



BOLTON
SCHOOL
BOYS' DIVISION

Christmas
FESTIVAL



DECEMBER | 15 | 7.00 PM

GREAT HALL

Please stand for the hymns and remain seated for the readings and the choir items

Invitation to worship: Mr Nic Ford

Head of Boys' Division

Once in Royal David's City

Verse 1: CJ McDonald 7c

Choir and congregation from verse 2

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| 1 <i>(Soloist)</i> 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. | 4 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. |
| 2 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. | 5 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. |
| 3 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. | 6 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. |

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: v2, 6-7

Read by Alex Metcalfe 9d

Reflection: 'This is Christmas' (Ruth Bell Graham)

Read by Ehsan Hussain 7d

'My Lord has Come' – Will Todd

Joint Chamber Choir

See Amid the Winter's Snow

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

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

2 Say, you holy shepherds, say,
Tell your joyful news today.
Why have you now left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?

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

3 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.

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

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

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

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

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

2nd Reading: Luke 1: v26-33

Read by Ian So 11d

Reflection: 'Before the paling of the stars (Christina Rosetti)

Read by Joshua Pierson 7e



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

1 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 th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born King.

2 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 th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born King.

3 Hail the heav'n-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.

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

3rd Reading: Luke 2: v15-20

Read by Dhruv Patel 9c

Reflection: 'Our greatest need' (Unknown author)

Read by Chibby Emeka-Mocha 8e

'We Three Kings' – J. H. Hopkins, arr. Ian Crawford

Lower School Choir



Joy to the World!

- 1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**
- 2 Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3 He rules the world, with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

4th Reading: John 1: v1 - 14

*Read by Mr Philip Britton
Head of Foundation*

Reflection: 'BC:AD' (U. A. Fanthorpe)

Read by Zak McAlister 13a

'Sleepers Awake!' – J. S. Bach, arr. Pietro Prugna

String Quartet – Matthew Yeung 12c, Justin Li 10b, Miss Bird, Jayden Cheung 13b



Mary's Boy Child

(Congregation, please stand to join in the chorus)

Solo (*Zak McAlister 13a*)

- 1** Long time ago in Bethlehem...
...the music seemed to come from afar.

(Congregation)

**Hark! Now hear the angels sing, a new king born today!
And man shall live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say,
That man shall live for evermore, because of Christmas Day!**

Solo (*Alexander Pierson 11h*)

- 2** Now Joseph and his wife...
...Mary's little boy was born.

(Congregation)

**Hark! Now hear the angels sing, a new king born today!
And man shall live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say,
That man shall live for evermore, because of Christmas Day!**

Solo (*Nathan Pierson 13e*)

- 3** For a moment the world was aglow...
...was born on Christmas Day.

(Congregation)

**Hark! Now hear the angels sing, a new king born today!
And man shall live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say,
That man shall live for evermore, because of Christmas Day!**

5th Reading: 1 John 4: v7-9

Read by Ayush Wahie 10d

Reflection: 'Wonder' (Nancy Buckley)

Read by Dheer Shah 11d

'All is Peace' – Heather Sorensen

Senior Vocal Ensemble, with Jayden Cheung 13b, Cello



Shine Jesus Shine

- 1 Lord the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus light of the world shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me!
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!
- 2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By your blood I may enter your brightness:
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me!
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!
- 3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory:
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me!
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

Meditation

Dave Bagley MBE

Co-Founder and CEO of Urban Outreach

'A Child is Born in Bethlehem' – Philip Stopford

Joint Chamber Choir

Final Prayer (Christian Aid)

Read by Daniel Keene 12c



O Come, all ye Faithful!

1 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!

2 God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors
Not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

3 See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks,
Draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

4 Lo! Star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense,
Gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

5 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?
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

6 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens
Of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

7 Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born on Christmas morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!



There will be a retiring collection for our chosen Christmas charities

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Thank you.

Forthcoming Musical Events

Spring Term

Wednesday 4 th February	Primary Division Orchestra Day
Friday 6 th February	Semi-Finals of Young Musician
Tuesday 3 rd March	Final of Young Musician
Wednesday 11 th March	Joint Spring Concert, Bolton Parish Church
Monday 23 rd March	Year 5 Concert
Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th March	Joint Senior Musical
Monday 30 th March	Musical Evening
Monday 30 th – Tuesday 31 st March	Junior School Music Festival

Summer Term

Wednesday 29 th April	Junior School 'Spring' Concert Year 4
Tuesday 9 th June	Concert
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 3 Concert
Monday 22 nd June	Lower School Musical Evening





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