

St. Matthew's Church



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 7.00 pm

**A Service of Lessons and Carols
With Music From
Saint-Saëns *Christmas Oratorio***

Led by: The Reverend Peter Watkins

**Organ: Richard Thomas
Piano: Ken Williams
Conductor: Phiroz Dalal**

**St. Matthew's Church,
North Common Road
Ealing, London W5**

Introit

O magnum mysterium (William Byrd)

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepio

*O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the new born Lord
lying in their manger!*

Beata Virgo cujus viscera meruerunt
Portare Dominum Christum.

*Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy
to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ave Maria gratia plena
Dominus tecum

*Hail Virgin Mary, full of grace art thou
God is with thee.*

Processional hymn

1
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

2
O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

3
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

4
O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

5
O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times did'st give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

Opening sentences and the lighting of the Advent Candle

First lesson

Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings;
Glad tidings of the King of Kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent doth thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

Second lesson

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Glory be unto God in the highest!
And on earth peace
Peace be on earth, goodwill unto all men.

Glory be unto God in the highest!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord our God!
And on earth peace,
Peace, goodwill to all men,
Goodwill to all men!

Third lesson

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Christmas Oratorio

Wherefore do the heathen clamour?
Why do the nations imagine vain and
foolish things?

Glory, glory unto the Father, and unto
the Holy Spirit! As it was in the
beginning, is now and ever, shall be,
world without end, Amen.

Fourth lesson

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Arise now, Daughter of Zion! Alleluia.
Praise God, praise God in the night,
praise Him in the first watches of the
night. Alleluia.
That Zion's true glory might be
manifested,
that her Saviour might rise and shine
before all nations, Alleluia.

Fifth lesson

Address by the Reverend Peter Watkins, Vicar of St. Matthew's Church

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Praise ye the Lord of hosts,
Sing his salvation,
bless his name, show forth his praise in
His holy house;

Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful, on earth,
rejoice in the face of the Lord,
for He cometh, Alleluia.
Rejoice ye angels, rejoice all ye nations,
now in the face of the Lord,
for He cometh, Alleluia.

Sixth lesson

Prayers

Hymn

The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on,
To set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.

W

As Judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And his true members all unite
With him in heaven to reign.

All glory to the Son
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

Responses

Minister: Judah and Jerusalem fear not nor be dismayed.

All: Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.

Minister: Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

All: Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

All: Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.

THE BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

Recessional Hymn

Lo, He comes with clouds descending
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign

Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him
Pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Retiring collection in aid of church funds

St Matthew's Christmas Programme

*Sunday 18 December – 6.00pm
The St Matthew's Christmas Show*

*Saturday 24 December – 3.30pm
Christingle Service*

*Saturday 24 December – 11.30 pm
Midnight Mass*

*Sunday 25 December – 10.30
Christmas Day Service*