

- 4 **Lo, star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
we to the Christ-child
bring our hearts' oblations;
O come, let us adore him...**
- 5 **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...**
- 6 **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...**
- 7 **Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born on Christmas morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him...**

*Attributed to John Francis Wade (1711-1786), tr. by
Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) & others*

Final Blessing *Revd Dr Sam Wells*

*The choir and cast process back to
St Martin-in-the-Fields.*

Officiant: Revd Richard Carter

Blessing of the Crib and Appeal: Revd Dr Sam Wells

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by Jennifer Sterling

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The Crib, by Tomoaki Suzuki and first shown in 2006, is placed in Trafalgar Square each year by St Martin-in-the-Fields. The figures are made of limewood. Each of the characters in the Bible story is represented by someone from London, which is a 'world in a city'.

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Upcoming services

Today

7.00pm Sacred Space for Advent

Sunday 12 December

4.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 14 December

6.30pm A Carol Service for the Community

Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve

1.00pm Crib Service

3.00pm Parish Carol Service

5.00pm Parish Carol Service

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday 26 December, St Stephen's Day

10am Eucharist

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**Blessing of the Crib
Sunday 5 December 2021**

Procession from St Martin's

Welcome

Revd Richard Carter

Carol

- 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 the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
*Hark, the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born 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, th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark, the herald-angels sing...***
- 3 **Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace:
hail, the Sun 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 the us from earth,
born to give us second birth.
*Hark, the herald-angels sing...***

Charles Wesley, (1707-1788), George Whitfield (1714-1770), Martin Madan (1726-1790)

Choir *Gloria from Ding Dong Merrily on High*

Carol

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 O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all the earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
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 in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Joseph Wake up! Wake up! I need help now,
my wife's having a baby and we don't
know how.
We're lost, we're frightened, please
help us shout
We've just learnt we're down and out.

All Wake up! Wake up! Can't you see
God depends on you and me!
He's come to save both rich and poor
Open your hearts open your door!

Mary We're lost we're frightened please help us
shout
We've just learnt we're down and out

All Wake up! Wake up! Can't you see
God depends on you and me!
He's come to save both rich and poor
Open your hearts open your door!

Mary & Joseph There's no place for us (*after Bernstein*)

Carol
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 thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

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

Trad., attr. J. Macfarland (1851-1913)

Narrator And suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly
host, praising God and saying

All Glory to God in the highest
heaven,
and on earth peace among
those whom he favours!

Choir, Mary & Joseph O Holy Night

The Blessing of the Crib *Revd Dr Sam Wells*

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

The Appeal *Revd Dr Sam Wells*

Carol during which a collection will be taken for
the BBC Radio 4 Christmas Appeal with St Martin's

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:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

2 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...

3 See how the shepherds
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him...