

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
DUBLIN



TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023
13.15 Carol Service
with Peata Therapy Dogs

collection in aid of Peata and the Peter McVerry Trust

Peata Therapy Dogs and their owners visit Caring Units and bring many of the therapeutic benefits and pleasures of pets to the residents and patients. Peata is a totally voluntary organization.

All stand to sing

HYMN



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,
Christ the Lord.*

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Child, for us sinners,
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

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

Adeste fideles
J. F. Wade 1711-86

Latin 18th century
tr Frederick Oakely 1802-80

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Dean, The Very Revd Dermot Dunne

My brothers and sisters: in the name of Christ I welcome you. We have come together as Christmas draws near to prepare for our celebration of the birth of God's beloved Son. Through the days of Advent we have followed the light of Christ, and now we travel in spirit with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to acclaim with the multitude of the heavenly host the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Through Scripture and silence, prayer and song, let us hear again the wonderful story of our redemption, and, hearing, let us rejoice and respond with lively faith.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together, as Christ himself taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. AMEN.**

Please sit

FIRST READING -Luke 1:26-33

Carol

Torches, torches , run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to him!

Ah, Roro, Roro my baby,
Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;
Sleep you well my heart's own darling,
While we sing you our Roro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry,
Joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, he lives, the King of heaven,
Now and evermore. Amen.

John Joubert (b. 1927)

Galician carol, trans. J.B. Trend

SECOND READING - Luke 2:1-7

Please stand

HYMN



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.

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

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.

Tune: Forest Green
English traditional melody

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Please sit

THIRD READING – Luke 2:8-16

Pet Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these pets. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

HYMN



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 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, the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

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.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

WORDS OF THANKS
Peata Chairperson

CAROL

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

William J. Kirkpatrick (1895)

attr. Martin Luther

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends, the animals. Especially for animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them, we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals, and so to share the blessings of the merciful.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

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Advent and Christmas at the Cathedral

December 2023

- 2 Aidlink concert – *sold out*
- 3 Advent Procession 17:00
- 7 Shoppers Carols 13:30 Belvedere College
- 8 Christmas wreath workshop
- 9 Christmas wreath workshop
- 9 New Dublin Voices concert 20.00
- 10 Park Singers Concert 20.00
- 11 Shoppers Carols 13:30 Eureka Kells
- 12 Peata Carol service 13:15
- 13 O Holy Night concert – *sold out*
- 14 O Holy Night concert – *sold out*
- 15 Shoppers Carols 13:30, Mount Sackville
- 15 Blue Christmas 17:00,
- 15 Chamber Choir concert 20.00
- 16 Christmas organ concert 13.30
- 16 Chorister for a day workshop 15.00
- 16 Mornington Singers Concert 20.00
- 17 Community Chorus concert, 20.00 free admission
- 18 Focus Ireland concert 20.00
- 19 Shoppers Carols 13:30 Mount Carmel
- 19 Focus Ireland concert 20.00
- 21 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols 18.00
- 24 Festal Eucharist for Christmas Eve 23:00
- 25 Festal Eucharist for Christmas Day 11:00

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