

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday 4 December



Acknowledgement of Country

Introductory Performance – Christmas Day

By Gustav Holst, Senior Choir and Orchestra

Welcome

Mr Tony George Headmaster, The King's School

Carol: Once in Royal David's City

H.J Gauntlett, Orchestration D. Forrest Verse 1 performed by Daniel Delafaille (Year 5) The King's School, Preparatory School

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

Congregation joins verse 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 mean and lowly Lived on earth our Saviour holy And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n 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 crowned all in white shall gather round.

Lesson 1: Isaiah 9:1-7

Read by Ms Shannon O'Dwyer Deputy Head – Academics, The King's School, Preparatory School

Bidding Prayer

Mrs Belinda Baxter

Deputy Head – Students and Community, The King's School,

Preparatory School

Performance: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Traditional, arr. Paul Thompson

Combined Preparatory and Senior School Choirs

Vocal Soloists: Alexander Young (Year 6)

Aryan Ghosh (Year 7)

Violin Soloist: Harry Wang (Year 11)

Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-9

Read by Aredith Janarth, School Captain 2023 The King's School, Senior School

Performance: Gabriel's Message

The King's School, Preparatory School Years 3-6 Accompanied by Keyboard and String Ensemble

Lesson 3: Luke 1:26-38

Read by Mr Peter Allison Head of School The King's School, Preparatory School

Carol: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Traditional, Arr. D.Forrest Congregation

Angels from the realms of glory Wing your flight o'er all the earth Ye who sang creation's story Now proclaim the Messiah's birth

Chorus Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds in the field abiding Watching o'er your flocks by night God with man is now residing Yonder shines the infant Light

Chorus Gloria in excelsis Deo

Saints before the altar bending Watching long in hope and fear Suddenly the Lord descending In His temple shall appear

Chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo

All creation, join in praising God the Father Spirit Son Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One.

Chorus Gloria in excelsis Deo

Lesson 4: Matthew 1:18-23

Read by Keshon Jayasuriya School Captain 2022 The King's School, Preparatory School

Preparatory School Performance: The Silver Stars

Lesson 5: Luke 2:1-7

Read by Mrs Jackie Camilleri Deputy Head – Academics The King's School, Senior School

Carol: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Este's Psalter, Orchestration D.Forrest Congregation

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 The 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 on the earth be peace Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men Begin and never cease

Lesson 6: Matthew 2:1-12

Read by Reverend Stephen Edwards

Deputy Headmaster and Head of Senior School

The King's School

Performance: O Silent and Holy Night

A. Adam, F. Z Gruber, medley arranged for solo voice. Soloist: Zaki Slamang, Year 11

Carol: Away in a Manger

W.J Kirkpatrick, Arr. D. Wilcocks, Orchestration D.Forrest 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
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love You Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask you to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
In your tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with you there

Lesson 7: John 1:1-14

Read by Mr Tony George Headmaster, The King's School

Carol: Adeste Fidelis (O Come all Ye Faithful)

Traditional, Arr. D. Wilcocks, Orchestration D.Forrest 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

Refrain:

O come let us adore him O come let us adore him 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

Refrain:

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

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above Glory to God all glory in the highest

Refrain:

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

Yea, Lord we greet thee born this happy morning Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n Word of the Father now in flesh appearing

Refrain:

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

Concluding Remarks

Reverend Dr Jason Hobba Director of Christian Community and School Chaplain The King's School

Prayers

Kaylen La Brooy Chaplaincy Monitor 2023 The King's School

Carol: Joy to the World

G.F Handel, Arr. C. Johnson Congregation

Joy to the world the Lord is come Let Earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room And Heaven and nature sing And Heaven and nature sing And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing Joy to the Earth the Saviour reigns Let all their songs employ While fields and floods rocks hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy Repeat the sounding joy Repeat repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love And wonders of His love And wonders wonders of His love

Joy to the world the Lord is come Let Earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room And Heaven and nature sing And Heaven and nature sing And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing

The Blessing

Reverend Dr Jason Hobba

