

# Carol Service

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Welcome** Tom Wright

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 wondering love.

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

**Reading** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
Kirsten Richard

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.

Joy to the world! The Saviour 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.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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.

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.

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.

**Reading**      **John 1:1-13**  
Alyssa Williams

**Solo**            **In The Bleak Mid-Winter**  
Lucy Featherstone

**God rest you merry gentlemen**

Let nothing you dismay  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we had gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and Joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

At Bethlehem in Judah  
This holy babe was born,  
And laid within a manger  
Upon this blessed morn;  
At which his mother Mary  
Did neither fear nor scorn:  
O tidings of comfort and joy.  
Comfort and Joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father  
A holy Angel came;  
The shepherds saw the glory  
And heard the voice proclaim  
That Christ was born in Bethlehem -  
And Jesus is his name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy.  
Comfort and Joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not then," said the Angel,  
"Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Saviour  
Of a pure Virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him  
From Satan's power and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy.  
Comfort and Joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

**Reading****John 1:14–18**  
Rachel Chua

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!

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

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

J. F. Wade (1711 – 1786)

**Reading****John 3:16–18**  
Sam Nelson–Piercy**Talk****John 3:16**  
Tom Barnardo

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**1. God loves the world****2. God offers life to the world**

**Hark! The herald angels sing,**  
'Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King.'

Christ, by highest heaven 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 new-born King.'

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 them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King.'

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**Close**

## Next Steps

Please take a copy of **John's gospel** to read an eyewitness account of Jesus' life.

If you would like to investigate Christianity further, please sign up for one of our **Christianity Explored** courses starting in January.

**Mondays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January**    **6pm – 7pm**    **On Zoom (Sign up for link)**  
**Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January**    **6pm – 7pm**    **In person (St Nick's Church, EC4V 4BJ)**

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## Next Year

Please join us as we meet together every Sunday morning, here at St Nick's.  
Coffee and pastries from 10.30am, service 11am-12.15pm.

We will meet on Christmas day at the same time. We will NOT have a Sunday service on Boxing Day.

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