



THIS CHILD - EMMANUEL

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

S. Thomas' College, Bandarawela

Sunday, 1st December, 2019

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The service will proceed without announcements)

1. *Processional Carol - Once in royal David's city*
2. *The Bidding Prayer*
3. *Special carol - On Christmas day*
4. *First Lesson*
5. *Primary School Choir Carol - I'd sing you a song*
6. *Second Lesson*
7. *Staff carol - ඌක අඳුර දුරු වෙලා*
8. *Congregational Carol - What child is this?*
9. *Third Lesson*
10. *Primary School Choir Carol - Christmas Canon*
11. *Fourth Lesson*
12. *Special Carol (Tamil) - நமக்கொரு பாலன் பிறந்தார்*
13. *Fifth Lesson*
14. *Staff carol - For unto us a child is born*
15. *Congregational Carol - Angels we have heard on high*
16. *Sixth Lesson*
17. *Special Carol - This Child*
18. *Seventh Lesson*
19. *Special Carol - ேட்டி ஞாவெ*
20. *Eighth Lesson*
21. *Congregational Carol - Unto us is born a Son*
22. *Offertory Prayer*
23. *Special Carol - Emmanuel (A sign shall be given)*
24. *Ninth Lesson*
25. *The Christmas Message*
26. *Special Carol - He shall reign forevermore*
27. *Closing Prayer*
28. *The Lord's Prayer*
29. *Final Blessing*
30. *Congregational Carol - Silent Night*

1. PROCESSIONAL CAROL

Congregation will stand and join in singing.

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Solo Once in royal David's city *Words: C.F. Alexander*
 Stood a lowly cattle shed, *Music: H. J. Gauntlett*
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for His bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir only 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.

Congregation shall join 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.

 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 heav'n above;
 And He leads His children on
 To the place where He is gone.

NATIVITY CHARACTERS 2019

Shepherds

Stephan S. Hewage	1A1
Mevon S. Pothuwila	1A2
Mindina S.B. Wijekoon	1A3
K. Sashwin	1B
P. Luke Lemuel	1B
P. Elaisha Jevon	1B
Shalom Goforth	2A1
Athik A. Kospelawatta	2A3
Jerose D. Mark	2B

Angels

Nigel S. Landsberger	1A2
Praveen De Silva	1A3
Reshin U. Kumarasinghe	1A3
Shevin T. Mapadeniya	1A3
R. Prathishari	1B
Eagan S. Dayalan	2A1
Thevin R. Silva	2A1
Janeth I. Augustin	2A3
Malcolm J. Jackson	2B

Mary

Shanoli Rathnayake	2A2
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Joseph

Jerome Weerasekara	2A2
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Kings

A. Adriaan Manish	1B
Ayon Akash	2A2
Olin D. Alexander	2B

Star

Stellone L. Ariyawansa	2A1
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STAFF CHOIR 2019

Mr. S. Surendrakumar
Mr. Shanon Dason
Mr. Roshan Jacob
Mr. Anton Jackson
Mr. Jude Narangoda
Mr. Dominian Mark
Mrs. Medos Jackson
Mrs. Doris Cruze
Mrs. Nirmala Cooray
Mrs. Naleena Amirthanayagam
Mrs. Chinthia Dissanayake
Mrs. Nisha Seneviratne
Mrs. Elizabeth Rozairo
Mrs. Kokila Surendrakumar
Mrs. Shamalee D.G
Mrs. Vathsala Gnanamalar
Mrs. Sewandhi Gunarathne
Mrs. Shanika Wimalasena
Mrs. Ishanka Gunathilake
Mrs. Gracy Miranda
Mrs. S.J.M. Ruckshila
Mrs. Ramona Pereira
Mrs. Melaniya Wijeyrajah
Mrs. Sumi Gnananesan
Mrs. Beatrice De Souza
Mrs. Dilanka Wijesinghe
Mrs. Fahma Farook
Mrs. Jessica Seneviratne
Mrs. Jenisha Loganathan
Mrs. Tanya Raymond
Miss. Rebecca Mihirani
Miss. Jennifer Jebadurai
Miss. Chathurangi Bandara
Miss. Chamali Lakshika
Miss. Sandya Vithanage
Miss. Ranjani Sriyalatha
Miss. Sumithra Madurangani
Miss. Julianna Vas

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;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around

2. THE BIDDING PRAYER - *Revd. Joel Jackson, Chaplain*

God our Father, we gather together today to hear with joy the message brought by angels. We are here to journey in heart and mind to Bethlehem, to reflect on the nativity of our Saviour, and to bow in adoration and humility before your throne. Heavenly Father, our hearts are full of praise for the Christ Child, Immanuel. His lowly cradle on earth was down at the level of poor and humble people like the shepherds who knelt before him. We also bow in adoration and worship before you, through carols and through listening to the Holy Word. Through Jesus Christ you have blessed all human beings. May we recognise your image in others, and care for all your children. May the hope this Child Jesus brought into the world be seen in our hearts, our words and our actions, for His sake. Amen

3. SPECIAL CAROL (Choir only) *Please be seated*

ON CHRISTMAS DAY

1. On Christmas day, a humble girl
gives birth to hope for all the world,
this is Immanuel.
How awesome and mysterious,
the Lord of heaven draws near to us,
this is Immanuel.
*By Resound Worship
Matt Osgood*
2. The hands that once split night from day
now feebly clutch a blade of hay,
this is Immanuel.
Majestic king, now small and weak,
the Word of God must learn to speak,
this is Immanuel.

*This is our God, seen by our eyes,
the love of the Father made known in Jesus Christ.
This is our God, worthy of praise,
the love of the Father revealed on Christmas day.*

3. The shepherds come and bow to him,
the Lamb who takes away our sin,
this is Immanuel.
For God has entered time and space
to show the world his endless grace,
this is Immanuel

This is our God, seen by our eyes

*Immanuel, Immanuel. Our God is with us now.
Immanuel, Immanuel. Our God is with us now.*

This is our God, seen by our eyes

4. **1ST LESSON – Genesis 3 : 8 - 15** God announces in the Garden of Eden
that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head
Read by: Shone Tewin Mapadeniya - Student - Primary School

5. PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR - Please remain seated

I'D SING YOU A SONG

*Composed by
Shawna Edwards*

I'd sing you a song Baby Jesus.
I'd kneel at the side of your bed.
If I were a child in Bethlehem town,
I would cradle your sleepy head.

*Sleep, sleep Baby divine,
let me watch o'er your cradle tonight
Sleep, sleep, til the breaking of light.
Oh, sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep.*

I'd bring you a toy Baby Jesus.
I'd gaze at you all through the night.
I'd tell you a story so soft and sweet,
Little Baby of love and light.

I'd sing you a song Baby Jesus.
I'd kneel at the side of your bed.
If I were a child in Bethlehem town,
I would cradle your sleepy head.

PRIMARY CHOIR 2019

Nethish Nihansa	3A1	Shone Tevin	5A3
Shamal Gehansa	3A1	Yashodha Pawan	5A3
Dilon Niketh	3A2	Yonal Nethmika	5A3
Amasha Sanujaya	3A2	Vinuka Bositha	5A3
Pansilu Thidev	3A3	Sanuka Thathsara	5A3
Shane Joshua	3A3	Shenal Gagana	5A3
Thuvaaraha Gunarathnam	3B	Jason Paul Perera	5B
Absalon Beniyl	3B	Selvasekaran Udesh	5B
Akasha Venkat	3B	Baskaran Saloshan	5B
Marappan Kaushik	3B	Rajakumar Mahiwarman	5B
Lasen Dulnith	4A1	Chandrakumar Nikhil	5B
Noopthi Chirathmika	4A1	Vinodhan Dinoshan	5B
Udan Chamitha	4A1	Shawon Jonarthan	5B
Mohammed Rifnaz	4A2	Sridharan Praneethyasan	5B
Mohammed S. Mirwan	4A2	Micheal Andrew	5B
Seniya Methula	4A2		
Dilanka Anuhas	4A2		
Minudha Imandive	4A2		
Tharuk Randhira	4A2		
Aaron Anbalagan	4B		
Britlick Frankly	4B		
Ravindranadhan Nishok	4B		
Abinash Kulasegaran	4B		
Upulini Ingsara	5A1		
Geewarsha Samanalee	5A1		
Dilhan Tharuka	5A1		
Binupa Rison	5A1		
Aaron Pawan	5A1		
Ramiru Bimsara	5A1		
Irusha Niyomal	5A1		
Akindu Denipitiya	5A1		
Visal Sandira	5A2		
Ayush Perera	5A2		
Methuka Mandive	5A2		
Leith Shane Rozairo	5A2		
Geneth Augustine	5A2		
Steffan Jesudasan	5A2		
Oshwin Dumbaragalagedara	5A2		
Vinuk Shewin	5A2		

SENIOR CHOIR - 2019

Choir Leader

Jaden Jacob (Bass) 12MAT

Music coordinator

Shane John (Tenor/Organ & Piano) 12MAT

Soprano

Jehan Rajkumar 6A1
 Sakindu Denipitiya 6A1
 Binula Ratnayake 6A2
 Praveen Wanigasinghe 6A2
 Oshada Kularatne 6A2
 Tharuk de Silva 6A3
 Amrith Dumbagalagedara 7A1
 Harris John 7A1
 Thasun Mendis 7A1
 Hirosh Akash 7A1
 Beno Jacob 7A1
 Rahul Wijeratne 7A1
 Dasan Thamodya 7A2
 Thanushkanth Nadaraja 7B
 P. Krishoban 7B
 P. J. Anis Joylan 7B
 Rajeewan Charles 7B
 Minol Gunasekera 8A1
 Shervin Abishek 8A1
 Kevin. J. Christopher 9A1
 Sharon Amirthanayagam 11B1

Alto

Dilukshan Geetha 6A1
 Liyan Jackson 7A1
 Malinda Narangoda 7A1
 Krishen Adams 7A1
 Isuru Udarshana 9A1
 Dilun Solomon 9B1

Tenor

Caleb John 9B1
 K. Habilash 10B1
 P. Harikesh 10B1
 P. Kaneeshkar 10B1
 Viran Vincent 11A1
 S. Abisharman 11B1
 Savith Basnayake 12ART
 Pawan Dissanayake 12TEC
 Dilukshan Amirthanayagam 13BIO

Bass

Sheron Jackson 8A1
 Chethana Ariyanayake 9A2
 Mecmillan Dilon 10B1
 Pabalu Karunarathna 10A1
 J. Jazeel 10B1
 Victor John 10B1
 Surexit Mangala 11A1
 Jonathan Viranjith 12Art
 Boseth Gunaratne 12Art
 Roy Ebineshan 13COM

Musicians

Shavon John (Tenor/Drums) 11A1
 Heshal Dissanayake (Bass/Bass Guitar) 11A1
 Sheron Abishek (Tenor/Box Guitar) 11A1
 Miss. Rebecca Mihirani (Piano)

6. 2ND LESSON- Micah 5 : 2 - 4

Prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem

Read by: Thasun Mendis - Student - Middle School

7. STAFF CHOIR - Please remain seated

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*Rev. Fr. Marcellin Jayakody
1902-1988*

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8. CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Please stand and join in singing

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

*Tune : "Greensleeves"
Lyrics: W.C. Dix*

Choir only

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
 While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
 The babe, the son of Mary.

*Congregation
shall join*

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spears shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the Son of Mary.

9. 3RD LESSON – Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7 - Please be seated

Prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of the Prince of Peace

Read by: Jaden Jacob – Student - Upper School (Choir Leader)

10. PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR - Please remain seated

CHRISTMAS CANON

Merry Christmas ///
The joy that he brings
(Merry Christmas) The joy that he brings
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*Music:
Trans-Siberian orchestra*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*“Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!”
(Psalm 148:2)*

First and foremost we thank God our Saviour for giving us this privilege of singing unto him, and remembering his divine birth.

We extend our sincere thanks to
Rev. Fr. Hippolitus V. Benedict
for being our guest preacher this day and delivering an inspiring message.

Our deep appreciation goes out to all choristers,
the choir trainers and accompanists
Mrs. Chandra David, Miss. Mihirani Rebecca, Miss. Jennifer Jebadurai,
Miss. Sumithra Madurangani and Mrs. Tanya Raymond
who tirelessly gave their time to make this Carol Service a blessed one.

A special word of thanks to Mrs. Nalina Amirthanayagam,
Mr. Shanon Dason, Mrs. Nishaya Gunaratne
and their team for decorations and all other staff
who shouldered on themselves various responsibilities
for the smooth running of this programme.

We also thank the Buddhist Society
for volunteering to set up the Christmas Tree.

We would be failing in our duties if we do not thank the support staff who worked tirelessly seeing to all required preparations behind the scene.

Our gratitude goes out to all our invitees and well-wishers
for their presence and participation.

Please join us for refreshments after this service



How numerous the overwhelming blessings
With gratitude to recount,
Jesus our firm Foundation, our Refuge
This Child – Emmanuel!

How great the confident hope
With boldness to face the days ahead
Jesus our Sovereign God, in control
This Child – Emmanuel!

Emmanuel! Our God is with us
And if God is with us, who can stand against us?
Our God is with us – Emmanuel!



“Wish you all a Blessed Christmas”

This night, we pray
our lives will show
This dream he had
each child still knows
On this night
On this night
On this very Christmas night

11. 4TH LESSON – Isaiah 7: 10 - 14 Prophet Isaiah announces the virgin birth.
Read by: Shenuk Abishan - SCM President

12. SPECIAL CAROL (Choir only) *Please be seated*

நமக்கொரு பாலன் பிறந்தார்

*Lyrics: Rev. Dr. S. Rajendran
Music: Johnson Babu*

நமக்கொரு பாலன் பிறந்தார் (2) மீட்பையருள நமக்கொரு பாலன் பிறந்தார் ஆ ஆ நமக்கொரு பாலன் பிறந்தார்	சமக்கொரு பாலன் பிறந்தார் // மீட்பையருள சமக்கொரு பாலன் பிறந்தார் ஞ ஞ சமக்கொரு பாலன் பிறந்தார்
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13. 5TH LESSON – Luke 1: 26 - 33, 38
Angel Gabriel announces the coming of the Messiah
Read by: A senior prefect

14. STAFF CHOIR - Please remain seated

FOR US TO US A CHILD IS BORN

For unto us a child is born Georg Friedrich Händel
Unto us, a son is given 1685-1759
Unto us, a son is given

28. RECESSIONAL CAROL
The congregation shall stand and join in singing.

SILENT NIGHT

Choir only
Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Allesschläft; einsamwacht
Nur das trautehoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knabeim lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Congregation shall join
Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly Hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy Holy Face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!

Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star! lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing
Hallelujah to our King!
Jesus Christ is here!
Jesus Christ is here!

This baby born for sacrifice
Christ, the Messiah!

Into our hopes, into our fears
The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years
Christ, the Mesiah!

And He shall reign Forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign Forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign Forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign Forevermore, forevermore

Unto us a Child is born
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign Forevermore, forevermore

(He shall reign x 3)

27. CLOSING PRAYER *Revd. Hippolitus V. Benedict* (all stand)

28. THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung - by all*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses	As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliever us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen
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29. FINAL BLESSING *Revd. Hippolitus V. Benedict*

Amen. (*sung*)

{The Choir Leader gets the first candle lit at the altar and passes it to the congregation}

For unto us a child is born
For unto us a child is born
Unto us, a son is given
Unto us, a son is given

For unto us a child is born
For unto us a child is born
Unto us, a son is given
Unto us, a son is given

and the government shall be upon His shoulder;

And his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor
The mighty God, the everlasting Father
The prince of peace

For unto us a child is born
For unto us a child is born
A child is born
Unto us, a son is given
Unto us a child is born
Unto us a child is born
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The prince of peace

15. CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Please stand and join in singing

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Glo . . . ria in excelsis deo!
Oo oo

*Trad. French Carol
Music: E.S. Barnes 1937*

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Oo oo
*Gloria in excelsis deo
Gloria in excelsis deo*

2. Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis deo x 2

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis deo! x2

4. See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis deo! x 2

24. 9TH LESSON – St. John 1: 1 – 14 *(Please stand)*

St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation

Read by: Revd. Christopher Balraj - Headmaster

Response before the reading (All): **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Response after the reading (All) : **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

25. THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE *(Please be seated)*

Revd. Hippolitus V. Benedict

26. SPECIAL CAROL (Choir only) *Please remain seated*

HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE

In the bleak mid-winter
All creation groans,
for a world In darkness
frozen like a stone
Light is breaking, in a stable for a throne

*And He shall reign
forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign
forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a Child is born
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign
forevermore, forevermore*

If I were a wise man I would travel far
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part,
but poor as I am
I will give to Him my heart

And He shall reign

Here within a manger lies
The One who made the starry skies

23. SPECIAL CAROL (Choir only) *Please be seated*

EMMANUEL

A sign shall be given
A virgin will conceive
A human baby bearing
Undiminished deity
The glory of the nations
A light for all to see
That hope for all who will embrace
His warm reality

*Immanuel, Our God is with us
And if God is with us
Who could stand against us
Our God is with us, Immanuel!*

For all those who live
in the shadow of death
A glorious light has dawned
For all those who stumble
in the darkness
Behold your light has come

So what will be your answer?
Will you hear the call?
Of Him who did not spare His son
But gave him for us all
On earth there is no power
There is no depth or height
Could ever separate us
From the love of God in Christ!

*Immanuel
Our God is with us
And if God is with us
Who could stand against us
Our God is with us*

Immanuel! (Repeat)

16. 6TH LESSON – Matthew 1: 18 - 23

Joseph is told about the Saviour's birth

Read by: Mrs. A.D.C. Wijesinghe - Staff - Primary School

17. SPECIAL CAROL (Choir only) *Please be seated*

THIS CHILD

*Words & Music by
Mary McDonald*

This Child, sent from heaven
This Child, Emmanuel
This Child, He is with us,
among us to dwell
This Child, Son of heaven
This Child, Prince of peace
This Child born of Mary,
the angels would sing

*This child is Jesus
He's the Son of the living God
Born a Child, a King,
with light to all He brings
This child the Lord of all*

This Child, our Savior
This Child, is born a King.
This Child our Redeemer
His praises we sing!

This child He is Jesus

This Child is Jesus
He's the Son of the living God
Born a Child, a King
with light to all he brings
This Child, this One,
the Father's only Son
This Child, our King
to him our praises sing
This child our Lord of all (4)

18. 7TH LESSON – Luke 2: 8 - 16

The angels bring tidings of great joy to the shepherds
Read by: Mrs. S. Gnananesan - Staff - Upper School

19. SPECIAL CAROL (Choir only) Please be seated

சேஷ ஞாவே

Music by
Nimesh Fernando

ஈழர்ன் லோவ் டலவன்னா
நபரென் அப செமமுதவனா
பூணாவக் லெசினா
தெவிதுன் மனுசயவீலா
கவலென துல மேலொவ்வெடியா
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ஜேசு ஆவே அப கலவன்னா
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ஈச பஹர்ன் டூக் விதினடா
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கசபகரின் தூக் விதினடா
அபஷாபய உசலன்னடா
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சேஷ ஞாவே. . . .

ஜேசு ஆவே

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சகலொவ மகிமய ஹெரதா

சேஷ ஞாவே. . . .

ஜேசு ஆவே

20. 8TH LESSON – Matthew 2 : 1 - 11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus
Read by: Mr. Steve Thambimuttu - College Secretary

21. CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Please stand and join in singing.

Tune from Piae Camiones
Arr. David Willcocks

UNTO US IS BORN A SON

An offertory will be taken during the singing of this carol.

All

1. Unto us is born a Son,
King of all creation:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

Ladies only

2. Christ, from heav' n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their Owner know
Now cradled in a manger.

Gents only

3. This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer.

All

4. Of his love and mercy mild
Hear the Christmas story:
O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory!

5. O and A and A and O,
Cantemus in choro,
Voice and organ, sing we so,
Benedicamus Domino.

22. OFFERTORY PRAYER - Revd. Prasanga Kumarasinghe

Glory to God in the highest heaven! We praise your name with our offerings and tithes. We give these gifts in recognition of Jesus, a tiny babe who from humble birth was created great in your light. Thank you, Gracious God, for pure, unbounded love wrapped in clothes laying in a manger – a gift so great to share that it could not be contained. You sent us the example of living and giving by sharing your son, Jesus Christ, and by asking us to follow his ways. We are now ready to follow those ways. We place upon your table the fruits of our labors as an outward sign of our commitment to your bounteous grace. We pray in the name of the one born in a stable, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen