

CAROLS WITH ORCHESTRA, IN AID OF SANKTUS

Aeolian Sinfonia of North London - Thursday 5th December 2024, 8pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lady Margaret Road, Kentish Town, London NW5 2XT

Audience carol: Once in Royal David's City

1 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.

2 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 mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3 And through all His wondrous
childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

4 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.

5 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.

6 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.

Orchestra: Johann Strauss II: *Die Fledermaus Overture*

Audience carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. 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.

2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse,
free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people
save,
And give them victory o'er the
grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, Thou Day-Spring,
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.

4. O come, Thou Key of David,
come
And open wide our heavenly
home;
Make safe the way that leads on
high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, O come, thou Lord of
Might
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.

Orchestra: Beethoven: *Turkish March from The Ruins of Athens*

Audience carol: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. 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!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven
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 as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

3. 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 us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Orchestra: Schubert: *Andante* (second movement, Symphony No 4)

Audience carol: The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary,
"most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored maiden, Gloria!

2 "I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree:
a blessed virgin mother you shall be.
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

4 Of her, Immanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever
say, "Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

Orchestra: Beethoven: The Ruins of Athens Overture

Audience carol: Past Three A Clock

Refrain:
*Past three a clock,
And a cold frosty morning,
Past three a clock;
Good morrow, masters all!*

1. Born is a Baby,
Gentle as may be,
Son of the eternal
Father supernal.
(Refrain: *Past three a clock ...*)

2. Seraph quire singeth,
Angel bell ringeth;
Hark how they rime it,
Time it and chime it. *Refrain.*

3. Mid earth rejoices
Hearing such voices
e'ertofore so well
Carolling Nowell. *Refrain.*

4. Hinds o'er the pearly,
Dewy lawn early
Seek the high Stranger
Laid in the manger. *Refrain.*

5. Cheese from the dairy
Bring they for Mary
And, not for money,
Butter and honey. *Refrain.*

6. Light out of star-land
Leadeth from far land
Princes, to meet him,
Worship and greet him. *Refrain.*

7. Myrrh from full coffer,
Incense they offer;
Nor is the golden
Nugget withholden. *Refrain.*

8. Thus they: I pray you,
Up, sirs, nor stay you
Till ye confess him
Likewise and bless him. *Refrain.*

Orchestra: Carol medley – please listen carefully, as at the end, this goes straight into :

Audience carol: We wish you a merry Christmas

1 We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.

2 Now, bring us some figgy pudding,
Now, bring us some figgy pudding,
Now, bring us some figgy pudding, and bring it out
here!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.

3 For we all like figgy pudding,
For we all like figgy pudding,
For we all like figgy pudding, so bring it out here!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.

4 And we won't go until we got some,
and we won't go until we got some,
and we won't go until we got some, so bring some
out here!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.

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