

*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and
shall call his name Immanuel.*

Isaiah 7:14



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

S. Thomas' College, Bandarawela.



Sunday, 30th November, 2014
Keble Memorial Hall

Order of Service

The service will proceed without announcements.

1. Processional Carol – “Once in Royal David’s City”
2. Bidding Prayer – Bro. Joseph Johnson
3. Opening Carol (Choir) – “Christmas lullaby”
4. First lesson - Read by: Mecmillan Dilon Jeyaraj, Student, Primary School
5. Primary School Choir Carol – “In a manger lowly, manger”
6. Second lesson – Read by: Surexith Mangala, Student, Middle School
7. Carol (Choir) – “நடு சாமம் இரவில் குளிரான வேளை”
8. Third lesson – Read by: Dennis Morrith, Student, Upper School / Choir Leader
9. Congregational Carol – “Unto us a boy is born”
10. Fourth lesson – Read by: D.N. Akalanka Yapa, President, SCM
11. Carol (Choir) – “Lo, how a rose e’er blooming”
12. Fifth lesson – Read by: H.N.D. Liyanage, A Senior Prefect
13. Primary School Choir Carol - “මල් මල් වාගේ”
14. Sixth lesson – Read by: Miss. J.V.A.C.L. Lakmini, Staff, Middle School
15. Congregational Carol – “Ding dong merrily on high”
16. Staff Carol – “Christmas Time”
17. Seventh lesson – Read by: Mr. N.G.N.J.C. Narangoda, Staff, Upper School
18. Congregational Carol – (Offertory) “Angles from the realms of glory”
19. Offertory Prayer – Bro. Joseph Johnson
20. Carol (Choir) – “සුරතල් බිලිදෙකු බිහිවුවා”
21. Eighth lesson – Read by: Mr. J.S. Thambimuttu, College Secretary
22. Carol (Choir) – “Sans day carol”
23. Ninth lesson – Read by: Revd. Fr. Christopher Balraj, Headmaster
24. Congregational Carol – “Silent Night”
25. The Christmas Message: Ven. S.P. Nesakumar, Archdeacon of Nuwara Eliya
26. Closing Prayer and Blessing
27. Carol (Choir) – “God bless us everyone”

1. **Processional Carol** - *Please stand*

Once in Royal David's City

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

} Choir only

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 the mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy

} Choir only

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

2. Bidding Prayer – Bro. Joseph Johnson

3. Opening Carol (Choir only) *Please be seated*

Christmas Lullaby

1. Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem
angels are singing their sound fills the air
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah
But only a mother and baby lie there

Chorus:

Ave Maria, Ave Maria

Hear the soft lullaby, the angel host sing

Ave Maria, Ave Maria

Maiden and Mother of Jesus our King

2. Where are his courtiers, and who are his people?
why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,
With peace as his sceptre and love for his crown

Chorus:

3. What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
lay them before him with hearts full of love
Praise to the Christ child and praise to his mother
who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.

Chorus:

- 4. First Lesson – Genesis 3: 8-15** *Please be seated*
(God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head)
Read by: Mecmillan Dilon Jeyaraj, Student - Primary School.

- 5. Primary School Choir** *Please be seated*

In a manger lowly manger

Chorus:

*In a manger, lowly manger
Lies a stranger, who is he?
He is Jesus, come from heaven
Come to be a friend to me*

1. Ox and ass have given him welcome
At their stable offered free
Mother Mary, gentle Mary
Waits upon him lovingly

Chorus:

2. Come the shepherds, hardy shepherds
Happy there the babe to see
Wise men too from distant places
Worship him on bended knee

3. At the manger, lowly manger
I would join them thankfully
Jesus Lord now and forever
May you find a friend in me

- 6. Second Lesson – Micah 5: 2-4** *Please be seated*
(The Prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem)
Read by: Surexith Mangala, Student - Middle School.

7. Carol (Choir only) *Please be seated*

நடு சாமம் இரவில் குளிரான வேளை

1. நடு சாமம் இரவில் குளிரான வேளை
என் இயேசு பாலன் பிறந்திருக்கிறார்
பெத்லகேம் நகரில் ஏழை கோலமாக
மாட்டுக் கொட்டில் அவதரித்திட்டார் //

Chorus:

கொண்டாடுவோம் ஆடிப் பாடுவோம்
இன்று அவதரித்த பாலகனை நாம் //
அவர் பெரியவர், சர்வ வல்லவர்
(இந்த) உலகம் எங்கும் நன்மை செய்பவர் //

2. உலகமோ இருள் சூழ்ந்ததே
என் இயேசு பாலன் அதனால் பிறந்தார் //
உலகத்திலே இருளை நீக்கினார்
தெளிவான வெளிச்சம் தந்தார் //

Chorus:

3. இரவினிலே மேய்ப்பர் யாவரும்
மந்தைகளைக் காக்கும் நேரத்தில் //
சடுதியிலே தூதன் தோன்றினான்
(ஒரு) குமாரன் பிறந்தார் என்றான் //

Chorus:

4. (நம்) இயேசு பாலன் பிறந்ததை எண்ணி
எல்லோருமே குதுகலம் கொள்வோம் //
அன்பு செய்யும் பாலகனானார்
அவரை இன்றி வேறு எமக்கெங்கே? //

Chorus:

1. නඩු සාමම් ඉරවිල් කුලිරාන වේනෙයි
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Chorus:

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(ඉන්ද) උලහම් එංගුම් නන්මයි සෙයිබවර් //

2. උලහමෝ ඉරුල් සුල්න්දදේ
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Chorus:

3. ඉරවිනිලේ මෙයිපර් යාවරුම්
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Chorus:

4. (නම්) යේසු පාලන් පිරන්තදයි එන්නි
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Chorus:

8. Third Lesson – Isaiah 9: 2,6, & 7 *Please be seated*
(Prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of the Prince of Peace)
Read by: Dennis Morritt, Student - Upper School / Choir Leader

9. Congregational Carol *Please stand*

Unto us is born a son

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

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

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

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

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

10. Fourth Lesson – Isaiah 7: 10-14 *Please be seated*
(Isaiah announces the virgin birth)
Read by: D.N. Akalanka Yapa, President - SCM

11. Carol (Choir only) *Please be seated*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

3. This Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God,
from sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every load.

12. Fifth Lesson – St. Luke 1: 26-33 *Please be seated*
(Angel Gabriel announces the coming of the Messiah)
Read by: H.N.D. Liyanage, A Senior Prefect

13. Primary School Choir *Please be seated*

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Chorus:

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1. ශුද්ධවූ නගරේ බෙන්ලෙහෙමි පුරේ
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Chorus:

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14. Sixth Lesson – St. Matthew 1: 18-23 *Please be seated*
(Joseph is told about the Saviour’s birth)

Read by: Miss. J.V.A.C.L. Lakmini, Staff - Middle School

15. Congregational Carol *Please stand*

Ding dong! merrily on high

1. Ding dong! merrily on high
 In heaven the bells are ringing:
 Ding dong! verily the sky
 Is riven with angels singing.

Chorus:

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

2. E'en so here below below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And i o i o i o,
By priest and people sungen.

Chorus:

3. Pray you dutifully prime
Your matin chime ye ringers.
May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve time song ye singers.

Chorus:

16. Staff Carol (Choir only) *Please be seated*

Christmas time

Chorus:
Ring Christmas bells
Ring them loud with the message bringing
Peace on the earth
Tidings of good cheer
Come carollers
Come and join with the angels singing
Joy to the world
Christmas time is here again

Children gather around and listen
You'll hear the sound
Of angels filling the sky
Telling everyone
Christmas time is here

Chorus:

Loved ones close to our hearts
and strangers in lands afar
Together share in the joy
Emmanuel
(Go tell the world)
He has come to dwell
(The time is near)
With one voice
Let the world rejoice

Ring . . .
Ring the bells o ring the bells of Christmas
Christmas time is here!

Chorus:

Children gather around and listen
You'll hear the sound
Of angels filling the sky
It's Christmas time is here again

17. Seventh Lesson – St. Luke 2: 8-16 *Please be seated*
(The angels bring tidings of great joy to the shepherds)
Read by: Mr. N.G.N.J.C. Narangoda, Staff - Upper School

18. Congregational Carol (An offertory will be taken) *Please stand*

Angels from the realms of glory

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

Chorus:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:

Chorus:

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.

Chorus:

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

Chorus:

5. Sinners, wrung with true repentance,
Doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence,
Mercy calls you; break your chains.

Chorus:

6. Though an Infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down:

Chorus:

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

Chorus:

19. Offertory Prayer – Bro Joseph Johnson

20. Carol (Choir only) *Please be seated*

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Chorus:

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1. කදිවු ලොවට විකසිත වීලා
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Chorus:

2. ගව හලේ උපන් ඒ කුමරුන්
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Chorus:

3. නිසල රැයේ පෑ රන්තරුවේ
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Chorus:

Chorus:

சுரதல் பிலிதெகு பிகிவுவா
ஜேசஸ் யன னம அரகத்தா
செம பவு தூரலா மணுசத ரெகுமட
சுததும் வெடியா லொவ சரசன்னட

1. குதிடு லொவட விகசித வீலா
திவெசி வெகிய சபுரலா துன்னா
அந்துர தூரலு லொவ ரஜிதா வீ
வெடியா கெலவும் குமரா வீ

Chorus:

2. கவ ஹலே உபன் ஏ குமருன்
சதுட லொவட துன் ரஜிதுன்
எம்மானுவெல் புதுன் லெசின்
தெவிதுன் அப சமக பெவின்

Chorus:

3. நிசல ரெயே பெ ரன் தருவே
சசல வுயே ஹத தமிழுன்கே
திலிந்துகே ஹத கெஸ்ம நெதி கலே
எனம ரெந்தேவா சதா மே மிஹிதலயே

Chorus:

21. Eighth Lesson – St. Matthew 2: 1-11 *Please be seated*

(The wise men are led by the star to Jesus)

Read by: Mr. Steve Thambimuttu, College Secretary

22. Carol (Choir only) *Please be seated*

Sans day carol

1. Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:

Chorus:

*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.
Holly! Holly!
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!*

2. Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:

Chorus:

3. Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:

Chorus:

4. Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead:

Chorus:

23. Ninth Lesson *Please stand* – **St. John 1: 1-14**

(St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation)

Read by: Revd. Fr. Christopher Balraj, Headmaster

* Listen to the good news proclaimed in the

Your response: **“Glory to Christ our Saviour”**

* This is the gospel of Jesus Christ

Your response: **“Praise to Christ our Lord”**

24. Congregational Carol – (All)

Silent night

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
2. 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.
3. Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ our Savior is born,
Christ our Savior is born.
4. 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.

Choir only

Choir only

25. The Christmas message – Ven. S.P. Nesakumar, Archdeacon of Nuwara Eliya

26. Closing prayer and Blessing *Please stand*

27. Carol (**Choir only**) *Please be seated*

God bless us everyone

Let the stars in the sky
remind us of man's compassion.
Let us love til we die and
God bless us everyone.

In your heart there's a light
as bright as the stars in heaven.
Let it shine through the night and
God bless us everyone.

'Til each child is fed,
'Til all men are free
'Til the world becomes a family

Some bright star in the sky
can find us by human kindness. }
Let us love til we die and } //
God bless us everyone! }



Acknowledgements

“Singing, making melody with our heart – music is a great gift from God.”

First and above all we thank God our Creator for the gift of singing.
We thank Him for making it possible this day to use this heavenly gift
to bring honour to His name.

We extend our warm thanks to
Ven. S.P. Nesakumar, Archdeacon of Nuwara Eliya
for being our preacher this day.

Mr. Shanon Dason – Master in Charge of SCM
and
Mr. Noel Narangoda.

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the choir trainers and accompanists
Mrs. Chandra David, Mrs. Sharika Nawaratne,
Miss. Mihirani Rebecca, Miss. Jennifer Jebadurai and Miss. J.V.A.C.L. Lakmini
who tirelessly gave their time to make this Carol Service a blessed one.

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and the Support Staff

We extend our gratitude to all our invitees, well-wishers
and parents for their presence and participation.

Please join us for refreshments after this service
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Members of the Senior Choir – 2014

Dennis Morrirt – Choir Leader

Treble

Viran Vincent	6A1
Shevon Dennis John	6A1
Thevindu Perera	6A1
Surexith Mangala	6A1
Lahiru Navarathna	6A1
Heshal Dissanayake	6A2
Sharon Amirthanayagam	6B
S. Abhisharman	6B
H. Andrew	6B
Jonathan Pathirana	7A1
Misal Gunasekera	7A1
Jaden Jacob	7A1
Krisho Ashokan	7A1
Jerome Stanly Christopher	7A3
Pawan Dissanayake	7A3
Peter Srinivasan	7B

Alto

Dinuka Bandara	6A3
Chanaka Kaushalya	6A3
Shane Malcom John	7A1
Savith Basnayake	7A1
Shenal John Perera	7A3
Dilrukshan Amirthanayagam	8B
Joel Kanchana Pathirana	9A1

Tenor

Brian Mark	12BC
Akalanka Yapa	13MA
Parakrama Kahandawela	13BS
Nimrodh Dhanasekaran	13BC
Shanon Joseph	13BC
Edward Denver	13BC
Angelo Weerasinghe	10A1

Bass

Shehan Emmanuel	10B1
Shiran Prasath	12 MA
Dilendra Thennakoon	12MA
Shehan Gunathilake	12 MA

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Rovindu T. Vitharana	3A1
Shervin Abishek	3A2
Thusitha S.D. de Silva	3A2
Minol B. Gunasekera	3A2
M.S. Shahin Khan	3A2
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N.M. Shehani R.B. Nawaratne	3A2
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Thesandu Basilu	3A3
Dinan Gamage	3A3
Sheron Leonard Dilukshan	3A3
Tharusha Vidas	3A3
Nishith Sethmika	3A3
C. Meeriam David	3B
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Themiya N. Fernando	4A1
Thenuka Akash Perera	4A1
Himesh S. Nakandala	4A1
Ludilu Theekshana	4A1
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Saveen S. Bandara	4A3
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Lesandu Hewamawella	4A3
Shane Tilon	4A3
Steve Ashane Gomesz	5A1
Stephan Brendon Matharyas	5A1
Lohan D. Hewage	5A1
Alex Davidson	5A2
Deron Abisha	5A2
Kevin Sedric	5A2
Jerrit Vishal Miranda	5A3
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Pabalu S. Karunaratne	5A3
Hedrian Marselini Dunusinghe	5A3
Kevin Joseph	5A3

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Dennis Morritt (Violin)
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