

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!*

2. God of God,
Light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God,
begotten, not created:

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING
'Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King!*

2. 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:

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, in the highest:

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born for our salvation,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing:

READING John 1: 1-14 The Incarnation
of the Word of God

PRAYERS

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by;
born that men no more may die;
born to raise the sons of earth;
born to give them second birth:

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



All Saints' Church

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 2021

With Junior Prime Brass

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

PRAYER

Like the wise men we come to worship.
Like the shepherds we come to see what God has done.
And like believers through the ages,
we come to give thanks that God has not held himself distant,
but has entered our world through his love.
O come let us adore him – Christ the Lord.

Amen.

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.

3. 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.

2. 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.

4. 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 wait around.



READING Isaiah 9: 2,6,7 The Prophecy of the Messiah's Birth

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour
was born on Christmas 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.

2. 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.

3. The shepherds at those tidings
rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding,
in tempest, storm and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightaway
this blessed babe to find.

4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
where Christ the infant lay,
they found him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling,
unto the Lord did pray.

5. Now to the Lord sing praises,
all people in this place!
With Christian love and fellowship
each other now embrace,
and let this Christian festival
all bitterness displace.

READING Luke 1: 26-38 An Angel appears to Mary

UNTO US A BOY IS BORN!

King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation,
the Lord of every nation.

2. Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he all men surpasses,
that he all men surpasses.

(MEN) Herod then with fear was filled:
'A Prince,' he said, 'in Jewry!'
All the little boys he killed

at Bethlem in his fury,
at Bethlem in his fury.

(WOMEN) Now may Mary's Son who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us,
unto the joys above us.

Alpha and Omega he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
doth rend the air asunder,
doth rend the air asunder!

READING Luke 2: 1-7 The Birth of Jesus

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
from heaven's all gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3. Yet with woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long,
beneath the angel-strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
the love-song which they bring:
o hush the noise, ye men of strife,
and hear the angels sing.

4. For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and all the world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

READING Luke 2: 8-16 The Shepherds go to the Manger

**WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR
FLOCKS BY NIGHT,**

all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

2. 'Fear not' said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

3. '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.

4. The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
and in a manger laid.'

5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels, praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

6. 'All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from heaven to
men begin and never cease.'

READING Matthew 2: 1-12 The Magi are led by the Star to Jesus