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St. Bartholomew's Orchestra  
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**St. Bartholomew's Polyphony Choir  
Organist & Director of Music Tony Price**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Fr. Michael

**Holy Child**

words and music by David Palmer

**FIRST READING  
from the third chapter of  
the book of Genesis**

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman  
shall bruise the serpent's head.*

**Please stand**

**When is he coming**

words and music by David Palmer

1. When is he coming,  
when, O when, is he coming,  
the Redeemer?  
When will we see him,  
When, O when, shall we see him  
The Redeemer?  
Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there  
from your kingdom up there above!  
Come, oh come, to your people on earth,  
To your people on earth bring love!  
Emmanuel!, Emmanuel! Emmanuel!
2. Long years awaiting,  
Many years here awaiting  
The Redeemer!  
Ready to greet him,  
Always ready to meet him,  
The Redeemer!  
Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there  
from your kingdom up there above!  
Come, oh come, to your people on earth,  
To your people on earth bring love!  
Emmanuel!, Emmanuel! Emmanuel!
3. Spare us from evil,  
From the clutches of evil,  
O Redeemer!  
Though we are sinners  
We have known your forgiveness,  
O Redeemer!  
Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there  
from your kingdom up there above!  
Come, oh come, to your people on earth,  
To your people on earth bring love!  
Emmanuel!, Emmanuel! Emmanuel!

**Please sit**

**Ave Maria**

Jacques Arcadelt

*Translation*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you  
among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at  
the hour of our death, Amen*

**SECOND READING  
from the second chapter  
of St. Luke's Gospel**

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**Beati viscera Maria**

Nicholas Wilton

*Translation*

*Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,  
which bore the Son of the eternal Father*

**I saw three ships**

English traditional arr. John Rutter

**Please stand**

**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

Traditional English tune adapted by Arthur Sullivan

Words by E.H. Sears

Descant and organ part by David Willcocks

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
'Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heav'n's all gracious King!  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lonely plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing;  
And ever o'er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever circling years  
Come round the age of gold;  
When peace shall o'er the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

**Please sit**

**THIRD READING  
from the first chapter  
of St. Matthew's Gospel**

*St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.*

**Christmas Fanfare**

Martin Shaw

**Stay seated, and join in**

**SILENT NIGHT**  
Music Franz Grüber  
arr. Donald Cashmore  
Words Joseph Mohr, tr. J. Young

1. 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. (2)
2. *Choir only*
3. Silent night, holy night.  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. (2)

**Mary had a baby**  
Negro Spiritual  
Arranged by Malcolm Sargent

**MEMBERS OF  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S ORCHESTRA  
- BRASS SECTION**

*Programme to be announced on the night*

**De Virgin Mary had a baby boy**  
Negro Spiritual  
Arranged by Malcolm Sargent

**Mary's song**  
Valerie McMillan

*Please stand*

**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**  
Words C. Wesley, T. Whitefield, M. Madan and others  
Music Mendelssohn, arranged by David Willcocks

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 the 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 Virgins 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.
3. Hail the Heaven-borne 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.  
Hark! The herald angels sing

Glory to the new-born King.

*Please sit*

**FOURTH READING**  
**from the second chapter**  
**of St. Luke's Gospel**  
*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

**The infant King**  
Basque Noël arranged by David Willcocks  
Words by S. Baring-Gould

*Please stand*

**ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**  
Words and tune by H.J. Gauntlett  
Harmonised A.H. Mann  
Descant/organ part David Willcocks

1. Treble solo - David Price
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.
3. And through all His wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly Maiden,  
In whose gently arms He lay;  
Christian children all must be,  
Mild, obedient, good as He.
4. 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.

*Please sit*

**In dulci jubilo**  
An ancient Christmas Carol  
R.L. Pearsall

**FIFTH READING**  
**from the second chapter**  
**of St. Luke's Gospel**  
*The shepherds go to the manger.*

**There were shepherds**  
Charles Vincent

*Please stand*

**GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN**  
English traditional carol  
Arranged David Willcocks

1. God rest ye 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 (2)*

2. From God our heav'nly

A blessed 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 (2)*

3. The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced 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 of comfort and joy (2)*

4. But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this infant lay,  
They found him in manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy (2)*

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 of comfort and joy (2)*

*Please sit*

**SIXTH READING**  
**from the second chapter**  
**of St. Matthew's Gospel**

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

**Past three a clock**  
English traditional carol  
harmonised Charles Wood  
Words G.R. Woodward

*Please stand*

**O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**  
Adeste Fidelis translated by  
F. Oakeley, W.T. Brooke and others  
Composer anonymous  
arranged by David Willcocks

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, (3)  
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, (3)  
Christ the Lord!
3. Sing choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n above;  
Glory to God

In the highest  
O come, let us adore Him, (3)  
Christ the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord we greet thee,  
Born that happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore Him, (3)  
Christ the Lord!

*Please sit*

**SEVENTH READING**  
**from the first chapter**  
**of St. John's Gospel**

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

**Ring out wild bells**  
Percy E. Fletcher

**Twelve days of Christmas**  
English Traditional Carol  
Arranged John Rutter

**CONCLUSION**  
Tony Price

*There will be the traditional retiring  
collection in aid of the Catholic Children's  
Society.*

*Thank you for supporting it so generously  
as always*

*Once again, we are extremely grateful to our brass  
players for once again so generously giving their time  
and talent tonight – their musical contribution has  
proved extremely popular since we introduced it a few  
years ago.*

St. Bartholomew's Orchestra rehearses on Monday evenings. There are currently vacancies in the string section. Entry standard is Grade 8. The orchestra gives five or six concerts each year. Applications to join, or invitations to play, should be addressed to Bernard Jupp on 0181 764 7523.

*The Choir acknowledges with enormous gratitude the  
continued support and encouragement given by Fr.  
Michael and Fr. Tom, and thank Fr. Michael for his  
consent to our using the church once again for our  
concert tonight.*

We hope you have enjoyed this evening's music. Next year's Christmas Concert will be on Sunday 20th December at 7.30pm. We look forward to hearing you all singing again then! Hopefully many of you will sing with us on Wednesday night at 11.30 for Christmas Midnight Mass here at St. Bartholomew's.

The Polyphony Choir sings just once a month and for the major feasts of the Church's year. Practices take place every Tuesday at 8pm upstairs in the church (enter

through side door). There are no auditions, and music is loaned free of charge – all you need is a desire to sing and a sense of humour!! On the 8th April, during Holy Week next year, we will be singing Stainer's *Crucifixion* once again. We would give a very warm welcome any of you who wish to join us in January (starting Tuesday 13th at 8pm) when we start learning this and a number of other items. **I appeal especially for men's voices – we need you, please!**

Thanks also to Monica Milligan for her continuing administrative help from the Parish Office, both with this programme and many other things throughout the year.

***FINALLY, THANK YOU, OUR AUDIENCE,  
FOR BEING WITH US IN HEART AND VOICE  
TONIGHT***