



The College Choir 2017



The LIGHT has come

... God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

S. Thomas' College, Bandarawela

Sunday, 3rd December, 2017
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ORDER OF SERVICE

(The service will proceed without announcements)

1. *Processional Carol - Once in royal David's city*
2. *The Bidding Prayer*
3. *Opening Carol - Like a candle flame*
4. *First Lesson*
5. *Primary School Choir Carol - සීතලේ පිරි හන්හලේ*
6. *Second Lesson*
7. *Congregational Carol - As with gladness men of old*
8. *Third Lesson*
9. *Special Carol - A maiden most gentle*
10. *Primary School Choir Carol - Glorious night*
11. *Fourth Lesson*
12. *Special Carol (Tamil) - எந்தன் நெஞ்சுக்குள்ளே நீ பிறக்க*
13. *Fifth Lesson*
14. *Congregational Carol - While shepherds watched their flocks*
15. *Sixth Lesson*
16. *Staff Carol (Sinhala) - ආදර මව් මරියා*
17. *Special Carol - Christmas night*
18. *Seventh Lesson*
19. *Congregational Carol - Angels from the realms of glory*
20. *Offertory Prayer*
21. *Staff Carol - Noel, sing we noel*
22. *Eighth Lesson*
23. *Special Carol - මම ආවා*
24. *Ninth Lesson*
25. *The Christmas Message*
26. *Special Carol - The Light has come*
27. *Closing Prayer & Blessing*
28. *Recessional Carol - O holy night*

1. PROCESSIONAL CAROL

Congregation will stand and join in the singing.

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Words: C.F. Alexander

Music: H. J. Gauntlett

Solo

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

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.

All

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

Shepherds

Shane	1A ³
J. Jeniston	1B
Gorden Visal Perera	2A ³
Britlick Frankly	2B

Angels

Shamal Gehansa Cruze	1A ¹
W.M. Nethish Nihansa	1A ²
Pansilu T.P. Perera	1A ²
Fabrino	1A ³
I.Abbzalon Beniyal	1B
B. Delon Goutham	1B
N. Brito Kollers	1B
Jason Kenneth	2A ³
Devin Creflo	2B

Mary

Anskar Abinash	2B
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Joseph

Mihesh	2A ¹
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Kings

R. Dillon Niketh	1A ²
D.M.A.M. Amasha S. Andradi	1A ²
Thenusha Anuhas Yapa	2A ³

STAFF CHOIR 2017

Mr. Dominiyan Mark
Mr. Jude Narangoda
Mr. Nuwan Fernandez
Mr. Ralph Solomons
Mr. Roshan Jacob
Mr. S. Surendrakumar
Mr. Shanon Dason
Miss. Rebecca Mihirani
Miss. Achini Mahaulpatha
Miss. Dora Sebagnanam
Miss. Esther Perumal
Miss. Jennifer Jebathurai
Miss. Kavindi Yapa
Miss. P. Shanthy
Miss. Sandya Vithanage
Miss. Stella Krishani
Mrs. Akalanka Sripali
Mrs. Beatrice De Souza
Mrs. Chintha Dissanayake
Mrs. Doris Cruze
Mrs. Elizabeth Rozairo
Mrs. Gracy Mirando
Mrs. Ishanka Gunathilake
Mrs. Kokila Surendrakumar
Mrs. Kumari Alawathugoda
Mrs. Medos Jackson
Mrs. Melaniya Wijeyarajah
Mrs. Nirmala Cooray
Mrs. Nisha Seneviratne
Mrs. Ramona Pereira
Mrs. S.J.M. Rukshila
Mrs. Sewwandi Gunarthne
Mrs. Shanika Wimalasena
Mrs. Sumi Gnananesan
Mrs. Vathsala Gnanamalar

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. Charles D. David, College Chaplain*

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, and on this night was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us. In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. We give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world; you have become one with us that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymns of praise. Amen

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

LIKE A CANDLE FLAME

*Words and Music
Graham Kendrick*

Like a candle flame
Flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes

*God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Alleluia!*

Stars and angels sing
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark
Set a world on fire?

Yet his light shall shine
 From our lives, Spirit blazing
 As we touch the flame
 Of his holy fire

PRIMARY CHOIR 2017

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: Benath Marlon Jayathunga - Student - Primary School

5. PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR - Please remain seated

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*Lyrics: Anjelo Leeson
 Melody: Lanthra Perera*

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

(Prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem)

Read by: Shane Tilon Mapadeniya - Student - Middle School

Thuvaaraha	1B	Sajith Sathsara	4A3
Nishokk	2B	Oshadha Shonal	4A3
Aaron Pawan	3A1	Calvin Jonathan David	4B
Ramiru Bimsara	3A1	Ahijah Bless Rockson	4B
Dilhan Tharuka	3A1	Niroshi Amirthanayagam	4B
Geewarsha Samanmalee	3A1	Jeron Bekham	4B
Irusha Niyomal	3A1	Fred Collins	4B
Upulini Insara	3A1	R.M Nethuka Tharul J	5A1
Leith Shane	3A2	R.M Janeth Rathnayake	5A1
Oshwin Dumbaragalagedara	3A2	Hasindu Virag Bopitiya	5A1
Methuka Mandive	3A2	R.M Damsith Rathnayake	5A1
Stephan Thimath	3A2	Vibodhakaushika Jayashan	5A1
Geneth Aakarshika	3A2	Micheal Lakshitha Silva	5A1
Shone Thewin	3A3	Shahan Harris John	5A1
Shenal Gagana	3A3	Aaronshine Ferdinand	5A1
Ryan Mathew	3A3	Jayathu Chanaka Jayamanna	5A1
Shevon Jonathan	3B	Amrith Dumabaragalagedara	5A2
Prashanth Andrew Rajiah	3B	Rahul Parami	5A2
Vinothan Dinoshyan	3B	Liyan Jesudian	5A3
Shadrach Jason	3B	R.Naveen Abishek	5A3
Ninad Nikhil	3B	Hirosh Aakash	5A3
Benath Marlon Jayathunga	4A1	Gayan Ranga	5A3
Kenul Rowen Gunasekara	4A1	Thasun Mendia	5A3
Diluckshan Vijayakumar	4A1	P.J Anis Joylan	5B
Clement Lakshitha Perera	4A1	N. Thanush Kanth	5B
Thisen S. Dissanayake	4A1	M.Rajeewan	5B
Jehanrajakumar	4A2	P. Kishoban	5B
Omika Pasanda	4A2	S.P. Praveen	5B
Keith Harold	4A3		
Shaun Maurius	4A3		
Thiran Wijerathne	4A3		
Janithu Sasith	4A3		
Binula Dewneth	4A3		
Lochana Imantha	4A3		
Javiru Jithsara	4A3		
Ashen Shanuka	4A3		
Dumindu Shewan	4A3		
Geeshan Maitipe	4A3		
Kavindu Yashen	4A3		
Tharuk De Silva	4A3		
Hesara Sahiru	4A3		
Shenal Hamid	4A3		

SENIOR CHOIR - 2017

CHOIR LEADER

Angelo Weerasinghe (Bass) 13A COM

TREBLE

Shervin Abishek 6A1
Minol Gunasekera 6A1
Jerald Robinson 6A1
Sheron Leonard 6A1
Vihanga Aloka 6A1
Jonathan Kevin 7A1
Isuru Udarshana 7A1
Mark Shehan 7A1
Chethana Ransith 7A2
P. Kaneeshkar 7B1
Shohan Elson 7B1
Hedrian Dunusinghe 8A1
PabaluKarunarathna 8A1
Habilash Kulasekaran 8B1
Dilon Jeyaraj 8B1
Jazeel Jamaldeen 8B1
Viran Fernando 9A1
Sharon Amirthanayagam 9B1

ALTO

Caleb Cameron 7B1
Solomon Dilan 7B1
P. Harikesh 8B1
F. Victor 8B1
Sheron Abishek 9A1
Thevindu Perera 9A1
Chanaka Kaushalya 9A3
S. Abisharman 9B1

TENOR

Surexit Mangala 9A1
Gaveesha Himaranga 9A1
Kavindu Bopitiya 9A1
Shenal Perera 10A1
Pawan Dissanayake 10A1
Ashokan Kishore 10A1
Savith Basnayake 10A2
Misal Gunasekera 10A2
Dilukshan Amirthanayagam 11B1

BASS

Heshal Dissanayake 9A1
Thevindu Lamahewage 9A1
Boseth Chaga 10A1
Jaden Jacob 10A2
Janidu Kulage 13 BIO

MUSICIANS

Shane John (Tenor) 10A1
Jerome Christopher (Tenor) 10A1
Shavon John (Alto) 9A1

Miss. Rebecca Mihirani

7. CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Please stand and join in the singing

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

Words: William C. Dix

Music: Konrad Kocher

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before
Christ, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek your mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when mortal things are past,
bring our ransomed lives at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide.

In that glorious city bright
none shall need created light;
you its light, its joy, its crown,
you its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our King!

8. 3RD LESSON – Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7

(Prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of the Prince of Peace)

Read by: Angelo Weerasinghe – Student - Upper School (Choir Leader)

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

A MAIDEN MOST GENTLE

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

*French trad.
arr. Andrew Carter*

How blest is the birth of her heavenly child
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of creation and Saviour of all
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare
And marveled in awe at the babe in her care
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray
Sing praise to the Savior, sing endless Amen
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

10. PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR *Please remain seated*

The shepherds came to see the baby
Stood by his mother's side
Here laid the Savior inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

*Music & Lyrics
Sidewalk Prophets*

Acknowledgements

First and foremost, we praise and thank God, the almighty, who has granted us his countless blessing and continues to be our light. We thank him for this opportunity to sing carols unto Him just as the angels sang their first carols long ago.

We extend our sincere thanks to Ven. Samuel Ponniah - Archdeacon of Jaffna for being our Guest Preacher this day.

The choir trainers and accompanists - Miss. Mihirani Rebecca, Miss. Jennifer Jebathurai, Mr. Roshan Jacob, Mrs. Nisha Seneviratne, Miss. Achini Mahaulpatha and Mrs. Chandra David for their hardwork.

Mrs. Nalina Amirthanayagam and her team for flower decoration, Mr. Shanon Dasan and his team for hall decoration and all other staff who shouldered on themselves various responsibilities for the smooth running of this program.

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 your presence and participation.

We take a special moment to say 'thank you' to our dear parents for your encouragement and support.



*The light that shines for everyone
has come into the world.
May He light up our lives
with His joy and peace
that no one else can give*



“Wish you all a Blessed Christmas”

Please join us for refreshments after this service

*I hear the angels singing halleluiah
Let the earth receive her king
I know that love has come
Singing it out
Jesus Christ is born
Jesus Christ is born*

The shepherds wondered, they couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight
All were amazed, when they heard how
God came down on the glorious night
God came down on this glorious night

I hear the angels singing halleluiah

Glorious Glorious
What a Glorious night (repeat)

I hear the angels singing halleluiah . . . x 2

All is calm now, all is quiet
A star shining in the sky
Below in Bethlehem, the king is sleeping
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

11. 4TH LESSON – Isaiah 7: 10 - 14 (*Prophet Isaiah announces the virgin birth*) *Read by: U.I.M. Dilshan - SCM President*

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

எந்தன் நெஞ்சக்குள்ளே நீ பிறக்க

எந்தன் நெஞ்சக்குள்ளே நீ பிறக்க
எனக்கென்ன கவலை என் இறவை
இனி அச்சம் என்பதெனக்கில்லை
வழி எங்கும் தடையில்லை தலைவா (மீண்டும்)

*Composer
Nellai Jesurajan*

உந்தன் பிறப்பு சிறப்பு தருமே
இறையரசு நனவாகுமே (2)
உந்தன் வார்த்தை என் வாழ்வின்
உயிராகுமே! உயிராகுமே!

எந்தன் நெஞ்சுக்குள்ளே (3) பிறக்க வா (மீண்டும்)

1. பாதைகள் தெரியாமல் நான் திரிந்தேன்
வழி காட்டிடும் விண் மீனாய் நீ பிறந்தாய் (2)
உந்தன் கரமானது,
எந்தன் துணையாகுமே (2)
உந்தன் வார்த்தை என் வாழ்வின்
உயிராகுமே! உயிராகுமே!
2. வாழ்க்கையை இழந்து நான் தவித்தேன்
“நான் உன்னோடு” என்று என்னில் மலர்ந்தாய் (2)
உன் உறவானது, உயிர் துணையானது (2)
உந்தன் வார்த்தை என் வாழ்வின்
உயிராகுமே! உயிராகுமே!

எந்தன் நெஞ்சுக்குள்ளே நீ பிறக்க

எந்தன் நெஞ்சுக்குள்ளே

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ஓஹ் ஹிஹி பிள்ஹ் ஹெஹ்ஹிஹ்ஹி
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2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming;
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land,
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! before him lowly bend!
3. Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease,
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his Holy name!
Christ is the Lord, O praise his name forever
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!

Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

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*In him was life,
that life was light for everyone.
The darkness tries,
but the light will not be overcome.*

*The light that shines for everyone
has come into the world.
The light of Christ the only Son
has come into the world,
has come into the world.*

He made his dwelling in the world
as the Word made flesh,
and we've seen his glory. (2)
And in the sending of the Son,
grace and truth have come
through the one and only. (2)

27. CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING *(Ven. Samuel Ponniah)*

{sung} Amen.

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

28. RECESSIONAL CAROL

The congregation shall stand and join in the singing.

O HOLY NIGHT

*Composer
Adolphe Adam*

1. O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

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13. 5TH LESSON – Luke 1: 26 - 33, 38

(Angel Gabriel announces the coming of the Messiah)

Read by: Chadeesha Silva - Head Prefect

14. CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Please stand and join in the singing

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

*Composer
J.H. Ruebush*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an 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 Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

“The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid.”

Thus spoke the angel 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;
to those on whom his favor rests
goodwill shall never cease.”

15. 6TH LESSON – Matthew 1: 18 - 23

(Joseph is told about the Saviour's birth)

Read by: Mrs. Maheeka Gunasekera - Staff - Primary School

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16. STAFF CAROL *Please remain seated*

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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)*

(Ven. Samuel Ponniah - Archdeacon of Jaffna)

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

THE LIGHT HAS COME

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was God
and the Word was with God. (2)
And everything that has been made
has been made through him,
nothing made without him. (2)

*Composer
Joel Payne*

Shepherds kneel in adoration by his bed
Seraphim in glory hover round his head
Wise men, guided by the leading of a star
Bring him gifts of precious treasure from afar.

Choirs of angels sing to greet his wondrous birth:
“Christ our Lord in human form come down to earth”
“Glory to God in highest heav’n” their joyful strain
“Peace on earth, goodwill to men” the glad refrain.

Lullaby! the child lies sleeping: sing lullaby!
Safe in Mary’s tender keeping: sing lullaby!
Guardian angels keep their watch till break of day
Lullaby! sweet Jesus sleeps among the hay.

Alleluia! let the earth rejoice today!
Christ is born to take our sins and guilt away.
Praise the Lord who sent him down from heav’n above
Holy infant born of God the Father’s love!

18. 7TH LESSON – Luke 2: 8 - 16

(The angels bring tidings of great joy to the shepherds)

Read by: Mrs. Naleena Amirthanayagam - Staff - Upper School

19. CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Please stand and join in singing. An offertory will be taken during the singing of this carol.

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

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.

*Author: J. Montgomery
Composer: H. T. Smart*

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

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

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

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

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:

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

20. OFFERTORY PRAYER - Revd. Charles D. David

Great God our Redeemer, we sing your praises. Your glorious love shines in the face of Jesus, born a babe in this dark world. We marvel that he generously humbled himself to bring salvation. How precious is your gift of love! Let the light in our sanctuary and our songs of praise spill through the windows to neighbours dwelling in darkness. May our gifts and offerings reflect the light of Christ and, as beacons in the night, draw people far and near closer to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

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