

**** In the bleak Midwinter**

1. Choir
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Enough for Him, Whom cherubim, worship night and day,
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, Whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.
4. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
5. 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.

Words Christina
Rossetti
1830-1894
Gustav Holst
1874-1934

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If you can read music and would like to arrange an audition, please contact
Jane on 07967 926758 / conductor@aoc.org.uk.

Solo

Introduction and Tarantelle

Double Bass – Moray Jones

Carlo Franchi
1743-1779

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Traditional Carol

Soloists – Jane Livingstone and Kate Simpson

Philip Stopford

Christmas in the Great Hall

A Choral Fantasy on Traditional Carols

Arr. Mark Hayes



**** God rest you merry, gentlemen**

Arr. David Willcocks

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
 O tidings of comfort and joy,
 comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. Choir

3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
This blessed Babe to find:
 O tidings ...

4. Choir

5. Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
 O tidings ...

In Winter

Victor C. Johnson

Alleluia!

Johann Nicolas Hanff
1665-1711/12

Double Bass – Moray Jones
Oboe – Elizabeth McCall

Solo

Andante from Concerto in E minor

Georg Philipp Telemann
1681-1767

Oboe – Elizabeth McCall

Programme

We invite you to sing along with us in the items marked **

****Unto us is born a Son**

From Piaae Cantones
(1582)
Arr. David Willcocks

All 1. Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

2. Choir

Men 3. This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer,
And slew the little childer.

Women 4. Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story;
And O that Mary's gentle child
Might lead us up to glory,
Might lead us up to glory!

All 5. O and A, and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.

O Praise the Lord with one Consent

From Chandos Anthem No. 9

George Frideric Handel
1685-1759

Solo

Après un rêve

Gabriel Fauré
1877-1962

Double Bass – Moray Jones

All Bells in Paradise

John Rutter

**** Good King Wenceslas**

From Piae Cantones
(1582)
Arr. David Willcocks

All 1. Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay 'round about
Deep and crisp and even
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel

Men 2. "Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"

Women "Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

Men 3. "Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine-logs hither
Thou and I shall see him dine
When we bear them thither."

All Page and monarch, forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

Women 4. "Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer."

Men "Mark my footsteps, good my page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shall find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

All In his master's step he trod
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye, who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter
words Robert Herrick
1591-1674

The Ground

From Sunrise Mass

Ola Gjelo

Solo

Allegro Molto from Concerto in E minor

Oboe – Elizabeth McCall

Georg Philipp
Telemann
1681-1767

****Night of Silence/ Silent Night**

Franz Gruber 1787-
1863
Daniel Kantor

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.

Lullaby

Daniel Elder

African Noel

Trad African Carol

Arr. Victor C. Johnson

percussion Graeme Morrice

Interval

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall
To help with the costs, we would be grateful for a small donation.
Thank you.