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Song Sheet

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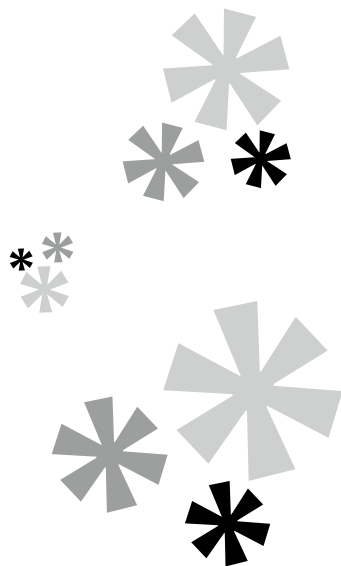


We'll be singing ten carols in popularity order from the results of a poll on Facebook organised by Highcross Leicester.

The presenters will announce the number of each carol to be sung, with the most popular last. Leading the singing is the choir of St Thomas Church South Wigston directed by **John Gull**, accompanied by the Wigston Brass Ensemble conducted by **Gary Sleath**.

The Christmas story from the Bible is read by award-winning actor, TV and film star **Robert Hardy**; BBC 1's *Over the Rainbow* finalist **Lauren Samuels**, now starring in *We Will Rock You*; the UK's fitness expert **Rosemary Conley**; TV gardener **Ady Dayman**; and BBC Radio Leicester's **Ben Jackson**. The Christmas Thought is given by Bishop **Christopher Boyle**, Assistant Bishop of Leicester.

Sing Christmas is interactive – let us know what's happening in your venue. During the broadcast text 81333 putting 'LEICESTER' at the beginning of your message. Shout out when you get a mention.



4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Chorus:

5. Glorious now, behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice!
Heaven sings Alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies.
Chorus:

9. 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.

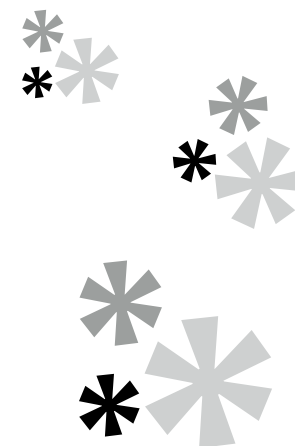
3. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

10. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. 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;
Chorus:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2. God from God,
Light from light,
He who rejects not the virgin's womb
Son of the Father, begotten not created;
Chorus:

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all you citizens of heaven above.
'Glory to God, glory in the highest';
Chorus:



6. JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing!

2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns;
Your sweetest songs employ.
While fields and streams and hills
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy!

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
The wonders of his love,
The wonders of his love,
The wonders, wonders, of his love.

7. IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

1. In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow;
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

2. Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim

Thronged the air.
But His mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Belovèd
With a kiss.

3. 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.

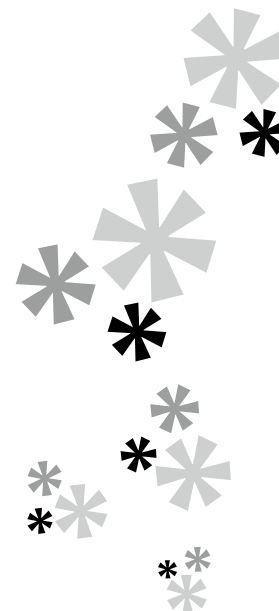
8. WE THREE KINGS

1. We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
Chorus:
*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a king on Bethlehem plain
Gold I bring to crown him again.
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.
Chorus:

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high.
Chorus:

RUNNING ORDER



■ *Welcome from Dave Andrews
and John Florance*

* CAROL

* CAROL

■ **Visit of the Angel**
Luke 1 v. 26-38

* CAROL

■ **Jesus is born**
Luke 2 v. 1-7

* CAROL

■ **Angels and Shepherds**
Luke 2 v. 8-14

* CAROL

■ **Visit of the Wise Men**
Matthew 2 v. 1-3, 7-12

* CAROL

* CAROL

■ **Escape to Egypt**
Matthew 2 v. 13-15

* CAROL

■ **Christmas Thought**

* CAROL

■ **The Blessing**

* CAROL

1. HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn 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."

Chorus:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

2. 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 us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel

Chorus:

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings
Mild, he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth;
Born to give us second birth,

Chorus:

2. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. 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 tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!

3. 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.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel!

3. SILENT NIGHT

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
Watched o'er the child beloved and fair
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds first saw the light,
Heard resounding clear and long,
Far and near, the angel-song:
"Christ the Redeemer is here,
Christ the Redeemer is here."

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Love is smiling from your face
With the dawn of saving grace.
Saviour, since you are born,
Saviour, since you are born.

4. AWAY IN A MANGER

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down
where he lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes:
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from
the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask you to stay
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in your
tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

5. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

1. While shepherds watched their flocks
by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.

2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

3. "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.

4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
And in a manger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease."

