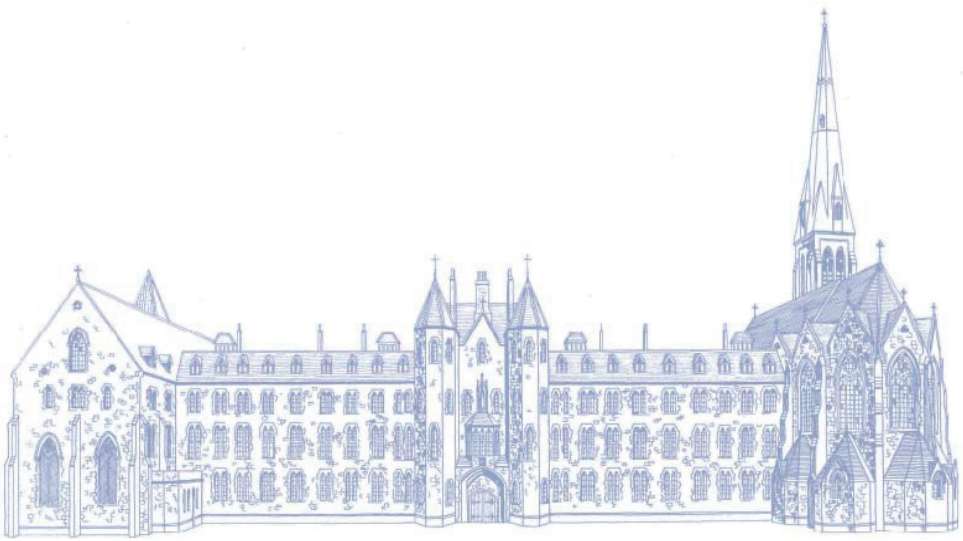


St Patrick's College, Maynooth
and
Maynooth University



*The Congregation will stand for the Congregational Carols,
Gospel Reading, Prayer of Intercession and Blessing,
and will sit for the Choral Carols and other readings.*

College Chapel

The College Chapel in Maynooth is probably Ireland's finest chapel. A.W. Pugin had designed the adjoining *Saint Mary's Square* in the 1840s, and the Chapel was designed by a pupil of his, J.J. McCarthy. Built with contributions from the Irish people between 1875 and 1891, it has 454 carved stalls, making it the largest of its kind in the world. The spire was added to commemorate the first centenary of the College in 1895 and was designed by W. Hague. It was finished in 1902 and at 273 feet was the tallest building in Leinster.

The theme of the Chapel is 'Laus Deo', or 'Praise to God', and all of God's creation is portrayed praising God. The vegetable kingdom is illustrated in the wooden carved finials, each different and each pointing heavenward praising God. The animal kingdom can be seen on close inspection, carved into the stringcourse above the Stations of the Cross. On the ceiling the heavenly host is illustrated praising God, with some of the Irish saints over the main entrance. Meanwhile, the carved oak choir stalls contain the students and staff of the College, raising their voices in praise.

The mosaic floor continues the theme with the words of the psalm inviting young men to holiness—

Laudate pueri Dominum
Psallite Deo, psallite
Quoniam rex omnis terrae Deus
Psallite sapienter

Young men praise the Lord
Sing psalms to God, sing psalms
For God is king of all the earth
Sing psalms in wisdom



*The Restored College Chapel Organ
(Fratelli Ruffatti, Padua)*

Seminary Choir: *Veni, veni Emmanuel* Traditional

Processional Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Willcocks

Congregation

MEN

1. Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that *have* been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

WOMEN

2. Blessed was the day forever,
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Saviour of our race;
and the child, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed His sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

ALL

3. 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!

ALL

4. By his word was all created,
he commanded, it was done;
heaven and earth and depth of ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that grows beneath the *shining*
of the light of moon and sun
evermore and evermore!

ALL

5. This is he whom seers and sages
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the writings of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long-*expected*:
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore!

Opening Prayer and Reflection *Rev'd Professor Michael Mullaney*
(Please remain standing for the Opening Prayer)

Choral Society: *A Great and Mighty Wonder*

Shanahan/Neale
(First performance)

Congregation: *While Shepherds Watched their Flocks* Este's Psalter (1592)
arr. Willcocks

Congregation

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| 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 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 swathing bands,
And in a manger laid'. |
| 5. All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven
to men
Begin and never cease. | |

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and daughters being tenderly carried.
At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Schola Gregoriana: *Alleluia laetatus*

Plainchant

Chamber Choir: *O magnum mysterium*

Sexton
(First performance)

Choral Society: *Ding, dong merrily*

arr. Willcocks

Second Reading

Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power
to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Seminary Choir: *We three kings*

arr. Hopkins

Chamber Choir: *In a weary world*

arr. Gibbs

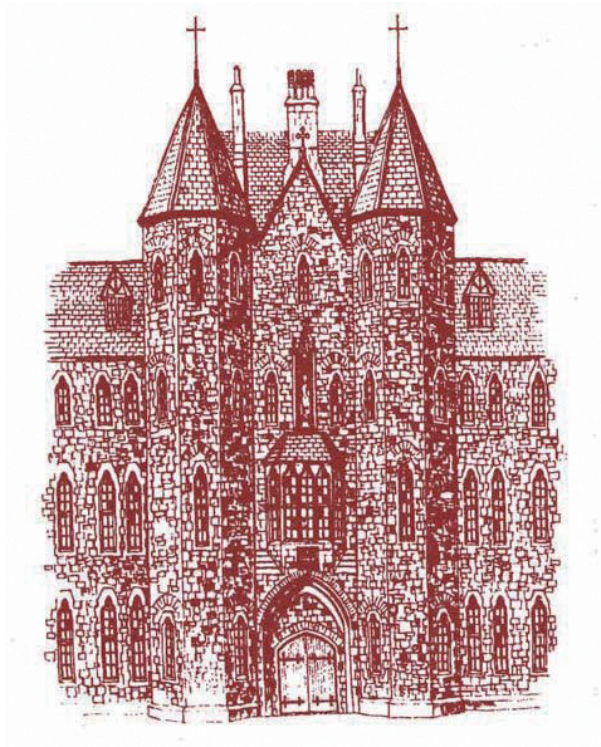
Combined Choirs: *Go mbeannaithear duit, a Mhuire* Peadar Ó Riada

Congregation

The First Nowell

Trad., arr. Willcocks

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| <p>1. The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their
sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so
deep:
<i>Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.</i></p> | <p>2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night;
<i>Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.</i></p> |
| <p>3. And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went:
<i>Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.</i></p> | <p>4. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our Heav'nly Lord,
That had made heav'n and earth of
naught,
And with his blood mankind hath
bought:
<i>Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.</i></p> |



Third Reading

Psalm 85: 1-6

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
His help is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.
Mercy and faithfulness have met
justice and peace will embrace.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice will look down from heaven.
The Lord will make us prosper,
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Schola Gregoriana: *Hodie Christus natus est*

Plainchant

Choral Society: *The Holly and the Ivy*

arr. Conway

Fourth Reading

Rom. 16: 25-27

Litir Naomh Pól chuig na Rómhánaigh

Moladh leis an té úd atá in ann sibh a dhaingniú de réir an dea-scéil a chraobhscaoilimse, agus an fhorógra faoi Íosa Críost, an dea-scéal ina bhfoilsítear an rúndiamhair a bhí folaithe ar feadh na gcianta ach atá nochta anois agus curtha in iúl, ar ordú an Dé shíoraí le cabhair scríbhinní na bhfáithe, do na náisiúin uile d'fhonn iad a thabhairt chun géillsine an chreidimh. Moladh le Dia, an t-aon Dia eagnaí, trí Íosa Críost le saol na saol. Amen.

Briathar an Tiarna

Buíochas le Dia

Combined Choirs: *O Holy Night*

Adam

Congregation: *Silent Night/Oíche Chiúin*

Mohr/Grüber

1. Silent night, Holy night!
All is calm. All is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Oíche chiúin, oíche Mhic Dé
Aoirí ar dtús chuala ‘n scéal
‘Alleluia’, aingeal ag glaoch
Cantain shuairc i ngar is i gcéin
Críost ár Slánaitheoir féin
Críost ár Slánaitheoir féin

3. Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, Love’s pure light!
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at thy birth!
Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

Gospel

(Please stand)

Matthew 2: 1-12

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

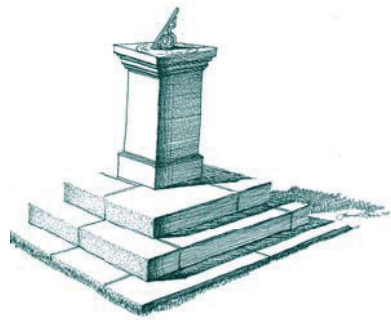
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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn,
arr. Willcocks

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 angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*
3. Hail the heav'n-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 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.*

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the ever lasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*



Prayer of Intercession

Our Father

Concluding Prayer

Blessing

Congregation:

Adeste fideles

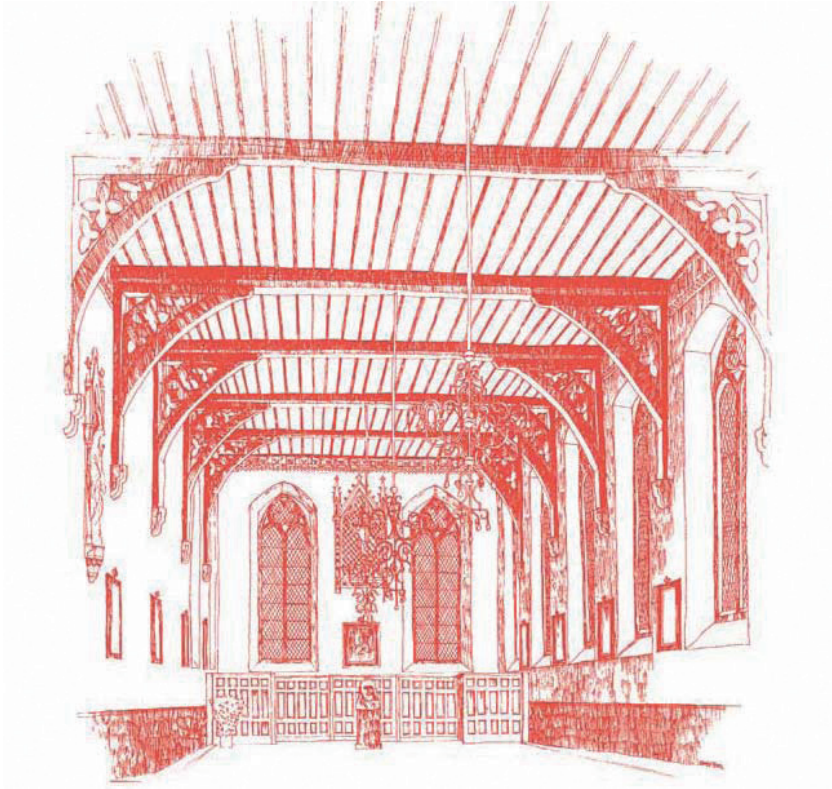
Traditional arr.
Willcocks/Molloy

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| 1. Adeste fideles,
laeti triumphantes,
venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte regem angelorum.
<i>Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.</i> | 3. Sing choirs of angels!
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God in the highest.
<i>Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.</i> |
| 2. Deum de Deo,
lumen de lumine,
gestant puellae viscera.
Deum verum, genitum non factum.
<i>Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.</i> | 4. Ergo qui natus die hodierna,
Jesu tibi sit gloria.
Patris aeternae,
verbum caro factum.
<i>Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.</i> |

Postlude:

In Dir ist Freude

J. S. Bach BWV 615



The College and University authorities wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all concerned with the preparation and organisation of this Carol Service.