

**Order of Service for our Christmas Day All Age Celebration –  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10:00am**

**Corinne Brixton is leading our service this morning  
and Tom Watts is speaking**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song: 'Come and join the celebration'**

***COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION***

*It's a very special day  
Come and share our jubilation;  
There's a new King born today!*

See, the shepherds  
Hurry down to Bethlehem  
Gaze in wonder  
At the Son of God who lay before them

*Come and join the celebration  
It's a very special day  
Come and share our jubilation;  
There's a new King born today!*

Wise men journey,  
Led to worship by a star  
Kneel in homage  
Bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

*Come and join the celebration  
It's a very special day  
Come and share our jubilation;  
There's a new King born today!*

'God is with us'  
Round the world the message bring  
He is with us  
'Welcome', all the bells on earth are pealing

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## Christmas Quiz: Tom Watts

### Confession:

We confess that in all the joys and festivities of this season we have sometimes forgotten what Christmas really means, and have left the Lord Jesus out of our thinking and living:

***ALL: Father, forgive us.***

Help us to remember that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, who was born to be our Saviour.

***ALL: Lord, help us.***

We confess that we have allowed the most important event in history to become dulled by familiarity:

***ALL: Father, forgive us.***

Help us in this act of worship to recapture a sense of wonder, and to discover again the stupendous fact that the Creator of the universe has come to us as a newborn baby:

***ALL: Lord, help us.***

We confess to a selfish enjoyment of Christmas while we do little To help those suffering in your world.

***ALL: Father, forgive us.***

**ALL: Fill our hearts with the love that cares,  
That understands and gives;  
Show us how we can best serve those in need;  
For the sake of him who was laid in a manger,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers      David Rue**

**Song: 'Jesus saves Jesus saves' (The world belongs to God) to the tune of 'Jingle Bells'**

**THE WORLD BELONGS TO GOD**

He spoke and there it was  
Though it was very good  
It all went bad because  
The man that God had made  
And the woman there with him  
Turned their back on God to get  
A deadly taste of sin (But)

*Jesus saves Jesus saves  
Jesus is the Way  
Jesus is the Saviour  
You can come to Him today hey  
Jesus saves Jesus saves  
People from their sin  
You will find forgiveness  
When you put your trust in Him*

Well if you look around  
You'll see how sin has spread  
Turning light to dark  
And living things to dead  
But God still rules the world  
He always had a plan  
To send His Son to save us  
In the likeness of a man

*Jesus saves Jesus saves...*

Well if you come to God  
(You still have time you know)  
He'll wash your sinful heart  
And make it white as snow  
Come taste eternal life  
And death will have no sting  
All who trust in Jesus are  
The children of the King

*Jesus saves Jesus saves...*

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**Readings: Luke 2:1-7 on page 1027 (Ruth Ku)**

**Luke 2:8-21 (Daisy Rue)**

**Talk 1**

**Song: 'God rest you merry gentlemen'**

**GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN,**

Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding,  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
This blessed babe to find:

But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this infant lay,  
They found him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray:

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within the place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
doth bring redeeming grace

## Talk 2

### Song: 'Joy to the world'

#### JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME

Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior 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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## Closing Prayer