

**Choir**

In dulci jubilo

*14<sup>th</sup> Century German*

Joy to the world

*Handel*

**Prayer of Dedication and Blessing**

*Fr. Martin Poolton, Rector*

**All** 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 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 heaven-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.

Traditional C. Wesley, T. Whitefield, M. Madan and others



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**ST. PETER'S PARISH  
CHURCH**

10 December 2005

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*A Concert of Advent*



*Christmas Music*



*with*

**The Cantabile Ensemble**

*Directed by Nicolas Freeland*

*Organ: Audrey Tupper*

# PROGRAMME

**Choir** O Christmas Tree  
*German Traditional*

## Welcome & Opening Prayer

**Choir** O thou the central orb  
*Wood*  
How beautiful upon the mountains  
*Stainer*  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
*Anon*

**All** 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 of God,  
Light of light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten not created:

See how the shepherds,  
summoned to His cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
bend our joyful footsteps:

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

Tr. F. Oakeley, W. T. Brooke and others

**Choir** Gabriel's Message  
*Old Basque Carol*  
Magnificat  
*Weelkes*  
Ave Maria  
*Cossetti*



**Choir** The Lamb  
*Taverner*  
Coventry Carol  
*Arr. Martin Shaw*  
O Holy Night  
*Adam*

**Poem** Christmas  
*John Betjeman*  
*Read by Paul Craig*

**Choir** The Shepherd's farewell  
*Berlioz*  
In the bleak midwinter  
*Darke*  
Silent Night  
*Gruber*

**All** 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 to-night.

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 Emmanuel.