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Carols from St Brides

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Monday 7th December at 4.30pm

Featuring carols and music from the St Brides Choir
and readings from invited guests

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Welcome

When it became clear that the pandemic would prevent us from holding our traditional Carol Service from St Brides Church this year, we decided not to allow our Christmas to be cancelled. With the support of our industry partners and help from St Brides we have created our first ever virtual Carols from St Brides and this programme is to help you follow the event and even join in if you like.

It won't be quite the same as getting together but we hope we have captured something of the spirit of the live event and that you enjoy our programme.

Happy Christmas from all at NewstrAid.

Programme

Introduction

Mike Mirams

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

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;
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

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!*

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!*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The Rector



Reading

Matthew 1. 18-25 Read by Alex van Straubenzee

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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 were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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 of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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 of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy

Reading

In Memoriam, (Ring Out, Wild Bells) by Alfred Lord Tennyson Read by Sharon Douglas

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

"To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign;

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song;

"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease."



Amazing Peace by Maya Angelou *Read by Mylene Sylvestre*

In The Bleak Midwinter – Harold Darke Sung by St Brides Choir

Reading

The Fezziwig Christmas Party from **A Christmas Carol**, by Charles Dickens *Read by Ian Hislop*

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 th'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 th'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.*

Thanks

Mike Mirams

We Wish you a Merry Christmas *Sung by the St Brides Choir*

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