

Outside Carol Service
December 16th 2023
St George's Churchyard: 5pm



Carol 1: O Come All Ye Faithful

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:

Chorus:

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created;

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, in the highest:

Welcome and opening prayer

Reading 1: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour

Carol 2: Ding Dong Merrily On High

Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis! (x2)

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sung
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis! (x2)

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve'time song, ye singers
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis! (x2)

Reading 2: Mary's story by Rachael Mann

Reading 3: Matthew 1:18-21, 24

Joseph is visited by an angel

Carol 3: O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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 wond'ring love.

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.

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.

Reading 4: Luke 2:1-7

The birth of Jesus

Carol 4: See Him Lying On A Bed Of Straw

See him lying on a bed of straw;
A draughty stable with an open door.
Mary cradling the babe she bore;
The Prince of Glory is his name.

Chorus:

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,
To see the Lord of love again
Just as poor as was the stable then,
The Prince of Glory when he came!*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
Show where Jesus in the manger lies;
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor
rise

To see the Saviour of the world! *Chorus:*

Angels, sing again the song you sang,
Sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
Be the Saviour of us all. *Chorus:*

Mine are riches, from your poverty;
From your innocence, eternity;
Mine, forgiveness by your death for
me,
Child of sorrow for my joy. *Chorus:*

Reading 5: A Flock of Angels from the Storyteller Christmas Book

*Have your phone torches ready for the
next carol*

Carol 5: Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head.

The stars in the sky looked down where he
lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from
the sky

And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender
care, And take us to heaven, to live with
Thee there.

Reflection

Prayers finishing with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Carol 6: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

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 the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n 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 them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Final Blessing

***Please join us in church after the
service for Hot Chocolate and
Cookies!***

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