St. Matthew's Carol Service 2016

Service outline

Song: The King has come - Eoghan Heaslip - Band solo

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 - Unto us a child is born

Carol: O come, O come, Emmanuel - Organ + congregation

Reading: Luke 1:5-15a; 23-25 - The birth of John the Baptist foretold

Reading: Luke 1:26-38 - The birth of Jesus foretold

Carol: Once in royal David's city

- Choir v1, v2

- Congregation v3 onwards

- Soprano and Tenor parts

Reading: Luke 2:1-7 - The birth of Jesus

Carol: O little town of Bethlehem - Band + choir + congregation

- Congregational throughout
- Soprano and Tenor parts

Reading: Luke 2: 8-20 - The Shepherds and the Angels

Carol: Hark the herald angels sing - Organ + Choir (ST) + congregation

- Congregational throughout
- Soprano and Tenor parts

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 - The visit of the Magi

Song: In the bleak midwinter (Band + choir solo)

- V1 Men
- V2 Women
- V3, V4 all

Song: God rest ye merry gentlemen (<u>Band + choir + congregation - Adam lead</u>)

- Choir at front
- Choir to sing words except when singing 'ah's

Reading: Micah 5:2-5 (restoration/shepherd/peace) or Titus 3:3-7 (Grace / eternal life)

Song: Joy has dawned upon the world - Band + choir + Louise lead

- Congregational, led by band
- Choir to sing 'ah's
- 'Gloria.... In excelsis Deo' added to end

Talk

Song: When Hope came down - Band solo

- Louise lead

Prayers

Carol: O come, all ye faithful - Organ + Choir + congregation

- Congregational throughout
- Soprano and Tenor parts
- Descant for final verse

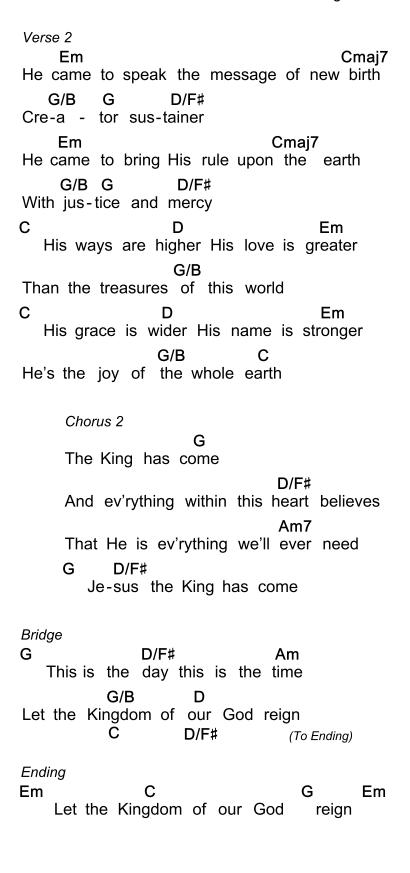
Blessing

"Surprise": Christmas Hallelujah - Band + Pads to lead

The King Has Come

Words and Music by Eoghan Heaslip and Neil Bennetts

Key - G Verse 1 Cmaj7 He came so we could know the Father's love The Sav-iour the Healer Em Cmai7 He came to seek and save all that was lost G/B G D/F# Re-stor-er Re-deemer C Em Light in the darkness help to the helpless G/B A song for those who mourn C Em Strength for the weary friend to the lonely He's the joy of the whole earth Chorus 1 The King has come D/F# The glorious the awesome Son of God Am7 The beautiful the sov'reign Lord of love G D/F# Je-sus the King has come D/F# D (To Chorus 2) Instrumental C Em G



O Come O Come Emmanuel

Translated by John Mason Neale

Organ + congregation

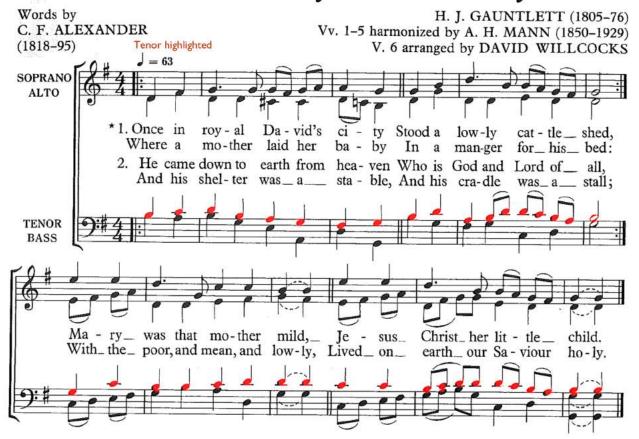
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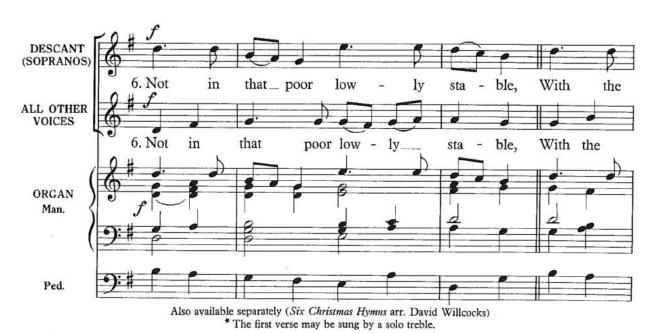


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61. Once in royal David's city

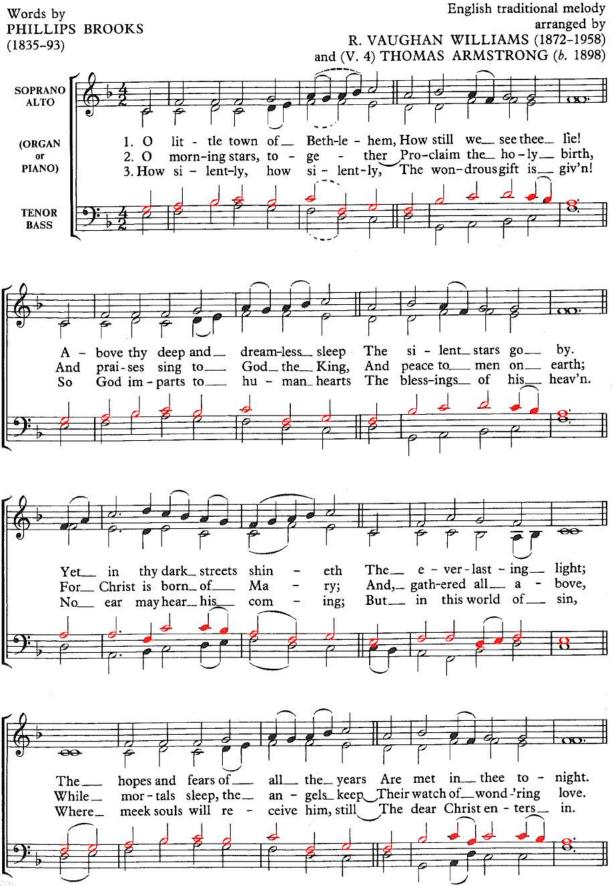


- For he is our childhood's pattern,
 Day by day like us he grew,
 He was little, weak and helpless,
 Tears and smiles like us he knew;
 And he feeleth for our sadness,
 And he shareth in our gladness.
- 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above; And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.





57. O little town of Bethlehem



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For alternative tune by Walford Davies, see p. 382.

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23. Hark! the herald-angels sing



Melody, and harmony for vv. 1 and 2, adapted by W. H. Cummings (1831–1915) from a chorus by Mendelssohn. Verses 1 and 2 may be sung by unison voices with organ if desired.

*Deity pronounced Dee - ity Also available separately (Five Christmas Carols arr. David Willcocks)

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.

In The Bleak Midwinter

Words by Christina Georgina Rossetti Music by Gustav Theodore Holst

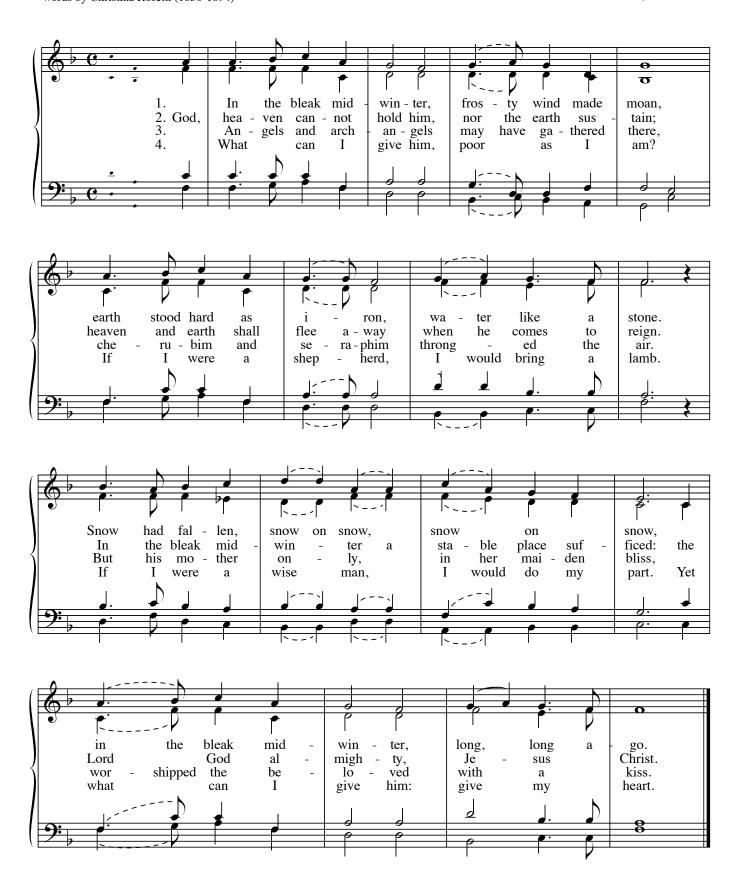


Band + Choir V1 - Men V2 - Women V3 / 4 - All (S/T)

In the Bleak Midwinter

words by Christina Rosetti (1830-1894)

music: Cranham, Gustav Holst



God rest you merry gentlemen

Traditional/The Jubliate Group/Arr. Dimmick

Intro

Verse 1

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!
For Jesus Christ our sa - viour was born on Christmas Day;
(Backing: Ahh...)

To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:

Chorus - All

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy!

Verse 2

From God our heavenly Father a holy angel came;
The shepherds saw the glory and heard the voice proclaim (Backing: Ahh...)
That Christ was born in Bethlehem and Jesus is His name

All: O tidings of comfort and joy...

Band, Choir - Congregational throughout

- Adam to lead
- All sing first four lines of verses
- Choir sing 'Ah' during last two lines of verses
- All sing choruses

Verse 3

The shepherds at these tidings
Rejoiced in heart and mind,
And on the darkened hillside
They left their flocks behind,
(Backing: Ahh...)
And went to Bethlehem straightaway
This holy child to find:

All: O tidings of comfort and joy ...

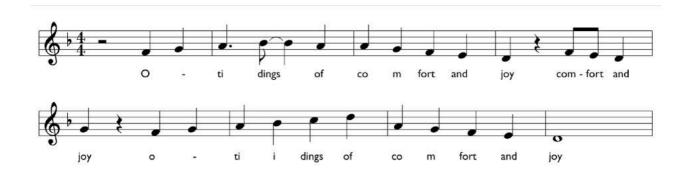
Verse 4 - ALL

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All people in this place!
With Christian love and fellowship
Each other now embrace,
And let this Christmas festival
All bitterness displace:

All: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort

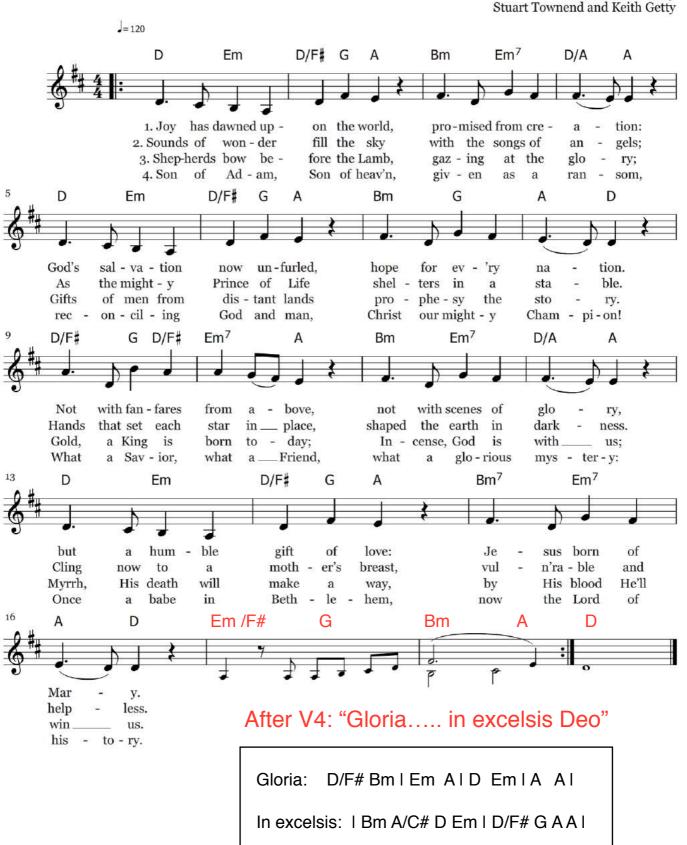
And

joy!



- Congregational throughout
- Choir singing 'Ah's

Words and Music by



Joy Has Dawned

Key of G

When Hope came down

Kari Jobe

Verse 1

G2

So this is how it was

C2

A silent night like any other

G2

When heaven sent the One

C2

The One we would call our Savior

Am G/B

And redemption began

C2 Am7(b5)/C

In a stable in Beth - le - hem

Chorus

G

All of the angels lifted up their voices

C2

And filled the night with hallelujahs

Bm7 C2

God is with us now

G

Everyone come and join the heavenly chorus

C2

Our Savior King is here before us

Bm7 C2

O to hear the sound

Bm7 C

G

The song creation sang when Hope came down

Verse 2

G

So this was truly God

C

Wrapped up in a tattered blanket

G

Hope was finally here

C

Sleeping while the world awakened

Am G/B

And redemption began

C Am7(b5)/C

With a baby in bethlehem

Chorus

Bridge

C2 D

So let us sing redemption songs

Em D/F#

Let us worship Christ the Holy One

C2 [

We were lost but we were found

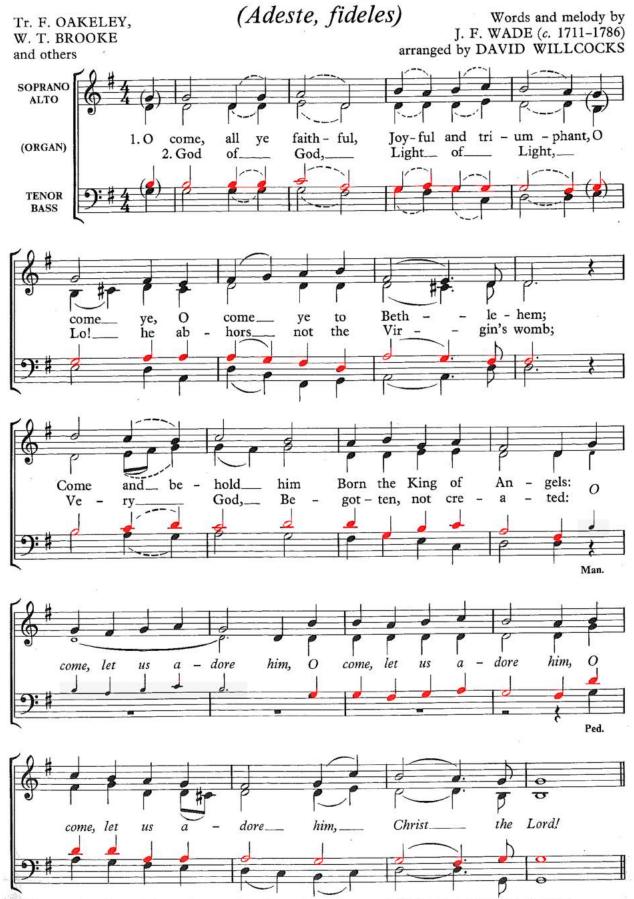
G2

When Hope came down

Chorus

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54. O come, all ye faithful



Note: Verses 1-5 may be sung by unison voices and organ, S.A.T.B. voices and organ, or voices unaccompanied as desired. Verses 3-5 may be omitted. The harmonies used for verses 1-5 are from The English Hymnal.

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A Hallelujah Christmas

Cloverton

Intro: C Am (4x)

C Am I've heard about this baby boy Who's come to earth to bring us joy G And I just want to sing this song to you It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth The minor fall, the major lift With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallel Break: C Am (2x) C Am A couple came to Bethlehem Expecting child, they searched the inn G To find a place for You were coming soon There was no room for them to stay So in a manger filled with hay God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallel

Break: C Am (2x) - Strings in

C Am The shepherds left their flocks by night C Am To see this baby wrapped in light G A host of angels led them all to You It was just as the angels said Am You'll find Him in a manger bed E/D Am Ε Emmanuel and Savior, Hallelujah C/E G C Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallel u jah Break: C Am (2x) C A star shown bright up in the east C To Bethlehem, the wise-men three G Came many miles and journeyed long for You C And to the place at which You were Their frankincense and gold and myrrh G They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallel u jah

Break: C Am (2x)

C Am I know You came to rescue me Am This baby boy would grow to be G A man and one day die for me and you My sins would drive the nails in You That rugged cross was my cross, too Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah Am C/E G Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallel ujah Am C/E G Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallel u jah

Outro: Break: C Am C Am F Fm C