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SURBITON ORATORIO SOCIETY



# Christmas Music

CHRIST CHURCH  
KING CHARLES ROAD, SURBITON

Saturday, 11th December, 1954

at 7.30

Contralto:

RUTH MORRISON

Tenor:

ERIC BARNES

Bass:

RANKEN BUSHBY

Organ:

BRIAN BROCKLESS

Conductor:

JOHN WILKINSON

PROGRAMME

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TWO SHILLINGS

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

"O come, all ye faithful" ..... *Anon., 18th Century*

O come all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
Born, to redeem us,  
Behold the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the  
Lord.

Sing, Choir Angelic  
Sing ye Hallelujah  
Sing, ye that stand around the heavenly  
throne:  
"Glory to God  
All Glory in the Highest":  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the  
Lord.

True God of true God,  
Light of Light Eternal,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father,  
Begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the  
Lord.

Hail, Lord Incarnate,  
Born for us this morning;  
Jesu, to Thee be praise and glory given:  
Son of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the  
Lord.

—F. Oakley.

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO (Part I) ..... *Bach (1685-1750)*

On the first day of the Festival of Christmas

Chorus: "Christians, be joyful."  
Recit., Tenor: "Now it came to pass."  
Recit. Alto: "See now the bridegroom."  
Air. Alto: "Prepare thyself Zion."  
Choral: "How shall I fitly meet thee."  
Recit., Tenor: "And she brought forth her first born son."  
Choral and Recit., Bass: "For us to earth he cometh poor."  
Air, Bass: "Mighty Lord and King all glorious."  
Choral: "Ah! dearest Jesus."

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

"While Shepherds watch'd" ..... *Este's Psalter, arr. Geoffrey Shaw*

While shepherds watch'd their flocks  
by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
An angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view display'd,  
All meanly wrapp'd in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid."

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

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
Appear'd a shining throng  
Of Angels, praising God, who thus  
Address'd their joyful song:

"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.

All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Good-will henceforth from heav'n to men  
Begin and never cease.

—Nahum Tate.

— INTERVAL —

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

*Bass* "O come, O come, Emmanuel" ..... *J. J. ... Ancient French Carol*

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile fear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear son.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls Thy healing light;  
Dispel! the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.

*all* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*all* O come, O come, Adonai  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From that high mountain clothed with  
awe  
Gavest thy folk the elder law.  
— 18th Cent. Lacey.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From the dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.

CAROLS

"The Three Kings" ..... *Peter Cornelius (1824—1874)*  
*arr. Ivor Atkins*

"Up! Good Christen folk, and listen" ..... *arr. G. R. Woodward*

"A Virgin most pure" ..... *Traditional, arr. Charles Wood*

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

"See amid the winter's snow" ..... *Goss (1800—1880)*

1 See amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See the tender Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years.

3 "As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels singing peace on earth,  
Told us of a Saviour's birth."

Chorus:  
Hail, thou ever blessèd morn!  
Hail, Redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing thro' all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

4 Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,  
By Thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble Thee,  
In Thy sweet humility.

2 Lo, within a manger lies  
He Who built the starry skies;  
He, Who throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim!

—E. Caswell.

CONTRALTO SOLOS

"Ane sang of the Birth of Christ" ..... *Francis George Scott (1880—*

*"As Joseph was a-walking" ..... Eric Thiman (1900—*

*"An Old Carol" ..... Roger Quilter (1877—1953)*

*"Lullay" ..... Rutland Boughton (1878—*

CAROLS

"Shepherds in the fields abiding" ..... *French Melody, arr. Charles Wood*

"Whence is that goodly fragrance?" ..... *Old French Melody, arr. Kitson*

"Ding Dong! merrily on high" ..... *arr. Charles Wood*

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" In the bleak mid-winter " ..... Holst (1874—1953)

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow In the bleak mid-winter, Long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold him Nor Earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. Angels and Archangels May have gathered there, Cherubim and Seraphim Thronged the air: But only his mother In her maiden bliss Worshipped the Belovèd With a kiss. What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him— Give my heart.

CAROLS

" The Holly and the Ivy " Gloucestershire Folk-Song Carol, arr. Reginald Jacques " The Infant King " ..... from an old Basque Noel, arr. Edgar Pettman

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" Hark! the herald Angels sing " ..... Mendelssohn (1809—1847)

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. Christ, by highest Heav'n 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. Hail, the heav'n-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. — C. Wesley.

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