

WELCOME TO OUR CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Jointly hosted by the Furzedown Churches:
St James, St Paul's, St Alban's and Mitcham Lane Baptist Church.

The Service will follow the order as printed.
(Please stand to sing)

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service.

Thank you to all those who have worked so hard
to make this service possible.



SAVIUR
OF THE WORLD

Music Before: Furzedown Wind Band & Organ.

Video Intro: He Came

WELCOME

Cello solo: O come, O come Emmanuel

Solo:



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.

Choir:

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 mean and lowly

Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

All: (Please stand)

And through all His wondrous childhood

He would honour and obey,

Love and watch the lowly mother

In whose gentle arms He lay.

Christian children all must be

Mild, obedient, good as He.

All Women:

For He is our childhood's pattern:

Day by day like us He grew;

He was little, weak and helpless;

Tears and smiles like us He knew;

And He feeleth for our sadness,

And He shareth in our gladness.

All Men:

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.

All:

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.

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FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9 v 1-2,6-7 "The Birth Prophesied"

Read by Finola Williams – Furzedown Community Network.

All:



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.

Choir:

Joy to the earth-the saviour reigns!

Your sweetest songs employ

While fields and streams and hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy.

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

All:

He rules the earth with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove.

The glories of his righteousness

The wonders of his love.

The wonders of his love.

The wonders, wonders, of his love.

J. Watts in this version Jubilate Hymns.

SECOND READING:

Micah 5 v 2-5a "Out of Bethlehem shall come a ruler"

Read by PC Charina Boys – Met Police, Furzedown Ward.

All:



O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,

How still we see thee lie!

Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by.

Yet in Thy dark streets shineth

The everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in Thee tonight.

All Men:

O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the King,

And peace to men on earth;

All Women:

For Christ is born of Mary,
 And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wondering love.

Choir:

How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming;
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.

All:

O holy child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in;
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Immanuel.

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**CHOIR: A Great & Mighty Wonder
 (trad. Praetorius)**
THIRD READING:

Luke 1 v 26-38 "The Angel visits Mary"
 Read by Prof. Tony Leiba – Friends of the Heart
 Foundation of Jamaica

All:
**ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF
 GLORY,**

Wing your flight through all the earth;
 Heralds of creation's story,
 Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*Come and worship
 Christ, the new-born King.
 Come and worship
 Worship Christ the new-born King.*

All Woman:

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
 Watching by your flocks at night,
 God with man is now residing.
 See there shines the infant light!

All Men:

Wise Men, leave your contemplations!
 Brighter visions shine afar;
 See in Him the hope of nations,
 You have seen His rising star;

All:

Though an infant now we view him,
 He will share his Father's throne,
 Gather all the nations to him;
 Every knee shall then bow down:

James Montgomery

FOURTH READING:

Luke 2 v 1-7 "The Birth of Jesus"
 Read by Dr Rosena Allin-Khan MP for Tooting

**GOSPEL CHOIR: The Real Meaning of
 Christmas**
FIFTH READING: Luke 2 v 8-20

"The Shepherds and the Angels" Read by
 Jeremy Yankey – Good Hope Deaf Club

**The first verse of the next carol will be signed
 solo before we stand to sing the whole carol
 from verse 1**

All:
SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!

All is calm, all is bright,
 Round the virgin mother and child,
 Holy infant so gentle and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Choir:

Silent night! holy night!
 Shepherds quail at the sight;
 Glory streams from heaven afar,
 Heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia!'
 Christ the Saviour is born,
 Christ the Saviour is born.

All:

Silent night! holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light,
 Radiant beams your holy face
 With the dawn of saving grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

after J. Mohr, J. F. Young Public Domain

SIXTH READING:

Matthew 2 v 1-12 – The Wise Men Visit
Read by Nadine Siasia – Glory of God Ministries

CHOIR: Come into our World (Joy Webb)

SEVENTH READING:

John 1 v 1-14 – The Word became Flesh
Read by – Kathy Childress – Christian Aid

TALK: Rev Canon Geoff Vevers

Congregation sing all verses



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 that happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father now in flesh
appearing:

18thC. Tr. F. Oakley, W.T. Brooke & others Public Domain

NOTICES

Congregation to sing all verses



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.'*

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 Emmanuel.

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 man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give us second birth.

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BLESSING

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for Christian Aid's '**Enough for
Everyone**' Christmas Appeal
supporting work in
Sub-Saharan Africa and South
Sudan.*

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Christmas story by taking a free
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