



# Kleinwort Benson Carol Service

Wednesday 16 December 2009

6pm Town Church

 **Kleinwort Benson**

All members of the congregation are requested to check that their mobile telephones have been switched off prior to the start of the service. Please stand for the hymns and be seated for the readings.

## The Gathering

### Carol

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

### Introduction

By The Very Reverend Bob Key, Dean of Jersey

## First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2,6,7

The prophecy of the Messiah's birth

Read by Ron Treby

## Carol

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

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

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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

## Second Reading

St. Luke 1: 26-38  
The Annunciation to Mary  
Read by Helen Osmand

## Choir - The Cantabile Ensemble

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came  
Words: Basque carol; trans. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

## Third Reading

St. Luke 2: 1-7  
The birth of Jesus  
Read by Ramsay Family Member

## Carol

Away in a manger,  
No crib for His 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

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,  
'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven  
To live with Thee there

## Fourth Reading

St. Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to the manger

Read by Angus Taylor, Managing Director of Kleinwort Benson, Jersey

### Carol

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.'

## Fifth Reading

St. Matthew 2: 1-1

Wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Read by Anthony Beckett

### Carol

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to rein

O Star of wonder...

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Pray'r and praising, all men raising  
Worship Him, God most high

O Star of wonder...

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

O Star of wonder...

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies

O Star of wonder...

## Gospel Acclamation

(please remain standing)

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**All: Alleluia.**

## Sixth Reading

John 1: 1-14

The Incarnation of the Word of God

Read by Nick Freeland

## Address

The Very Rev'd Bob Key, Dean of Jersey

## Carol

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;  
Only-begotten Son of the Father;

O come, let us adore him...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore him

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that happy morning;  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore him

## Prayers

Led by Nigel Strachan

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
let us pray in the words our Saviour gave us

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen**

## Carol

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

Christ, by highest heav'n 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

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun 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

## The Dismissal

### Blessing

May the Father,  
who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world,  
shed that love upon you his children.

**All: Amen.**

May Christ,  
who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with joy and peace.

**All: Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
by whose overshadowing Mary became the Godbearer,  
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

**All: Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

### Organist:

Kenneth Francis

### Choir:

The Cantabile Ensemble

Please take this order of service away with you.

A retiring collection will be taken for The Anthony Nolan Trust and St. Helier Parish Church.

Refreshments will be served in the Celestial Hall at the Royal Yacht Hotel, immediately after the service.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Kleinwort Benson



