



Wanborough Carol Service 2020

Saturday 19th December 2020 6pm

Join via Zoom - <https://tinyurl.com/yy894s33> (This link is only valid for this particular Service). Meeting ID: 918 1567 3990 Passcode: 752308

Welcome (Marcus Bateman LLM)

Carol: **Once in Royal David's City**

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. And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love and watch the gentle mother
in whose tender arms he lay:
Christian children all should be
kind, obedient, good as he.

4. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

In the name of Christ, I welcome you. We have come together as Christmas draws near to prepare for our celebration of the birth of God's beloved Son.

Through the days of Advent, we have followed the light of Christ, and as I light the 4th candle on our Advent ring I ask you all to light a candle with me to bring the light of Christ into your homes tonight.

[Pause for all to light a candle]

And now we travel in spirit with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to acclaim with the multitude of the heavenly host the coming of the Prince of Peace. Through Scripture and silence, prayer and song, let us hear again the wonderful story of our redemption, and, hearing, let us rejoice and respond with lively faith.

All pray in silence for a while.

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Carol: **Joy to World**

1. Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Bible Reading: **Luke 1:26-38**

Carol: **While Shepherds watched their flocks**

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," he said,
For mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind."
"To you in David's
Town this day
Is born of David's line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord

And this shall be the sign."

3. "The heavenly Babe
You there shall find
To human view displayed
And meekly wrapped
In swathing bands
And in a manger laid."
Thus spake the seraph,
And forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song

4. "All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth
From heaven to men
Begin and never cease!"

A Rumour of Angels

Carol: **O Little town of Bethlehem**

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 For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth!

3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
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 Immanuel!

Bible Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Carol: **Silent Night**

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. 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! 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!
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

A Nativity on Budget

Carol: **As with Gladness Men of Old**

1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
ever more be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet

ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds of glory hide.

4. In that heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.

Bible Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

Carol: **O Come All Ye Faithful**

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;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"
[Refrain]

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

Bible Reading: Luke 2:8-15

Carol: **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

3 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 man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Blessing

God sent his angels from glory to bring to shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth.

We have heard his story, the story of God's own Son.

May he fill us with joy to bring this good news to others today. **Amen.**