

# Sunday Morning Service



**19 December 2021**

## **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And hope to every discouraged heart.**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And peace to every conflicted soul.**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And joy to every downcast spirit.**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And love to everyone. Let us sing praises to our God.**

**Let us offer this light against the darkness.**

### **Advent Wreath: Love**

**Bible Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7**

**The Light has Shone**

### **Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

O come, O come Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

### **Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, O come, thou Lord of might

Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height

In ancient times didst give the law

In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free

Thine own from Satan's tyranny;

From depths of hell thy people save

And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

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**Bible Reading: Isaiah 11.1-9      The Branch from the Root of Jesse**

**Song: Happy, Happy Day**

**Happy happy day, sing for joy at Christmas  
Fill the air with gladness, all the earth, all the earth  
To us a Son is given, he leaves His throne in heaven  
God with us oh happy, happy day**

Christ the Lord the light of men  
Born to die and rise again  
Break the curse of death  
And save us from our sin

Let angels sing and do not fear  
Christ the servant King is here  
Bringing peace to all  
On whom God's favour rests

Sinner come and find release  
In the incarnate Prince of Peace  
Let the wonder of His glory  
Fill Your heart

Emmanuel oh happy happy,  
God with us oh happy happy day

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**Bible Reading: Luke 1.26-38**

**The Annunciation**

**Song: Mary's Boy Child**

Long time ago in Bethlehem,  
so the Holy Bible says,  
Mary's Boy child, Jesus Christ  
was born on Christmas Day.

**Hark! Now hear the angels sing,  
A new King born today,  
And man will live forever more  
because of Christmas day.**

Now Joseph and his wife Mary,  
came to Bethlehem that night.  
They found no place to bear her child,  
not a single room was in sight.

By and by they found a little nook  
in a stable all forlorn,  
and in that manger, cold and dark,  
Mary's little boy was born.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
They saw a bright new shining star,  
and heard a choir from heaven sing,  
the music came from afar.  
Trumpets sound and angels sing,  
listen to what they say,  
that man will live for evermore  
because of Christmas day.

Hark! Now hear the angels sing,  
anew King born today.  
And we will live forever more  
because of Christmas day.

**Bible Reading: Luke 2.1-7**

**The Birth of Jesus**

**Song: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight over all the earth;  
ye, who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth!

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing:  
yonder shines the infant light!

Sages, leave your contemplations!  
brighter visions shine afar;  
seek the great desire of nations,  
ye have seen His natal star:

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**Bible Reading: Luke 2.8-16**

**Shepherds go to the manger**

**Song: While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

‘Fear not’ said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind);  
‘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  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:

The heavenly babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.'

'All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace.  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.'

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**Bible reading: Matthew 2.1-12**

**Kings from the East**

**Song: Silent night**

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

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

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.

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## **Bible Reading: John 1.1-14 The**

## **Pre-Eminent Word**

### **Confession**

**Merciful God our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Declaration of Forgiveness**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all  
who turn to him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving for the Offering**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we  
have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Prayers for our Church and the World**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of the Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh

You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them

may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After Supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his  
coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,

his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice

for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,

and bring us with all your people into the joy

of your eternal kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Once in Royal David's City**

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.

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 meek and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood,  
day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak, and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

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.

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.

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### **Prayer**

God of heaven, dwelling among us,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with this holy food.

By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh  
that as his body in the world  
we may bring your presence  
to all people.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

### **Notices**

#### **Joy to the world!**

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.

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.

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### **Blessing**

By the tender mercy of our God  
love has broken upon us!  
Light is given where once there was darkness  
and hope where there was only death.  
We go into this season knowing  
that God will guide our feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**