

## Christmas Eve 10.00 am Family Service 2023 – Advent 4

Welcome – God with us (Sue)

### **Song – While Shepherds watched (Wayne in F)**

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 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,  
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 swaddling bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spoke the angel; and forthwith appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

"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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### **Everybody Get Ready (with the puppets with Wayne)**

*Everybody get ready! Everybody get ready!*

*Get ready for the Lord Get ready for the Lord*

*Get ready get ready*

*Get set get set And go!*

**God had a great plan His son becomes a man  
His sacrificial lamb To take away the sin of the world**

*Everybody get ready! Everybody get ready!*

*Get ready for the Lord Get ready for the Lord*

*Get ready get ready*  
*Get set get set And go!*  
**Wiseman and shepherds come To see the promised one**  
**Praise God for what he's done It's Jesus the king of the world**

*Everybody get ready! Everybody get ready!*  
*Get ready for the Lord Get ready for the Lord*  
*Get ready get ready*  
*Get set get set And go!*

**His life was free from blame He bore our sin and shame**  
**He's coming back again To show that he's the king of the world**

*Everybody get ready! Everybody get ready!*  
*Get ready for the Lord Get ready for the Lord*  
*Get ready get ready*  
*Get set get set And go!*

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## **Prayer (Sue)**

## **Advent Candle – The Christ candle (Petersons)**

## **Puppets**

### **Song: Hark! the herald angels sing (Wayne)**

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 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 Immanuel.

**Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king.**

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.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.

**Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king.**

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**Songs: The Stars Dance in Heaven**

**The stars dance in heaven They shine through the night**

**To show us God's grace and God's glory**

**But one star shines brightest For he is the light**

**And he is the real Christmas story**

God designed the stars to shine

The heavenly hosts adore him

For he is loving, fair and kind

And no other God stands before him

**The stars dance in heaven They shine through the night**

**To show us God's grace and God's glory**

**But one star shines brightest For he is the light**

**And he is the real Christmas story**

Jesus came to give us light

So we could all behold him

Salvation, joy, eternal life

Are gifts for which we now adore him

**The stars dance in heaven They shine through the night**

**To show us God's grace and God's glory**

**But one star shines brightest For he is the light**

**And he is the real Christmas story**

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## **Bible Reading – Matthew 1.18-25 (Gabriel)**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah<sup>[a]</sup> took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son,<sup>[b]</sup> and he named him Jesus.

## **Pageant**

**Offering Song (children sing first verse and chorus) - 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

**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**

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

**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**

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

**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**

**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  
Emmanuel oh happy happy  
God with us oh happy happy day**

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**Prayers – For Offering (Sue)**

**Message (Sue)**

**God with us Prayers (Jaq)**

## **Notices (Jaq)**

- 11pm services tonight
- Christmas day service 9:30am
- Combined Services in January
- Lunch with the vicar
- We wish you a merry Christmas (F)

## **Song - Christmas Medley**

(Mary's Boy Child (G), Angels we have heard(D) and Joy to the World (C))

Long time ago in Bethlehem So the holy Bible says  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ Was born on Christmas day  
now hear the angels sing Listen to what they say  
That man will live forever more Because of Christmas day  
Trumpets sound and angels sing A new king born today  
And man will live forever more Because of Christmas day

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;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo

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.

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## **Blessing (Sue)**

Data: Bernard

Sound: Zac

Musicians: Wayne