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JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL
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NAVAL CHRISTMAS
SERVICE



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER 1972



Christmas Candlelight Service



BAND PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROL

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.

O sing, choirs of angels; Sing in exultation,
 O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
 Glory to God, all Glory in the highest;
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

(Repeat stanzas until Processional has been completed)

CHRISTMAS INTROIT

Pastor: Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Congregation: And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God: the Everlasting Father, the Prince of peace.

(Gloria to follow, sung by Choir and Congregation)

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2 Rev. Canon J.G. Gibbons

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 all mankind."

"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 swathing bands,
 And in a manger laid."

—Tate

Gospel-- Matthew 1. 18

Major (SR) W.F. Weidenbacher

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear,
 That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth,
 To touch their harps of gold;
 "Peace on the earth, good-will to men
 From heaven's all-gracious King";
 The world in solemn stillness lay
 To hear the angels sing.

O ye, beneath life's crushing load,
 Whose forms are bending low,
 Who toil along the climbing way
 With painful steps and slow!
 Look now, for glad and golden hours
 Come swiftly on the wing;
 Oh, rest beside the weary road,
 And hear the angels sing.

● Edmund H. Sears

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-7

S E R M O N; REV. CANON J.G. GIBBONS (Anglican)

"SILENT NIGHT"

Stille Nacht

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.

Silent night, holy night; Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!

COLLECTS:

NAVAL PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN

THE OUR FATHER

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fulness of its joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROL

JOY TO THE WORLD (Antioch)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains
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.

—Isaac Watts



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PROTECTION

CLERGY

CAPT. (SR) the REV. G.R. KILLEN (RC)
The REV. CANON J.G. GIBBONS (ANGLICAN)

ORGANIST.....Miss W. Matte

BANDMASTER.....Lt. (SR) R.G. Payne

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE THROUGH THE KINDNESS
OF THE NAVY LEAGUE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

... for, behold, I bring you good
tidings of great joy which shall be
to all people. Luke 2:10