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SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2012, 6.30PM

## WELCOME TO THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE CHRISTIAN UNION CAROL SERVICE



**1. 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.

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.

3. 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 must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he.

4. 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.

6. 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 wait around.

### **Reading—Isaiah 9:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan –

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,

The Christian Union would like to thank:

Speaker—Mark O'Donoghue, Christ Church Kensington

Organist—Chris Ma, Royal College of Music

Imperial College Wind Band

Imperial College Gospel Choir

Please join us for our Christmas Party in Huxley 308, with music, games and mince pies!

to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and for ever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

**1. O little town of Bethlehem**

How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

2. For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And Peace to men on earth

3. How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

**Reading—John 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him  
nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all  
mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome<sup>[a]</sup> it.  
<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify  
concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the  
light; he came only as a witness to the light.  
<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the  
world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him.  
<sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who  
did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children

of God – <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.  
<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**1. 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.*

2. 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 man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

3. 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.

*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

**Reading—Luke 2:1-20**

**1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,**

All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

2. ‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind);  
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.’

3. ‘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.’

3. ‘The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.’

4. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:

5. ‘All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.’

**Mark O’Donoghue—Christmas**

**1. 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.*

2. God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created.

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

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
‘Glory to God  
In the highest.’  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*