On Christmas Night was composed in November 2010 and given its premiere performance at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester on 18th December 2010 by the Hallé Orchestra, the Hallé Choir and the Hallé Youth Choir, conducted by the composer. The organ adaptation was given its first performance on 23rd December 2011 at the funeral of Glenys Penny, beloved grandmother of the composer's goddaughter Amelia, to whom the work is dedicated.

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