

Order of Service for Sunday Morning – 22nd December 2024

Welcome to our All Age Carol Service

**Corinne Brixton is leading our service
And David Rue is speaking this morning**

Welcome

Song: 'See him lying on a bed of straw'

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 Beth'lem'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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Confession:

Christ the light of the world has come to bring his light to the darkness of our hearts.
Let us confess our sins to him.

Lord of goodness and truth,
we do not deserve
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:

ALL: forgive us and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive us for so often choosing our own way rather than yours.
We have sinned:

ALL: forgive us and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born into a poor family and laid in a manger.
Forgive our greed and selfishness.
We have sinned:

ALL: forgive us and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem, as the angel said.
Forgive us for the times we don't believe your Word.
We have sinned:

ALL: forgive us and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our slowness to seek you.
We have sinned:

ALL: forgive us and heal us. Amen.

Reading: Luke 1:39-56 on page 1026 (Abi Naidu)

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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Talk 1

Song: 'The Twelve Things of Christmas'

The first thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
The birth of a heavenly king.

The second thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The third thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The fourth thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Four camel humps
Three special gifts

Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The fifth thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Five crowded inns
Four camel humps
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The sixth thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Six startled shepherds
Five crowded inns
Four camel humps
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The seventh thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Seven sheep a-grazing
Six startled shepherds
Five crowded inns
Four camel humps
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The eighth thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Eight cows a-mooing
Seven sheep a-grazing
Six startled shepherds
Five crowded inns
Four camel humps
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The ninth thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Nine little donkeys
Eight cows a-mooing
Seven sheep a-grazing
Six startled shepherds
Five crowded inns
Four camel humps
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The tenth thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Ten Herod's helpers
Nine little donkeys

Eight cows a-mooing
Seven sheep a-grazing
Six startled shepherds
Five crowded inns
Four camel humps
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The eleventh thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Eleven soldiers searching
Ten Herod's helpers
Nine little donkeys
Eight cows a-mooing
Seven sheep a-grazing
Six startled shepherds
Five crowded inns
Four camel humps
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

The twelfth thing at Christmas we celebrate is this:
Twelve angels singing
Eleven soldiers searching
Ten Herod's helpers
Nine little donkeys
Eight cows a-mooing
Seven sheep a-grazing
Six startled shepherds
Five crowded inns
Four camel humps
Three special gifts
Two parents new
And the birth of a heavenly king.

Talk 2

Song: 'We wise men'

WE WISE MEN OF ORIENT ARE

Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain moor and mountain
Following yonder star

*O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

O star of wonder...

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worship Him God on high

O star of wonder...

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

O star of wonder...

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia alleluia
Peals through the earth and skies

O star of wonder...

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Song: 'O come all ye faithful'

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:

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God In the highest:

Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born for our salvation,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

Tr. F. Oakeley, W. T. Brooke and others

Closing prayer