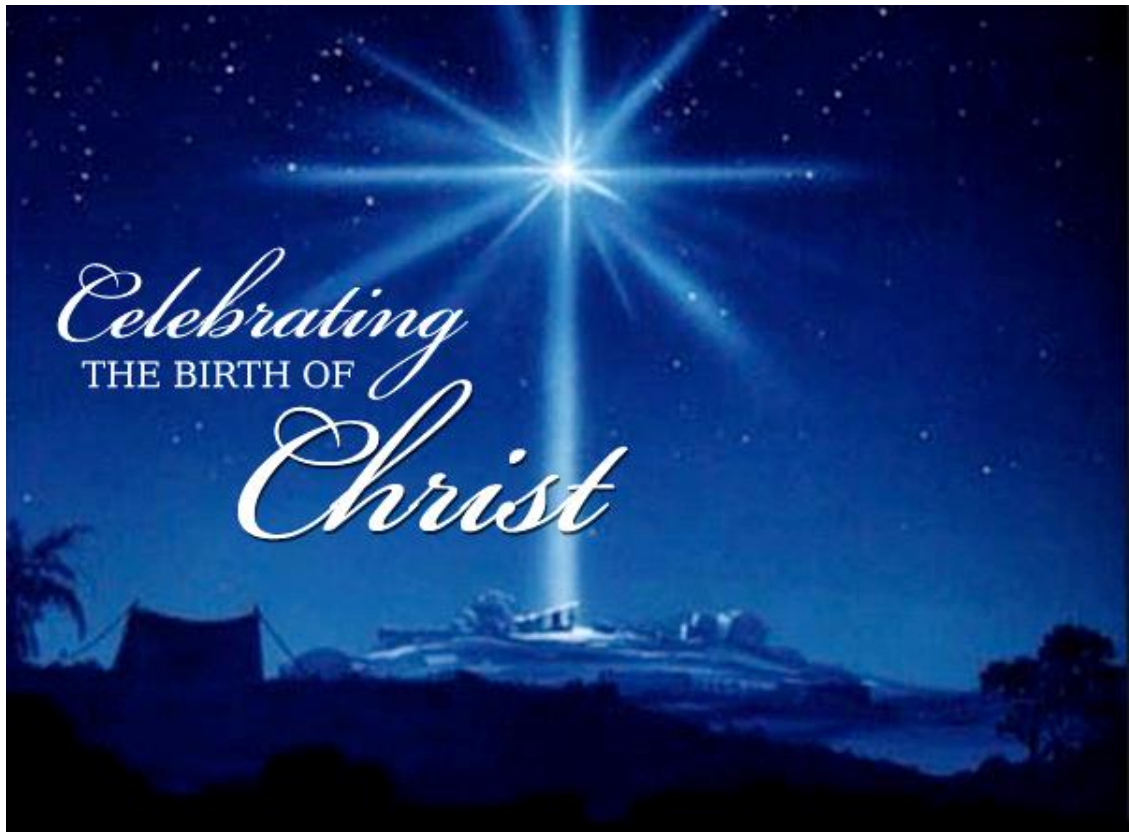


Lessons & Carols



Sunday 20th December, 2020 – 6pm

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The following hymn is sung while the procession enters. (please stand)

- 1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle-shed
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**
- 2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**
- 3. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him: but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high
when, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall gather round.**

Charles Wesley (1707–88) altd.

The Celebrant, The Rev'd. Sam Goodes, says:

We have come together as the family of God, in God's presence, to celebrate the great festival of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

As we gather together in the name of Christ, we pray for the world he came to save: for the Church, that it may be enabled in our generation to surrender anew to God's holy Wisdom, and bear the good news of God's love to a needy world;

for the world, which is already Christ's, that all its peoples may recognize their responsibility for its future, and may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere; for all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful and the bereaved, that the peace and light of the Christ-child may bring hope and healing to all who sit in darkness.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together, as Christ himself taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Please sit

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Hymn:

- 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 men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
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 (1835-93) alt.

Please sit

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| <p><u>Second Lesson:</u> Genesis 22:15-18</p> |
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| <p><i>The promise to Abraham.</i></p> |
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Hymn: (please stand)

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive its king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns.
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and streams, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat
the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove,
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders, wonders
of God's love.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748) altd.
based on Psalm 98.*

Please sit

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The Light of the World, foretold by Isaiah, and fulfilled in Christ.

Hymn: (please stand)

- 1. Silent night, holy night:
all is calm, all is bright
round the virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

- 2. Silent night, holy night:
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born."**

- 3. Silent night, holy night:
wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born,
Christ our Saviour is born.**

Joseph Mohr 1792-1848 tr. John F. Young 1820-85

Please sit

Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-4

The Prophecy of the Messiah's Kingdom of Peace.

Hymn: (the first verse is sung by the children alone)

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 on high
and stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.**

3. **Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask you to stay
close by me forever and
love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven
to live with you there.**

*vv. 1-2, Anon. (1885)
v.3 attrib. J.T.McFarland.*

Please sit

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

*The Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary
that she will bear the Son of the Most High God.*

Hymn: (please stand)

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all you 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. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings:
mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more need die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt'd.

Please sit

Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-23

The Birth of Jesus, Emmanuel.

Hymn: (please stand)

- 1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth!
*Come, and worship; Christ the new-born King.
Come, and worship. Worship Christ the new-born King.***
- 2. "Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
*Come, and worship; Christ the new-born King.
Come, and worship. Worship Christ the new-born King***
- 3. Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down.
*Come, and worship; Christ the new-born King.
Come, and worship. Worship Christ the new-born King!***

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Please sit

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

The Shepherds go to the Manger.

Hymn: (please stand)

- 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 their 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. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels, praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the world be peace!
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease!'

N. Tate (1652-1715) alt.

Please sit

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

The Magi (Wise Ones) are led by the star to Jesus.

Hymn (please stand)

- 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:
*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.***
- 2. They lookèd 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:
*Nowell, nowell...***
- 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:
*Nowell, nowell...***
- 4. Then entered in those wise men three;
full reverently, upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:
*Nowell, nowell...***
- 5. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth from nought,
and with his blood mankind has bought.
*Nowell, nowell...***

English Traditional

Please remain standing

Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14

The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory.

Hymn

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. **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...***

Latin. 18th cent., possibly by John F. Wade (c. 1711–86)
tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-80) and others

The Collect of Christmas

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ. Grant that, as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you and those whom you love
this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organist: Ian Gray.

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Diary Dates

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| Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve | 11.00 pm | Christmas Eve Eucharist |
| Friday 25 December Christmas Day | 8.00 am 9.30 am | Said Eucharist with Carols Said Eucharist with Carols |
| Sunday 27 December Christmas 1 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns |
| Sunday 3 January Christmas 2 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns |
| Sunday 10 January Baptism of our Lord | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns (Rev. Wendy Moorecroft presiding) |
| Sunday 17 January Epiphany 2 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns (Rev. Rachel Chapman presiding) |
| Sunday 24 January Epiphany 3 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns |
| Sunday 31 January Epiphany 4 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns |

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