A Service of Carols
with Readings and Prayers
for Advent and Christmas

Sung by the St Catharine’s Girls’ Choir
Monday 14th December 2020 at 6pm
livestreamed from the College Chapel

Directed by Edward Wickham
with Simon Jackson (piano and organ)

**Carol - Heyr, hímina smíður**
Þorkell Sigurbjörnsson
Words: Kolbeinn Tumason

_Hear, heaven’s maker, what the poet bids, bring soft to me your mercy._
_I beg of you, for you created me, I am your servant, you are my Lord._
_Let your grace protect me in my sore need every moment on this earth._
_Sweet Jesus, Mary’s son, put in my heart beautiful thoughts,_
_for all help comes from thee._

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Hymn - Hark the herald angels sing**

**Carol - Adam lay ybounden**
Peter Warlock

**The Lamb**
H. Walford Davies
**Carol - Love came down at Christmas**  
Malcolm Archer

**Reading - The Annunciation**  
Luke 1.26-39

**Carol - O magnum mysterium**  
Giles Swayne  
*O great mystery and wonderful sacrament. Alleluia!*

**Mariä Wiegenlied**  
Max Reger  
Words: Martin Boelitz

*Mary sits by the rose bower  
and rocks her little Jesus.  
Softly through the leaves  
the warm wind of summer blows.  
A brightly coloured bird sings at her feet:  
‘Go to sleep, sweet child; it’s time to go to sleep!’  
Your smile is lovely,  
your happy sleep lovelier still.  
Lay your tired little head  
against your mother’s breast!  
Go to sleep, sweet child; it’s time to go to sleep!*

**Reading – The Birth of Jesus**  
Luke 2.1-7,19

**Carol - The Blessed Virgin’s cradle song**  
Edward Bairstow

**We three kings**  
Ian Wicks

**Prayers**

**Hymn - O come, all ye faithful**

**Blessing**

**Organ voluntary - Festival Toccata**  
Percy Fletcher