



A SERVICE OF  
NINE LESSONS & CAROLS  
SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

THE SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 22 December 2024 11.00am

The service is led by Rev Phil Campbell

The choir is directed by Douglas Lawrence AM

The organist is Jennifer Chou

The brass players are: Trumpet: David Farrands, Bruno Siketa

French Horn: Tom Campbell, Trombone: Kieran Conrau

Bass Trombone: Alex Hurst, Timpani: Timothy Phillips

### Prelude

Musette on 'Forest Green'

Berceuse on 'Cradle Song'

Pastiche on 'Adeste fideles'

June Nixon (born 1942)

Introit A babe is born I wys, this world to joy and bliss, His joy shall never  
fade and miss, and Jesus is his name.

On Christmas Day at morn, this little child was born to save us all that were  
forlorn, and Jesus is his name.

On Easter Day so swythe, He rose from death to life to make us all both glad  
and blythe, and Jesus is his name.

Frederick Bainton (1870-1956)

### Call to Worship

Processional Hymn 315  
(Choir and Congregation)

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

(Sung by Master Danny Reid)

**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.

(Choir and Congregation)

**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 meek and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. And our eyes at last shall see  
him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that Child so dear and helpless  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

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,  
where his children gather round,  
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Music: Irby arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

### **Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

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.

### First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15 Read by Dr Rosemary Fethers

The disobedience of Adam and Eve and the fall from Grace.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Choir Adam lay Ybounden

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady abeen heaven'e queen. Blessed be the time that apple take was, therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias.

Text: Anon. 15<sup>th</sup> Century

Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

## Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18 Read by Mr Douglas Robertson

The call of Abraham, and the promise of blessing to his descendants.

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Hymn 301 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing  
(Choir and Congregation)

Mendelssohn

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 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,  
pleas'd as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King'.

3. 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'.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) arranged by Vaughan McAlley (born 1970)

### Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7 Read by Ms Felicity Young  
The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

### Choir        Magpie Morning

Angel voices in the leaves, Dry as dust and ash: Magpie morning, pollen crowned, Vita frui beata. (The first fruits of a blessed life)  
A shawl of thunder and a whip bird at her shoulder, the bell-bird calls her name: Ave, regina virginum. (Hail, heavenly queen)  
Rain clouds full of morning stars. Twilight falls on asphalt:  
Magpie morning, pollen crowned, Vita frui beata.  
A shawl of thunder and a whip bird at her shoulder, the bell-bird calls her name: Ave, regina virginum.

Text: Katherine Firth (born 1979)

Music: Vaughan McAlley

## Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9 Read by Mr Aaron Seru

The peace that Christ will bring is declared.

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Choir                    Ding Dong! Merrily on High  
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  
E'en so here below, below let steeple bells be swungen and i-o, i-o, i-o by  
priest and people be sungen Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis  
Pray ye dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers may ye beautifully  
rime your evetime song, ye singers Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

Old French Carol arranged by David Willcocks

## Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38 Read by Ms Buwanika Weerasinha

The angel Gabriel greets Mary, the mother of our Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" But she was

greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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 father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Offertory Hymn 331      Unto Us a Boy is Born      Puer Nobis  
(Choir and Congregation)

*\*\*During this hymn your freewill offerings will be received. If you're a guest today, please do not feel an obligation to contribute. Please use the special envelopes for donations to the Flemington Mission Christmas Appeal. You can place them in the plate or attach them to the Christmas tree before or after the service.*

1. Unto us a boy is born!  
King of all creation,  
came he to a world forlorn,  
the Lord of every nation,  
the Lord of every nation.

2. Cradled in a stall was he  
with sleepy cows and asses;  
but the very beasts could see  
that he all folk surpasses,  
that he all folk surpasses.

3. Herod then with fear was filled;  
'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!  
All the little boys he killed  
at Bethl'em in his fury,  
at Bethl'em in his fury.

4. Now may Mary's son, who came  
so long ago to love us,  
lead us all with hearts aflame  
unto the joys above us,  
unto the joys above us.

5. Omega and Alpha he!  
Let the organ thunder,  
while we sing our songs with glee  
and rend the air asunder,  
and rend the air asunder.

Text: Latin, 15<sup>th</sup> Century  
Music: Melody Piaie Cantiones, 1582  
Arranged by Christopher Willcock  
(born 1947)

## Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-23 Read by Mrs Sirisha Joel

St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Choir In the Bleak Midwinter

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. 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. 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. What can 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; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

## Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:1-16 Read by Mr Bruce Evans

The shepherds go to the manger.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house



and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Hymn 324      Angels From the Realms of Glory  
(Choir and Congregation)

Iris

1. Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Come and worship  
Christ, the new-born King.  
Come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born  
King

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flock by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light;  
Refrain

Text: J. Montgomery (1771-1854)  
Music: English Traditional Melody  
Arranged by Christopher Willcock

3. Wise men, leave your  
contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star;  
Refrain

4. Though an infant now we view him,  
he will share his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
every knee shall then bow down.  
Refrain

5. All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One;  
Refrain

## Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11 Read by Mrs Deb Court

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

### Choir                    The Three Kings

Three Kings from Persian lands afar, to Jordan follow the pointing star:  
and this the quest of the travellers three, where the new-born King of the  
Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are  
their offering. The star shines out with a steadfast ray, the kings to  
Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee,  
as Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the King;  
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. Thou Child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The Kings are travelling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of  
grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou  
canst not bring; Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874) arranged by Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

## Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14 Read by Rev Phil Campbell

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Prayer

## Benediction

Recessional Hymn 306  
(Choir and Congregation)

O Come All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

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;

2. God of God,  
Light of light,  
Lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God,  
begotten, not created;  
Refrain

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
'Glory to God, in the highest';  
Refrain

Text: Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> Century

Music: Possibly by J.F. Wade (1711-1786)

Adeste Fideles arranged by David Willcocks

Postlude 'Unto us is born a child' from the 'Messiah'  
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

Christmas/New Year **at Scots'**

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 11.30pm

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am

Sunday Services – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – 11.00am & 5pm

Offering



The offering taken today will be donated to the Flemington Mission Christmas Appeal. Donations can be placed in the offering bowls at the entrance to the Church or you can hang an envelope on the tree. The envelopes for the tree are at the welcome desk.



The people of The Scots' Church first gathered in 1838, and since 1874 have worshipped at the present building. All who share in the basis of our faith are encouraged to apply for membership. If you're new to Scots', please introduce yourself on the card in your seat. Fill it in and leave it at the foyer desk, or scan the QR code with your phone and give us your contact details online. We'd love to make you welcome and keep you in touch with happenings at Scots'.