

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 10th December 2023

Tom Watts is leading our service and
James Townsend is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'See him lying on a bed of straw' (Calypso Carol)

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

*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

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

Mine are riches from Your poverty
From Your innocence eternity
Mine forgiveness by Your death for me
Child of sorrow for my joy

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Children's talk: Corinne Brixton

Children's song: 'He's coming back again'

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A BETTER DAY

When all pain and crying is taken away
No more sin or darkness
Every wrong made right
Jesus Christ is coming and he is the light

*He's coming back again
Because he promised to
He's coming back again
He will make all things new
Jesus is coming back to bring his people home
He's coming back again
And we will worship round his throne*

We know it is certain because God has said
He is sending Jesus, who rose from the dead
Christ the judge is coming
He will deal with sin
And he'll save his people so we'll be with him

There'll be celebrations when we see our King
People from all nations will be joining in
Every race and colour
One big family
Praising Christ who saved us for eternity

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Children aged 0-Year 6 leave for their own activities downstairs.

Pathfinders (Years 7-9) will stay in the service today.

Song: 'Silent night'

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

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born

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

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Confession:

*Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Prayers: Fiona Kennedy

Reading: Luke 1:67-79 on page 1027 (Yow Tzu Lim)

Song: 'May the mind of Christ my saviour'

MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOUR

Live in me from day to day
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow'r

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting self abasing
This is victory

May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go

May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only Him

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Sermon: The way of peace

Song: 'Immanuel'

FROM THE SQUALOR OF A BORROWED STABLE

By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Savior of the human race
But the skies were filled
With the praise of heav'n
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel

King of heaven now the friend of sinners
Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit
Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes He walked my road and He felt my pain
Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again
I will follow my Immanuel

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished for a world's transgressions
He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath He fights for me
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free
Death defeated by Immanuel

Now He's standing in the place of honor
Crowned with glory on the highest throne
Interceding for His own beloved
'Til His Father calls to bring them home
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell
But the bride will run to her Lover's arms
Giving glory to Immanuel

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Closing Prayer