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Love Came Down at Christmas

SATB and organ

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Chris Maxim was born in Wrexham, North Wales in 1971. He showed an interest in music from a young age, driving his grandfather to distraction with his improvisations on his grandmother's piano. At age eight he joined the choir of St. Margaret's Church and it was there that his love of choral and organ music was first fostered. Chris was appointed to his first 'proper' Organist & Choirmaster post at the age of sixteen, and two years later took up an Organ Scholarship at the University of Bristol, where he was also a prize-winner. Shortly after graduation he was awarded a Research Studentship to Cardiff University, completing his PhD in music in 1996. Chris holds several diplomas in music, in addition to qualifications in education.

Although he specializes in composing for choirs and the organ, Chris has written for a variety of other instruments, too. His music is performed around the world and has been broadcast on the radio in the USA and the UK. It has been featured in music festivals, recorded on several CDs, and is in the catalogues of a number of eminent publishing houses. Many pieces can be heard in performance available online.

Chris lives in London and works as a musician and education consultant. In January 2021, having been Organist & Director of Music at St Matthew's, Bethnal Green for eighteen years, he accepted the post of Organist & Choirmaster at the C12th church of St Mary Magdalene's, East Ham.

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Composed for the 2019 Christmas Carol Service
at St Matthew's, Bethnal Green

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Christina Rosetti (1830-1894)

Christopher Maxim (b. 1972)

Andante e semplice

Organ

Sw. *p*

16'+8' *p*

S. *p* *mf*
Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love-ly, Love di-vine; Love was born at

A. *p* *mf*
Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love-ly, Love di-vine; Love was born at

T. *p* *mf*
Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love-ly, Love di-vine; Love was born at

B. *p* *mf*
Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love-ly, Love di-vine; Love was born at

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f *p*

Christ - mas, Star and an - gels gave the sign.

f *p*

Christ - mas, Star and an - gels gave the sign.

f *p*

8 born at Christ-mas, Star and an - gels gave the sign.

f *p*

Christ - mas, Star and an-gels gave the sign.

f *p*

add)

14

mp

Wor - ship we the

mp

Wor - ship we the

mp

18

God - head, Love in-car-nate, Love di - vine; Wor - ship we our

God - head, Love in-car-nate, Love di - vine; Wor - ship we our

mp Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in-car-nate, Love di - vine;

mp Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in-car-nate, Love di - vine;

22 *f* *p* *rall.*

Je - sus: But where-with for sac - red sign?

f *p*

Je - sus: But where-with for sac - red sign?

f *p*

Wor - ship we our Je - sus: But where-with for sac - red sign?

f *p*

Wor - ship we our Je - sus: But where-with for sac - red sign?

rall. *p*

4 a tempo

27

a tempo

Gt.+Sw. *mf*

mf

31 *mf*

Love shall be our to - ken, Love be yours and love be mine,

mf

Love shall be our to - ken, Love be yours and love be mine,

mf

Love shall be our to - ken, Love be yours and love be mine,

mf

Love shall be our to - ken, Love be yours and love be mine,

35 *f* *ff*

Love to all God's peo - ple,* Love the u - ni - ver -

Love to all God's peo - ple,* Love the u - ni - ver -

Love to all God's peo - ple,* Love the u - ni - ver -

Love to all God's peo - ple,* Love the u - ni - ver -

f *ff* *p*

39 *pp*

-sal sign.**

pp

-sal sign.**

pp

-sal sign.**

-sal sign.**

8' String alone (no Celestes)

Sw. *pp*

pp

* original: Love to God and all men

** This is the original last line, the later version being: Love for plea and gift and sign.

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