



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Adoration of the Shepherds J. Bautista 16th century.

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday 18th December 2022
10.30am

Hymn 177

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.

(Solo)

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 mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

(Choir only)

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all should be
kind, obedient, good as he.

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.

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.

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;
when like stars his children
all in white shall wait around.

Bidding and Lord's Prayer

1st Lesson Genesis 3: 8-15, 22-24 - The Fall of man –

Choir: The truth from above – English traditional arr. R. Vaughan Williams

2nd Lesson Genesis 22: 15-18, 22-24 - Promise to Abraham -

Choir: Lord, when you came to earth – Barry Rose

3rd Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7 - Prophecy of the Messiah's birth –

HYMN 184 –Unto us a child is born

Unto us is born a son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
of lords the Lord eternal.
of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their Owner know
becradled in a manger.
becradled in a manger.

This did Herod sore affray, **(Men Only)**
and did him bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay,
and slew the little childer.
and slew the little childer.

Of his love and mercy mild **(Ladies & children)**
this the Christmas story:
O that Mary's gentle Child
might lead us up to glory!
Might lead us up to glory!

We adore him A and O,
cum cantibus in choro,
let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino.
Benedicamus Domino.

4th Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-9
The Prophecy of the Messiah's Kingdom

Choir: O little town of Bethlehem - Bob Chilcott

5th Lesson St Luke 1: 26-33, 38 - The Annunciation of our Lord

Choir: Annunciation – Capt. Charles J Brennan

Mary's Magnificat – Andrew Carter

6th Lesson St. Luke 2: 1-7 - The birth of Jesus

Vocal Duet This peaceful night – Don Besig

Choir: Gabriel's Message – Edgar Pettman

7th Lesson St. Luke 2: 8-16 - The Shepherds go to the manger

Choir: Away in a manger – arr. Philip Ledger

HYMN 188

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 swaddling clothes,
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 earth
Begin, and never cease."

8th Lesson St. Matthew 2: 1-11- The Magi are led by a star

Choir: A Christmas Blessing – Philip Stopford

9th Lesson (Gospel) *All stand* John: 1: 1 – 14 - St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

The Rector

Hymn 172 (v.1,2,3,6,7b)

*During which a collection will be taken up for the Simon Community
There will also be a collection plate on the way out of church.*

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
To Bethlehem hasten now with glad accord;
Come and behold him
born, the King of angels:

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:

See how the shepherds,
summoned to the cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:

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

Yea, Lord, we bless thee,
born for our salvation;
Jesu! For ever be thy Name adored!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:

Prayer, Collect and Blessing

Recessional Hymn 160

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 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.
Pleased as Man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

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.

Organ: Final (Symphonie No 1) – Louis Vierne



With thanks to all our readers and musicians and a Merry Christmas to all!



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN ST JOHN'S MALONE 2022 / 2023

Advent IV Sunday 18th December

10.30am Nine Lessons & Carols - Parish Carol Service

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

11.15pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

9.00am The Eucharist

10.30am A Christmas Morning Service

St Stephen's Day 26 December Eucharist 10.30am

St John's Day 27 December Eucharist 10.30am

The Holy Innocents 28 December 10.30am

**Christmas I Sunday 1st January 2023 The Naming & Circumcision of
Jesus**

9:00am Eucharist *said in the Side Chapel*

10.30am Eucharist

The Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday 8th January

9:00am Eucharist *said in the Side Chapel* ; 10.30am Sunday First & Holy
Baptism

**A happy and holy Christmas to all our friends &
Parishioners!**

