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# Opening Hymn

- AS with gladness men of old**  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped,  
To that lowly manger-bed;  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.
4. Holy Jesu, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.
5. In the heavenly country bright,  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down:  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluyas to our King.



## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Carol: Torches (Joubert)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Genesis 3

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

**A**nd they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God

said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

## **Carols: Adam lay ybounden (Ord) Rejoice and be Merry (trad. arr. Jacques)**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Isaiah 9** *The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.*

**T**he people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

## **Carol: The Infant King (arr. Pettman)**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson St Luke 2** *The shepherds go to the manger.*

**A**nd there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

# Carols: Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light (Bach) Bethlehem Down (Warlock)

## Hymn

- BETHLEHEM, of noblest cities**  
None can once with thee compare;  
Thou alone the Lord from heaven  
Didst for us incarnate bear.
2. Fairer than the sun at morning  
Was the star that told his birth,  
To the world their God announcing,  
Seen in fleshly form on earth.
3. By its lambent beauty guided  
See the eastern kings appear;  
See them bend, their gifts to offer,  
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.
4. Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
Incense doth the God disclose,  
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,  
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.
5. Holy Jesu, in thy brightness  
To the Gentile world displayed,  
With the Father and the Spirit,  
Endless praise to thee be paid. Amen.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Lesson St Matthew 2 *The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

**N**ow when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Juda: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and

worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

## Carol: Here is the little Door (Howells)

### Hymn

The first Nowell, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!*



2. They lookèd up and saw a star,  
Shining in the East, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night:

*Nowell, Nowell ...*

3. And by the light of that same star,  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went:

*Nowell, Nowell ...*

4. This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay:

*Nowell, Nowell ...*

5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
Full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presènce  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

*Nowell, Nowell ...*

6. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Nowell, Nowell ...*



# BENEDICTION

## Choir O Salutaris Hostia (Elgar)

*We observe a few moments of silence and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, which has been placed on the altar. Please kneel.*

*Priest:* Blessed, praised and hallowed be Jesus Christ upon his throne of glory;  
*All:* **and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

## Choir Tantum Ergo (Webbes)

*Priest:* Thou gavest them bread from heaven  
*All:* **containing in itself all sweetness.**

*A collect is sung and **Benediction**, Christ's Sacramental blessing, is given.  
The Divine Praises are said:*

Blessed be God. **R: Blessed be God.**  
Blessed be His Holy Name. **R: Blessed be His Holy Name.**  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be S Joseph, her spouse most chaste. **R: Blessed ...**  
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. **R: Blessed ...**

*The Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle, during which the choir sings the **Adoremus**.*

*A bell rings to indicate the return of the Sacrament to the tabernacle.*

## Hymn

**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 had gone astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy !*

2. From God our heav'nly 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 ...*

3. 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 blessed babe to find :

*O tidings ...*

4. 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 ...*

5. 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 ...*



Organ Voluntary: Radetzky March – Johann Strauss, Sr.



Following the service there will be a retiring collection.



*The Epiphany of St Paul's, Brighton – Edward Burne-Jones*

## **Weekly Services at S. Paul's**

**Sunday**

11am Solemn Mass

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday**

11.30am Low Mass

