



# The University Carol Service

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There are three weeks to go until Christmas, and we are at the beginning of the Church's month-long season of Advent - a time of preparing to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation. There is an air of expectation, and in this service we reflect this time of preparation – which is why, contrasting with the city outside, the Abbey is yet to be decorated for Christmas. The Choir moves from West to East during the service, symbolising the Advent journey from Darkness to Light - natural symbols, so obviously prevalent at this, the darkest time of the year, and one of the themes which underpin the service. The Light is God, mysteriously coming to dwell among us in the fullness of humanity as Emmanuel, foretold by the prophets and born of Mary. The final bible reading sets out this central truth, and it is read from the nave of the church to represent Christ amongst his people, bringing the Good News to them.

Our University Carol Service has existed in its current format for nearly 40 years. Like so many others, our order of service derives from that at King's College Cambridge, which itself evolved from that founded at Truro Cathedral in the 1880s; the King's service established its current format just over 100 years ago. Its 'pattern and strength...derive from the lessons and not the music'. The poetry and the music serve to comment on the biblical story, and the elements of music, speech, silence and movement combine to emphasise the service's climax - the reading from St John's Gospel.

This year we have two hymns chosen with tunes acknowledging the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gustav Holst's birth, together with pieces from Yorkshire, Wales and Scotland. The composer of *In dulci jubilo* lived on the outskirts of Bristol, whilst Professor Peter Wishart lived near Frome, and had served the University as a Visiting Lecturer, often bringing a Bristol-based BBC Orchestra. During the service you will be involved in both active and passive participation – joining in singing the hymns and taking part in the prayers, and listening to the choir, organist and readers offering their skills on your behalf. The familiar and traditional congregational hymns are there for you to sing – and we do encourage you to join in singing them, so please do just that!

## ***About this year's Charity.....***

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/what-we-stand-for>

The **British Red Cross Society** is the UK's body of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Its mission is to mobilise the power of humanity so that individuals and communities can prepare for, deal with and recover from a crisis. It helps those most in need - both in the UK and internationally - and is committed to helping people without discrimination, regardless of their ethnic origin, nationality, political beliefs or religion. Its volunteers and staff abide by the seven fundamental principles of the International Movement, which are humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality. Donations to the Red Cross help to provide food, clean water, shelter, clothing and first aid in an emergency; emergency response services; refugee support services; support to victims of modern slavery and trafficking; wheelchair services; and help to find missing families. We are collecting at this service for **victims of conflict**. To give, please scan the QR code on the back page of this booklet.

# **Welcome...**

**Christ the King – the one truth in a world of uncertainties.**

University Chaplain Nigel Rawlinson writes: **Welcome** to the University of Bath Carol Service. We invite you to enter into the mystery and depth of the Christmas story, told again tonight through specially-chosen words and music.

**In the Christmas narrative heaven touches earth. The world is changed.**

It is a story of wonder and surprise, of God coming towards us, and becoming one of us, through a vulnerable human baby born in a simple stable. The birth of Christ has been recounted for over two thousand years; it is the good news that makes the difference, the account of 'the Word' becoming flesh (Jesus) and dwelling among us. It is both historical, and a living word for today. God is now with us.

This is also a source of hope. This year many people are anxious and distrustful. The current conflicts unsettle us all, especially those with family or friends affected. Some peoples are having to move home a 2<sup>nd</sup> time because of rising sea levels. Change can bring a new instability. Uncertainty, at home and abroad, can be disorienting. In the week of 'Christ the King' (the week before Advent) we remember and celebrate Jesus Christ – the one truth in a world of uncertainties. We are now in the season of Advent – and our preparation for Christmas. May this service help you find the hope and strength in this truth.

Your Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team wish you, and your family and friends,  
peace, health, joy and happiness this Christmastide.

The Reverend Canon Nigel Rawlinson, University Chaplain

Karen Turner, Visiting Chaplain, Methodist

Joseva Vakacokaivalu MBE, Visiting Chaplain, Methodist

and at St John's Roman Catholic Church: Father Christopher Whitehead.

## **University of Bath Chamber Choir**

Organist : Gary Desmond, Deputy Organist, Bath Abbey

Conductor : Dr Michael Painting

The Choir is a Students' Union Society, and a part of ChaOS.

The Choir's next concert will take place at St Mary's Church, Bathwick on Saturday March 22nd at 7.30pm.

## **Before the Service starts....**

**Please silence chiming watches and mobile phones.**

**If you use a hearing aid, please turn it to 'T' - the Abbey has an induction loop.**

**Please note that photography and recording are not permitted.**

*The University is most grateful to the Rector and PCC of Bath Abbey for enabling this service to take place here.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Reverend Guy Bridgewater, Rector, Bath Abbey, welcomes you.*

**¶ ALL STAND, and keep a silence**

*The University Chamber Choir sings:*

We wait for thy loving kindness O God, in the midst of thy temple.

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed:

*Tomorrow, go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you.*

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord:

*Tomorrow, go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

*Tomorrow, go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you.*

We wait for thy loving kindness O God, in the midst of thy temple.

*Psalm 48 and a Vesper Responsory*

*Michael Painting*

**¶ All sing:**

**1**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

**2**

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood;  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

**3**

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way;  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day;  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

**4**

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!

*Liturgy of St James*

*French carol tune, v4 arranged by Sir Stephen Cleobury 1948-2019*

**¶ All remain standing**

## The Bidding

The Reverend Canon Nigel Rawlinson, University Chaplain

*The Bidding ends with the Lord's Prayer, said by everyone in this or your own language:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

May the Lord, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting, now and always.  
**Amen.**

*The Church's Prayer for this, the first week of Advent:*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

¶ All sit

*The Choir:*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and shall call his name Emmanuel. God with us!

*Isaiah 7 : 14*

*Martin Hussingtree 1954-*

O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster,  
exspectatio Gentium, et Salvator earum:  
veni ad salvandum nos, Domine, Deus noster.

*O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver,  
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:  
come and save us, O Lord our God.*

*Great 'O' Antiphon*

*Ēriks Ešenvalds 1977-*

## **Thanksgiving**

*Thanksgiving for Deliverance from many troubles*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons,  
for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

Their hearts were bowed down with hard labour; they fell down, with no one to help.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;  
he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.

*Psalms 107 : 1 - 3, 10 - 14*

*Reader: Ben Furley, Undergraduate, Sports Science,  
and Member, Christians in Sport*

## *The Lord of Creation*

See the Lord of all creation from the line of Jesse spring:  
born of truth and perfect wisdom, righteous judgement he will bring.  
Hear the promise of redemption: songs of hope the poor will sing!

Still in awesome grace and judgement, God the humble glorifies:  
those the world derides as 'nothing', God exalts, to shame the wise!  
Signs and bearers of salvation, 'little ones' the proud despise!

All the hopes the poor have cherished in virgin's womb will flower,  
And the humble and afflicted be exalted in that hour.  
Son of God and son of David, Christ the lowly will empower.

*Michael Forster 1946-2023*

*Reader: Professor Jane White,*

*Vice-President, Community and inclusion, VC's Office*

*The Choir:*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
laden with fruit and always green:  
the trees of nature fruitless be,  
compared with Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
the glory which I now can see  
in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be  
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*New Hampshire, 1784*

*Elizabeth Poston 1905-1987*

**¶ All stand and sing:**

**1**

Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
come to make all things new,  
hear his people's burden,  
freely love and pardon.

*Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!*

*Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!*

*When he comes, when he comes,  
who will make him welcome?*

**2**

God in time, God in man,  
this is God's timeless plan:  
he will come, as a man,  
born himself of woman,  
God divinely human:

*Ring bells, etc.*

*Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000*

**3**

Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
she believed, she obeyed.  
in her womb God is laid,  
till the time expected,  
nurtured and protected:

*Ring bells, etc.*

**4**

Journey ends: where a far  
Bethlem shines, like a star  
stable door stands ajar.

unborn son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry:

*Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!*

*Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!*

*Jesus comes, Jesus comes,  
we will make him welcome.*

*German, 1360, arranged by Gustav Holst, 1874-1934*

**¶ All sit**

# The Prophecy of Isaiah

*The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

*Isaiah 11 : 1-4a*

*Reader: Holly Li, Undergraduate, Psychology  
and member of Brew@2, Chaplaincy*

*Out of the blossom*

Out of the blossom sprang a thorn,  
when God himself would be born;  
he let us never be forlorn,  
that born was of Marie.

There sprang a well all at her foot,  
that all this world is burned to good,  
when Jesu Christ took flesh and blood  
that born was of Marie.

Out of the well there sprang a stream  
from patriarch to Jerusalem,  
till Christ himself it took again,  
that born was of Marie.

In winter when the frost him froze,  
a poor bedding our Lord him chose;  
between an ox and an ass:  
Godés Son born he was  
that born was of Marie.

*English, c1430*

*Reader: Ghika Savva, Student Community Partnership Manager, Students Union*

*The Choir:*

A spotless Rose is blowing,  
sprung from a tender root,  
of ancient seers foreshowing,  
of Jesse promised fruit;  
its fairest bud unfolds to light  
amid the cold, cold winter,  
and in the dark midnight.

The rose which I am singing,  
whereof Isaiah said,  
is from its sweet root springing  
in Mary, purest maid;  
for through our God's great love and might  
the blessed babe she bare us  
in a cold winter's night.

*15th century German carol*

*Herbert Howells 1892-1983*

¶ All stand and sing:

**1**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

**2**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
his holy name - the Lord, the mighty One.

**3**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

**4**

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024, based on the Song of Mary, Luke 1 : 46-55*

*Walter Greatorex 1877-1949*

¶ All sit

## **The Annunciation**

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

*Luke 1 : 26 - 35, 38*

*Reader: Catherine Duggan-Jakes, Undergraduate, Life Sciences  
and Chair, CathSoc*



*BC : AD*

This was the moment when Before  
turned into After, and the future's  
uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans  
could find nothing better to do  
than counting heads in remote provinces.

This was the moment when nothing  
happened. Only dull peace  
sprawled boringly over the earth

And this was the moment  
when a few farm workers and three  
members of an obscure Persian sect  
walked haphazard by starlight straight  
into the kingdom of heaven.

*U A (Ursula Askham) Fanthorpe 1929-2009  
Honorary Graduate of the University*

*Reader: Joseva (Joe) Vakacokaivalu MBE  
Visiting Chaplain, (Methodist)*

*The Choir:*

*Mary's Magnificat*

Softly a light is stealing,  
sweetly a maiden sings,  
ever wakeful, ever wistful,  
watching faithfully, thankfully,  
tenderly her king of kings.

Mary her song to Jesus  
softly, serenely sings;  
I will love you, I will serve you,  
may my lullaby glorify,  
magnify my king of kings.  
*Lullaby, lullaby.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord  
and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in God my Saviour.

*Words and music Andrew Carter 1939-*

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:  
of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

How blest is the birth of her heavenly child,  
who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call  
the Lord of creation, and Saviour of all  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,  
and marvelled in awe at the babe in her care.  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;  
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless 'Ave'.  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

# The Birth of Jesus

*St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Matthew 1 : 18 -23*

*Reader: Elizabeth West, Undergraduate, Life Sciences  
and Co-President, Christian Union*

## *A Christmas Carol*

Before the paling of the stars,  
before the winter morn,  
before the earliest cock crow,  
Jesus Christ was born:  
born in a stable,  
cradled in a manger,  
in the world his hands had made  
born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep  
in Jerusalem;  
young and old lay fast asleep  
in crowded Bethlehem;  
saint and angel, ox and ass,  
kept a watch together  
before the Christmas daybreak  
in the winter weather.

Jesus on his mother's breast  
in the stable cold,  
spotless lamb of God was he,  
shepherd of the fold:  
let us kneel with Mary maid,  
with Joseph bent and hoary,  
with saint and angel, ox and ass,  
to hail the King of Glory.

*Christina Rossetti 1830-1894*

*Reader: Karen Turner, Chaplain,  
University Ecumenical Christian Chaplaincy*

**¶ All stand and sing:**

**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**

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.

**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.

**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;  
where like stars his children crowned  
all in white shall wait around.

*Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95*

*Henry J Gauntlett 1805-76, harmonised by A H Mann 1850-1929  
v6 arranged by Sir David Willcocks 1919-2015*

**¶ All sit**

*The Choir:*

A new work is come on hand, through might and grace of God's son,  
to save the lost of every land: *Alleluya!*

For now 'tis free that erst was bound, we may well sing: *Alleluya!*

Now is fulfilled the prophecy, of David and of Jeremy,  
and also of Isaiah: *Alleluya!*

Sing we therefore both loud and high: *Alleluya!*

Alleluya this sweeté song, out of a green branch hath sprung,  
God send us the life that lasteth long: *Alleluya!*

Now joy and bliss be him among, that thus can sing: *Alleluya!*

*15th century*

*Peter Wishart 1921-1984*

**¶ All stand, and turn to face the Gospel Reader.**

*The Gospel is read from the nave of the Abbey, representing Christ amongst the people,  
and bringing the Good News to them. Jesus is Emmanuel : God is with us.*

# The Gospel

## *The Incarnation of the Word of God*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of mankind. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord :

**(All) Praise to you, O Christ.**

*John 1 : 1 – 14*

*Reader : Nigel Rawlinson, University Chaplain*

¶ **All remain standing**

Organ : Gospel Fanfare

*The Choir:*

In dulci júbilo	<i>In quiet joy</i>	O patris caritas,	<i>O love of the father,</i>
let us our homage show		O nati lenitas!	<i>O gentleness of the son!</i>
our heart's joy reclineth		Deeply were we stained	
in praesepio	<i>in a manger</i>	per nostra crimina;	<i>through our crimes;</i>
and like a bright star shineth		but thou hast for us gainéd	
matris in gremio.	<i>in his mother's lap.</i>	coelorum gaudia.	<i>the joys of heaven.</i>
Alpha es et O!	<i>The first and the last!</i>	O that we were there.	
O Jesu parvule!	<i>O tiny Jesus!</i>	Ubi sunt gaudia,	<i>Where are the joys,</i>
I yearn for thee alway!		if that they be not there?	
Hear me, I beseech thee,		There are angels singing	
O Puer optime!	<i>O best of boys!</i>	nova cantica,	<i>new songs,</i>
My prayer let it reach thee,		there the bells are ringing	
O Princeps gloriae!	<i>O prince of glory!</i>	in regis curia:	<i>in the king's court:</i>
Trahe me post te!	<i>Draw me after thee!</i>	O that we were there.	

*14<sup>th</sup> century German carol arranged and translated by Robert Pearsall 1795-1856*

¶ All stand and sing:

**1**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone,  
snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

**2**

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain,  
heaven and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign,  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed,  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

**3**

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,  
a breast full of milk and a manger full of hay,  
enough for him, whom angels fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel, which adore.

**4 (Choir)**

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but only his mother, in her maiden bliss  
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

**5**

What shall I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
but what I can I give him, give my heart.

*Christina Rossetti 1830-94*

*Gustav Holst 1874-1934*

## **The Blessing**

The University Chaplain

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

May he who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
bestow upon you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Choir:*

God is the Lord who hath showed us light!  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.

*A Christmas Salutation*

*Anthony Caesar 1924-2018*

**¶ All 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 ever-lasting 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,  
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.*

*Charles Wesley 1707-1788 and others*

*Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1843  
v3 arranged by Sir David Willcocks*

**¶ All remain standing and quiet as the Choir and Clergy process from the church.**

Organ Voluntary : Toccata

Fernand de La Tombelle 1854-1928

*This Order of Service is for you to keep – do please take it away with you now.*

*Next year's University Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.*



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## **University of Bath Ecumenical Chaplaincy**

### ***A Covenant***

We, the Ecumenical team of Christian chaplains serving the University of Bath, of the Anglican, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Orthodox and United Reformed Churches, confess together our faith in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Together with the Chaplain for the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), we acknowledge our calling to serve God and to proclaim the Gospel in this University, city and world.

We undertake to promote understanding respect and dialogue with all people.

We give thanks for the life of the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre, for all that we already share, and we seek forgiveness for what is sinful in our divisions.

We affirm our intent talent to work and pray together for that unity which is Christ's will for his church.

We therefore covenant together as chaplains to work as an ecumenical Chaplaincy Team, working together with agreed priorities and actions.

This covenant enjoys the goodwill, support and blessings of our respective church leaders or representatives, and by Somerset Churches Together, and Bath Christian Action Network.

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