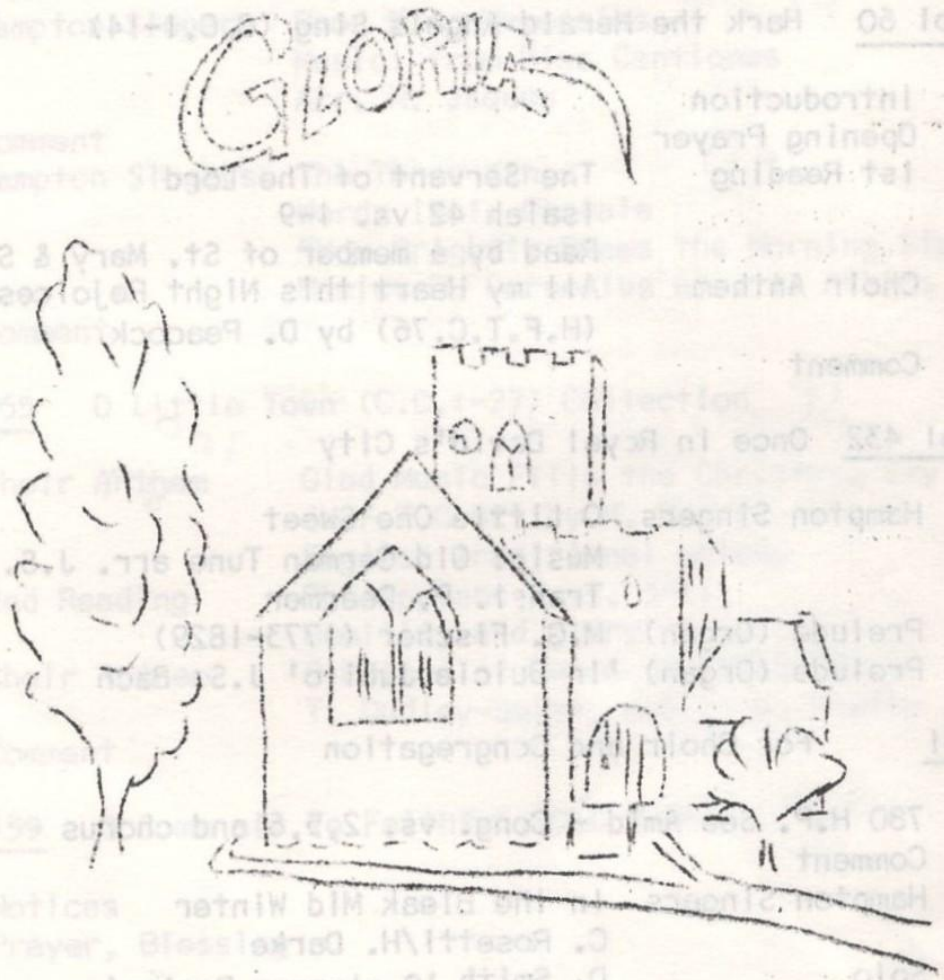
CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE STORY OF CAROLS

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Church

6.30 p.m. 28th December 1986



In this service tonight we are focussing particularly upon the tradition of carol singing and a way of celebrating Christ's birth.

The short comments will give some of the background and thinking behind our popular carols.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Carol 60 Hark the Herald Angels Sing (C.C.1-14) 39

Introduction
Opening Prayer
1st Reading — The Servant of The Lord
Isaiah 42 vs. 1-9
Read by a member of St. Mary & St. Antony
Choir Anthem — All my Heart this Night Rejoices
(H.F.T.C.76) by D. Peacock
Comment

Carol 432 Once in Royal David's City 100 87

Hampton Singers — O Little One Sweet
Music: Old German Tune arr. J.S. Bach
Transl. P. Dearmer
Prelude (Organ) M.G. Fischer (1773-1829)
Prelude (Organ) 'In Dulcie Jubilo' J.S. Bach

Carol For Choir and Congregation

780 H.P. See Amid - Cong. vs. 2,5,6 and chorus 103
Comment
Hampton Singers — In the Bleak Mid Winter
C. Rosetti/H. Darke
Solo — D. Smith 'O glorosa Domina'
Nancy Bush. Music: Michael Head.

Carol 770 A Song was Heard (H.F.T.C.75)

Comment
Hampton Singers Good King Wenceslas 34
Music: from Piae Cantiones
Arr. R. Jaques
Comment
Hampton Singers The Three Kings 136
Words incl. Chorale
"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"
Music: P. Cornelius arr. I. Atkins
Comment

Carol 65 O Little Town (C.C.I-27) Collection 92

Choir Anthem Glad Music Fills the Christmas Sky
(H.F.T.C.82) by M. Perry
English traditional melody
2nd Reading Philippians 2 vs. 3-11
Humility and glory
Choir Anthem O Prince of Peace (H.F.T.C.89) by
T. Dudley-Smith, music: E. Rowley
Comment

Carol 59 O Come all Ye Faithful (C.C.I-26) 88

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THE BEGINNING

Love,
Your love is my light,
Light on water, light in air,
Water and air my joy in You,
Joy in singing of bird, singing of star,
Bird, star, life and light to me,
Life in water, light in star,
You shall have my love all my life.
For what is now begun
Can never have an ending, will go on,
Love,
Flowing as water, air,
Rivers of Eden's joy,
To become the wine and bread
Beyond Gethsemane.
So shall all life and light
Fold back into each other,
Perfect, complete,
Be one again,
One,
As the holy beginning was,
Love.

(Leonard Clark)

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