



Welcome, all wonders in one sight!

Eternity, shut in a span.

Summer in winter. Day in night.

Heaven in earth, and God in man.

Great little one, whose all-embracing birth

Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

Richard Crashaw.

CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL
CAROL SERVICE
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Please take this Order of Service away with you

School Carol Service

CHOIR ENTRY:

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held:
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace,
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LESSON: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Read by a member of the 2nd forms.

Isaiah 40, v. 1-5.

CONGREGATION:

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,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light;
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of Nations;
Ye have seen his natal star;
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long with hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear;
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

LESSON: God creates the heaven and the earth.

Read by a member of the 3rd forms.

Genesis 1, v. 1-10.

CHOIR: "Adam lay y bounden."

LESSON: Abraham sets out to find the true God.

Read by a member of the 4th forms.

Genesis 12, v. 1-5

CONGREGATION:

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 plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high:

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

Glorious now, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heaven sings alleluya,
Alleluya the earth replies:

LESSON: The Saviour is promised.

Read by a member of the Vth forms.

Isaiah 11, v. 1-9.

CHOIR: "Gabriel's Message."

"I saw three ships."

CONGREGATION:

While shepherd 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;
Goodwill henceforth from Heaven to men
Begin and never cease."

LESSON: The Saviour is announced.

Read by a member of the L.VIth forms. St. Luke 1, v. 26-35; 38.

CHOIR: "Cherry Tree Carol."

LESSON: The Saviour is born.

Read by a member of the VIth form. St. Luke 2, v. 1-7.

CHOIR: "Shepherd of Bethlehem."

"Ding dong merrily on high.

CONGREGATION:

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky look'd down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in 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 until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray!
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care.
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

LESSON: The Saviour is worshipped.

Read by the Vice-Captain of the School. St. Luke 2, v. 8-20.

CHOIR: "Christmas Song—Praetorius."

CONGREGATION:

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid!
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

LESSON: The Adoration of the Magi.

Read by the Captain of the School.

St. Matthew 2, v. 1-14.

CHOIR: "In Dulci Jubilo."

LESSON: Thanksgiving for the Saviour's birth.

Read by a member of the Staff.

St. Luke 2, v. 25-33.

CONGREGATION:

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 heavens adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:

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,
Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings.
Risen with healing in his wings:

LESSON: The Saviour is preached.

Read by the Headmaster.

St. John 1, v. 1-14.

CONGREGATION:

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.

True God of true God,
Light of Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
Begotten, not created:

Sing, choir of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above:
"Glory to God
In the highest":

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wings;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world gives back the song
Which now the angels sing.