

St Matthew-in-the-City



Carols for Christmas with Auckland City Brass

24 December 2024 10.30pm

**Nau mai, haere mai;
a warm welcome to St Matthew-in-the-City.
We are delighted to join with Auckland City Brass
for our Christmas Carol service and glad you have
come to celebrate Christmas with this community.**

**We hope that you will find the Christmas spirit
of peace and love in tonight's celebrations.**

CHRISTMAS FANFARE

Arranged Brian Sadler

WELCOME

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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.

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 meek, and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

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.

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.

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895).
Tune: Irby, H. J. Gauntlett (1803-1876). Carols for Choirs 1 #30*

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

**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.**

**O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king
and peace to all on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.**

**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.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide in us,
our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)
Tune: Forest Green, English traditional melody. TIS 316*

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, thou living Source of light,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Words: based on Latin Antiphons, tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Tune: Veni Emmanuel, plainsong melody, harm John H. Arnold (1887-1956). TIS 265

JAZZ TO THE WORLD

Traditional, arranged Matt Kingston

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

**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 th’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 th’incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing:
“Glory to the new-born King!”**

**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 we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing:
“Glory to the new-born King!”**

SILENT NIGHT

**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.**

**Mārie te pō, tapu te pō
Ka kite nga hepara
Te korōria o te rangi
Me nga ahera Hareruia
Kua whanau te tamaiti
E Ihu te Karaiti**

**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.**

*Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)
Tune: Melody by Franz X. Gruber (1787-1863). TiS 311*

WINTER WONDERLAND

Felix Bernard, arranged Matt Kingston

AWAY IN A MANGER

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.**

Words: Traditional Carol (19th century). Tune: Cradle Song. Carols for Choirs 1, #2

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the 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 humankind.**

**‘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:**

**‘the heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid.’**

**Thus spake the seraph; 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;
goodwill henceforth from heaven to all
begin and never cease.’**

Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715). Tune: Winchester Old. TIS 299

THREE KINGS ROCK

Matt Kingston

OFFERTORY

The Offertory will be shared with the Auckland City Mission, Christian World Service, and St Matthew-in the-City.

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THE FIRST NOWELL

The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
over Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel!

Words: Anon., English c. 17th cent.

Tune: The First Nowell, English trad. melody, harm. David Evans 1874-1948. TiS 301

JOY TO THE WORLD

**Joy to the world! The Lord has come;
let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
your sweetest songs employ.
While fields and streams, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), based on Psalm 98
Tune: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), WOV 224*

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Traditional, arranged Matt Kingston

CAROL OUR CHRISTMAS

**Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ Child,
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.**

**Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,
water and river and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,
sing a nativity summer can reach!**

**Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;
wise ones make journeys whatever the season,
searching for signs of the truth to be born.**

**Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,
made in the moment a woman gives birth;
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.**

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020).
Tune: Reversi, Colin Gibson. AA 9. Arranged by Nicholas Allan.*

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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.*

God from God, light from light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb!
Very God, begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore him. . .

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

O come, let us adore him. . .

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God, glory in the highest':

O come, let us adore him. . .

*Words: possibly by John Francis Wade (c.1711-1786)
Tune: Adeste Fideles. TIS 304*

BLESSING

**Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
will follow this service.**

Whatever your beliefs,
you are welcome to participate fully
and share in this midnight Christmas celebration.

Christmas Day service times:

8am Christmas Eucharist

10am Christmas Sung Eucharist

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Parish Office **phone:** (09) 379 0625

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