

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 15th December 2020



Welcome from Mrs Connery

Introduction by Father Matthew

'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

1.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn 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 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.

3. 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.

Hark! The herald angels sing.

Glory to the new-born King!

First Reading: A Family Tree

Second Reading: Prepare for God's Coming

'O Little Town Of Bethlehem'

1. O 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 tonight.

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

2. 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 wondering love.

4. Where children pure and happy
pray to the blessed Child,
where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the mother mild;
where charity stands watching
and faith holds wide the door,
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks
and Christmas comes one more.



Third Reading: The Annunciation

‘O Holy Night’

1. O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine!

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming,
Now come the wisemen from out the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials, born to be our friend.
He knows our needs, to our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
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3. Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His Gospel is peace.
Chains He shall break, for the slave is our brother.
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His Holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Fourth Reading: Visitation



‘Silent Night’

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 (x2)

2. Silent Night, Holy Night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ the Saviour is born! (x2)

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. (x2)

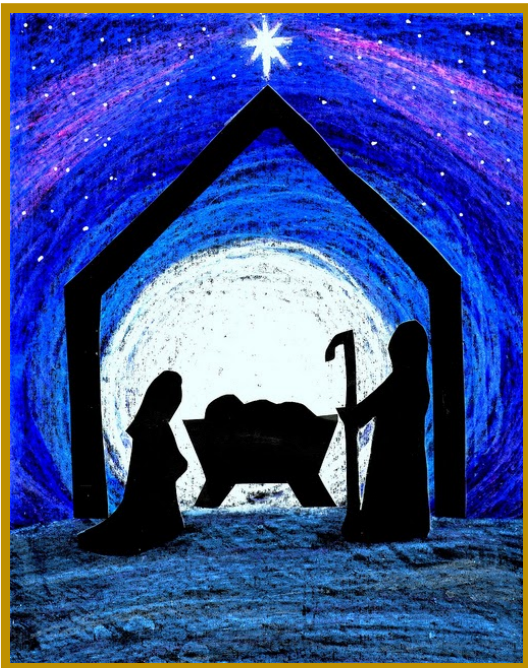
Fifth Reading: Census of Caesar Augustus

Sixth Reading: The Shepherd's Story

'Away in a Manger'

1. 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.

2. 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.



3. 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.

Seventh Reading: The Shepherds visit Jesus

Eighth Reading: King Herod and the Wise Men

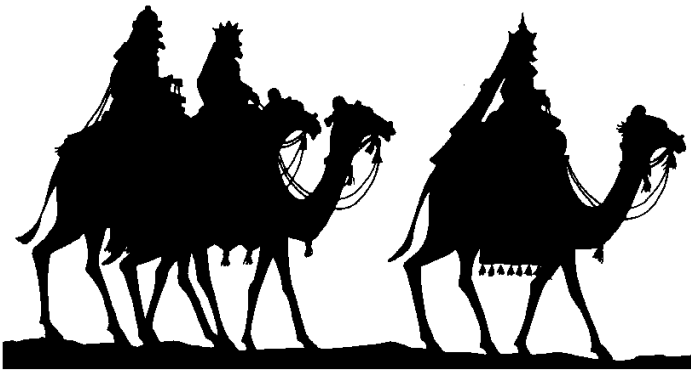
'Once in Royal David's City'

1. 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.

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 gentle arms he lay;
Christian children, all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

4. 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.



**Ninth Reading: The Wise Men Visit
the Baby With Gifts**

'Ding Dong Merrily On High'

1. Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

2. E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

3. Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

A Christmas Carol poem read by our Head Girl and Head Boy

Thank you message from Mr Coyle

Final Blessing by Father Matthew

'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.

(Chorus)
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.

3. Yea, Lord we greet thee
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing.

4. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God in the highest!



WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS TIME.

SPECIAL THANKS TO :

Our readers from Year 6: Yocabel D, Jasper W, Charlotte G, Sophia C, Nathan K, Kelyssa GB, Nico E, Olivia LG, Matthew OG, Ollie O and Ella GdP

Our Christmas Carol poem readers: Head Girl and Head Boy - Isabel B and Ike A

Our Year 3 Nativity Tableau performers: Lawrence A, Mariana B, Amber A, Daniel K, Kingsley C, Vesper SN, Mayowa O, Alvaro L, Isla W

Mr Kelleher for preparing our readers

Our singers and musicians - Lara Martins, Larissa Murray and Michael Donnelly

Video and sound - Jeffrey D'Rozario

Fr Matthew

The Parents' Association

THREE CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Dear families,

We would like to thank Fr Matthew for letting us use Corpus Christi Church for our 'Annual Carol Service' and also the Parents' Association and parent volunteers for all their hard work organising this event. Thanks to Mr. Kelleher for preparing the Year 6 readers who told the story of the first Nativity and our Year 3 children who created the Christmas tableau.

Finally, on behalf of the whole school community, we would like to wish you a happy, safe and Holy Christmas.

Mr Coyle and Mrs Connery

Dear parents,

As we end a very challenging year for so many families we remember the family of Jesus making a difficult and stressful journey with their unborn son and saviour of the world. It was a time of great excitement but uncertainty: a difficult time for Mary and Joseph as parents but in which they came to know the help of God. I pray for all of you at this time and particularly those of you who struggle. May Mary and Joseph intercede for your families that you may be blessed by God's love expressed in the charity of others as we remember the arrival of grace and peace in our world. I wish you all a very happy celebration of Christmas with your loved ones!

With my blessing and prayers,

Fr Matthew

Dear families,

Thank you for all the joy, energy and enthusiasm you have put into the Parents' Association this year. We have missed being together at events and in the playground, but our community has continued to be strong and to offer each other support. Whether you have donated your time, ideas, or money it has made a difference to what we have been able to achieve together in this very different year. The PA Committee wishes you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas. We look forward to brighter days together in 2021!

With love and prayers to all our CC families,

The Parents' Association Committee

