

**The Faringdon Singers**  
**St. Michael's Church, Cumnor**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at 7.30pm**

**Conductor: Terence Carter**  
**Harpist: Anna Lockett**

**Ceremony of Carols** **Benjamin Britten**

**Gaudete!** **Anon**

**Zion hears the watchmen's voices - All**

Zion hears the watchmen's voices,  
With gladness all her heart rejoices,  
She eager wakes to greet the day.  
See, her Lord from heav'n descending  
With grace and truth and power unending,  
Her day-star dawns with brightest ray.  
O come, thou blessed One, Lord Jesu, God's own Son.  
Hosianna!  
We follow there Thy feast to share,  
And taste the joys beyond compare.

**Veni, veni Emmanuel** **Zoltan Kodaly**

**Come, thou Redeemer of the earth - All**

(V.1 Ladies only)

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth  
And manifest thy virgin birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.

3. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.

2. Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
The promised fruit to man displayed.

4. All laud, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

**Zu Bethlehem geboren**  
**Stille Nacht**  
**Carol of the Huron Indians**

**German traditional**  
**Melody Gruber**  
**arr. Ralph Hunter**

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus - All**

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.

3. Born thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us for ever;  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

4. By thy own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone:  
By thy all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Quelle est cette odeur agreable?**

**French arr. Willcocks**

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**Harp Pieces**  
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**The First Mercy**  
**Nu zijt wellecome**  
**Tebye Payom**

**Warlock**  
**Dutch**  
**Russian**

**Of the Father's heart begotten - All**

V1. – All

Of the Father's heart begotten, Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.

V2 – Ladies

By his word was all created; He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean, Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance, All that breathes beneath the sun,  
Evermore and evermore

V3. – Men

He assumed this mortal body, Frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created Might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced In the depths of hell to lie,  
Evermore and evermore.

V4. – All

Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Ev'ry tongue his name confessing, Countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.

**Two Spanish carols**

**arr. Andrew Carter**

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending - All**

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand Saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya!  
God appears, on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing  
Shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

**Mary had a baby**

**Negro Spiritual arr. Malcolm Sargent**

**Soloists: Robin Greenwood, James King, Maggie Marchant, Sjoerd Vogt, Debra Warner**

**There will be a retiring collection in aid of stonework restoration**