

## Mothers' Union Carol Concert Programme

With St Matthew's Westminster's Choir—Audience carols 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 13

### **1. Once in Royal David's City**

#### *Audience Carol*

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 heav-  
en

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.

And through all his wondrous  
childhood  
he would honour and obey,  
love and watch the lowly maiden  
in whose tender arms he lay:

Christian children all should be  
kind, 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 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;  
there his children gather round  
bright like stars, with glory  
crowned.

## 2. Welcome

*Fr Philip Chester, St Matthew's Westminster*

## 3. Isaiah 9 2:7

*Sheran Harper*

## 4. O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Audience carol (Verse 1, 2 and 4)*

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless  
sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in the dark street 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 men 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 with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!

## **5. Truth Sent From Above**

*St. Matthew's Westminster Choir*

## **6. Luke 1 26:38**

*Nikki Sweatman*

## **7. The Angel Gabriel**

*St. Matthew's Westminster Choir*

## **8. Luke 2 1:7**

*Glenys Payne*

## **9. Away in a Manger**

*St. Matthew's Westminster Choir*

## **10. Joy to the World**

*Audience carol*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

He rules the world with truth and grace

Let earth receive her King;

and makes the nations prove

let ev'ry heart prepare him room

the glories of his righteousness

and heav'n and nature sing,

and wonders of his love,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and wonders of his love,

and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

and wonders, wonders of his love.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ,

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and

plains,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

## 11. Luke 2 8:16

*Thembsie Mchunu*

## 12. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

*Audience carol*

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 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 meanly wrapped in swathing  
bands  
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph; and forth-  
with  
Suddenly appeared a shining  
throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,  
And on the earth be peace;  
Good-will henceforth from heaven  
to men begin and never cease."

### **13. Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

#### *Audience carol*

Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"	Hail the heaven born prince of peace
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled	Hail the sun of righteousness Light and life to all he brings
Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies	Risen with healing in his wings Mild he lays his glory by
With angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem	Born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"	Born to give us second birth Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"

Christ by highest heaven adored  
Christ the everlasting lord  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a virgins womb  
Veiled in flesh the godhead see  
Hailed the incarnate deity  
Pleased with man with man to  
dwell

Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King"

### **14. Matthew 2 1:11**

*Catherine Hilton*

## 15. Ding Dong Merrily on High

*St. Matthew's Westminster Choir*

## 16. O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Audience carol*

O come, all ye faithful,                      Sing, choirs of angels,  
joyful and triumphant!                      sing in exultation,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethle-      sing, all ye citizens of heav'n  
hem!    above!

Come and behold him,                      O come, let us adore him,  
born the King of angels.                      O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,                      O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,                      Christ the Lord  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord

God of God Light of light  
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's  
womb

Very God begotten not created  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord

**Wishing everyone around the world a happy  
Christmas and a blessed New Year!**