

CAROL: *In the bleak midwinter*

6th LESSON Luke 2. 1 and 3- 7 read by Lizzie McLeod-Turabi

ORGAN Voluntary: JS Bach (1685-1750): Chorale prelude on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" (BWV 659)

CHOIR: *Away in a Manger*

7th LESSON Luke 2. 8-16 read by Pauline Harrison

CHOIR: *Ding dong merrily on high*

CAROL: *While shepherd's watched*

8th LESSON Matthew 2. 1-12 read by Meg Coleman

CHOIR: *People Look East*

CAROL: *O come, all ye faithful*

9th LESSON John 1. 1-14 read by Fr. Robert

CAROL: *Hark the Herald*

Collect and Blessing – Fr. Robert

ORGAN POSTLUDE: J.S. Bach (1685-1750) - Fantasia in G Major (BWV 572)

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2020

Christmas Concert



Welcome to our Christmas Carol Concert!

In former, more normal, years this service was called 'Nine Lessons and Carols'. This year's change of title reflects the demands that have been placed on us by COVID, and our creative solution to the pandemic. Unlike previous years there is NO congregational singing or live choir. However, our choir have been recording special pieces over a number of weeks for tonight so we hope and pray that the joy and solemnity of the season will still be encountered.

The recordings are available on a CD which will be given to you to mark this night and 2020 Christmas Season. We hope and pray that the hope of the Christmas message will be realised next year and we will once again gather with full hearts and voices.

Finally, I would like to thank the Organist, our Director of Music, Keith and the choir for all their talent and hard work over several weeks in what have been unbelievable circumstances. We, in return, have the simple and joyous task of sharing in their gift.

Fr. Robert

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE:

- *Observe 2 metre social distancing.*
- *Be guided by the sidesmen.*
- *Follow any instructions given by the priest.*
- *Masks must be worn.*
- *NO communal singing inc. do NOT sing the Carols.*

*This and other Christmas Services will be Live-Streamed via **facebook**.
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ORGAN VOLUNTARIES before the service include:

- A. Guilmant (1837-1911) - Noel Ecossais (Scotch Carol)
- J.S. Bach (1685-1750) - Chorale prelude on "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" (BWV 645)
- J. Pachelbel (1653-1706) - Chorale prelude on "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her"

CAROL: Once in royal David's city solo by Ella Howson

Traditional Introduction Fr. Robert

1st LESSON Genesis 3. 8-15 and 17-19 read by Nicholas Robinson

ORGAN Voluntary: D. Buxtehude (1637-1707): Chorale prelude on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"

Choir: Adam Lay Ybounden

2nd LESSON Genesis 22. 15-18 read by Chloe Mason

CAROL: It came upon a midnight clear

3rd LESSON Isaiah 9. 2 and 6 and 7 read by Annabel Crowe

ORGAN Voluntary: J.S.Bach (1685-1750): Chorale prelude on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" (BWV 599)

CHOIR: Coventry Carol

4th LESSON Micah 5. 2-4 read by Fade Solanke-Mitterer

CHOIR: The Angel Gabriel

CAROL: O little town of Bethlehem

5th LESSON Luke 1. 26-35 and 38 read by Stephen Brooks

CHOIR: Infant holy