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 Congregation stand to sing:

All **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.**

**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.**

Words: Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)

Music: H. J. Gauntlett (1805-76)

GREETING

Remain standing

Dean Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you this Christmastide.

All **And also with you.**

BIDDING PRAYER

by the Dean

These prayers and praises we offer up to the throne of heaven,
in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7 (RSV)

The prophecy of the Messiah's birth

Sit

After the reading, we keep a moment's silence after which the reader says the following prayer:

Holy Jesus, to deliver us from the power of darkness you humbled yourself to be born among us. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at the last to the joyful vision of your beauty, for your tender mercy's sake.

Amen.

CAROL We have a story to tell

sung by the Choir

We have a story to tell:
A story for all men on earth.
It tells of a mother, a stable, no cradle,
The pain and the wonder of birth.
*So come now and listen with ears and hearts open,
Then cry from the rooftops that Jesus has come.*

We have a story to share,
With men rich and poor, weak and strong.
It tells of poor shepherds, the night sky transfigur'd,
And glorious heavenly song.

We have a story to sing,
As old as the hills tow'ring high,
It tells of three kings on a perilous journey
Led on by a star in the sky.

Our story will always be new,
With pow'r to stir spirits grown cold.
Wherever men gather at Christmas together
This great joyful news must be told.

Words: Heather Evernden
Music: Michael Jacques (1944-)

SECOND READING Isaiah 11: 1-10 (RSV)
The peace that Christ will bring is foretold

After the reading, we keep a moment's silence after which the reader says the following prayer:

O God, we thank you for the message of peace that Christmas brings to our troubled world. As we remember the birth of the Prince of Peace, give healing where many suffer and reconciliation where many are in conflict. Let peace reign among the nations and love reign in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CAROL What sweeter music
sung by the Choir

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heav'nly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honour to this day
That sees December turn'd to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn
Thus on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and lustre, public mirth,
To heaven and the under earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his show'rs,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers,
The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart,
Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?

*Words: Robert Herrick (1591–1674)
Music: John Rutter (1945-)*

HYMN ○ Little town of Bethlehem

Stand

**○ 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 to-night.**

**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 wond'ring love.**

Choir 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.

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.**

*Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-93)
Music: Traditional English melody
Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THIRD READING Luke 1: 26-38 (RSV)
The Angel Gabriel visits the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sit

After the reading, we keep a moment's silence after which the reader says the following prayer:

Almighty God, who by your grace called the blessed Virgin Mary, and opened for all the door of infinite mercy and eternal light: fill us with your grace, that through obedience and faith, the world may rejoice in your mercy and walk in your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHOIR A child is born in Bethlehem

A child is born in Bethlehem,
And joy is in Jerusalem,
Alleluia.

Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low,
Benedicamus Domino,
Alleluia.

To thee, O Lord, be glory paid,
Thou Son of Mary, mother-maid,
Alleluia.

To Holy Trinity give praise,
With Deo Gracias always,
Alleluia

*Words: Traditional
Music: Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

FOURTH READING Luke 2: 1-7 (RSV)
St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

After the reading, we keep a moment's silence after which the reader says the following prayer:

Blessed be God who in his love stooped to redeem humankind.
Blessed be the King who made himself poor to enrich the needy.
Blessed be the Holy Child who was born of the Virgin Mary.
Blessed be the eternal Word who was made flesh for us.
Blessed be Jesus our Saviour and Lord, now and for evermore.
Amen.

CAROL Mary's Magnificat
sung by the Choir

Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings,
Ever wakeful, ever wistful,
Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings:
'I will love you, I will serve you,
May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.'
Lullaby, lullaby.

Words and music: Andrew Carter (1939-)

HYMN Good Christians all, rejoice

Stand

**GOOD Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now:
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.
He hath opened heaven's door,
And we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one, and calls you all,
To gain his everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save.**

*Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: 14th century German carol
Arranged by Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)*

FIFTH READING Luke 2: 8-16 (RSV)
The shepherds go to the manger

Sit

After the reading, we keep a moment's silence after which the reader says the following prayer:

O God the Son, highest and holiest, bring us with the shepherds to kneel before your holy cradle, that we may sing with the angels your glorious praises in heaven, now and for ever.
Amen.

CAROL Lullay, Lord Jesus
sung by the Choir

Lullay Lord Jesus, dear babe in the manger.
Mother is guarding Thee safe from all danger.

*Lullay, oh Lullay, the angels watch o'er Thee,
Mother and angels for ever adore Thee.*

Closed are Thy weary eyes, now softly sleeping.
Born of God's love and secure in God's keeping.

*Polish lullaby arranged, with English words,
by Sir George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*

HYMN Infant holy, infant lowly

Stand

**Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Nowells ringing, tidings bringing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow,
Christ the Babe was born for you!**

*Traditional Polish carol
Translated by Edith Reed (1885-1933)*

POEM Star Witness
a poem after Mark Green

Sit

REFLECTION
by Canon Michael Manley

CAROL The great God of heaven
sung by the Choir

The great God of heaven is come down to earth,
His mother a virgin, and sinless his birth;
The Father eternal his Father alone:
He sleeps in the manger; he reigns on the throne:

*Then let us adore him, and praise his great love:
To save us poor sinners he came from above.*

Lo! here is Emmanuel, here is the Child,
The Son that was promised to Mary so mild;
Whose power and dominion shall ever increase,
The Prince that shall rule o'er a kingdom of peace:

O wonder of wonders, which none can unfold:
The Ancient of days is an hour or two old;
The Maker of all things is made of the earth,
Man is worshipped by angels, and God comes to birth:

The Word in the bliss of the Godhead remains,
Yet in flesh comes to suffer the keenest of pains;
He is that he was, and for ever shall be,
But becomes that he was not for you and for me.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)
Music: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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The clergy will process during the hymn to the Sanctuary.

HYMN O come, all ye faithful

Stand

**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:**

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

**Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
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:**

Words and melody: J. F. Wade (c.1711-86)

SIXTH READING John 1: 1-14 (RSV) *Please remain standing*
St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

After the reading, we keep a moment's silence after which the reader says the following prayer:

Lord God, our heavenly Father, who for love of our fallen race sent your Son to dwell among us, full of grace and truth; help us to welcome him into the life of the world and into our own lives and so praise you more in word and deed, now and for ever.

Amen.

CAROL Nova! Nova!
sung by the Choir

Sit

Nova! Nova! Ave fit ex Eva.

Gabriel of high degree, he came down from Trinity to Nazareth in Galilee.

He met a maiden in a place, he kneeled down afore her face,
He said: Hail, Mary, full of grace.

When the maid heard tell of this she was full sore abashed I-wys,
And wened that she had done amysse.

Then said the angel: Dread not you; you shall conceive in all virtue
A child whose name shall be Jesu.

It is not yet six months agone since Elizabeth conceived John,
As it was prophesied before.

Then said the maiden verily: I am your servant right truly;
Ecce ancilla Domini.

*Words: 15th century
Music: Bob Chilcott (1955-)*

COLLECT AND BLESSING

Stand

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises
and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN 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 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.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heav'n-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 (1707-88) and others
Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)*

The organ voluntary as the procession leaves is:
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) *Finale from Symphony no. 2*

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have found things in this service have left you with questions, or if there are points you would like to discuss with us about belief in God and Jesus, please speak to one of the clergy afterwards or e-mail canonmissioner@carlislecathedral.org.uk

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CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December

11.30 Midnight Eucharist *sung by the Girl Choristers and Lay Clerks*
Preacher: Canon Benjamin Carter

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December

10.30 Christmas Morning Eucharist *sung by the Boy Choristers & Lay Clerks*
Celebrant: The Bishop Preacher: The Dean

3.00 Evening Prayer

Sunday 26th December *First Sunday of Christmas*

10.30 Eucharist with Carols
Preacher: Canon Michael Manley

3.00 Evening Prayer

Sunday 2nd January, 2022 *Second Sunday of Christmas*

10.30 Eucharist with Hymns
Preacher: The Dean

3.00 Evening Prayer

Sunday 9th January *Baptism of Christ*

10.30 Sung Eucharist *sung by the Boy Choristers and Lay Clerks*
Preacher: Canon Benjamin Carter

3.00 Carols for Epiphany *sung by the Cathedral Consort*

The Dean and Chapter wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas.