

WELCOME TO OUR CAROL 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.

Pre-service music by Anne Wilson

WELCOME

 **Congregation stay seated until v 3**
Duet:

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.

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.

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.

Cecil F. Alexander Public Domain

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9 v 1-2, 6-7 "The Birth Prophesied"
Read by Paul Rook, Furzedown Youth Centre

CHOIR: 'Sussex Carol'

(arr. Bob Chilcott)



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.

Men:

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

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 Emmanuel.

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SECOND READING:

Micah 5 v 2-5a

"Out of Bethlehem shall come a ruler"

Read by Sephona Isaacs Polson,

Friends of the Heart Foundation of Jamaica

VOCAL DUET

by Hannah Roberts & Nadia Williams:

'Mary did you know?'

(Lowry/Greene)

THIRD READING:

Luke 1 v 26-38 "The Angel visits Mary"

Read by Anthony Langan,

Furzedown Community Network

**All:****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.

Choir:

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream 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 from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

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FOURTH READING:

Luke 2 v 1-7 "The Birth of Jesus"

Read by Maggie Thompson,

Greyswood Practice

CHOIR: 'Christmas Lullaby'

(John Rutter)

FIFTH READING:

Luke 2 v 8-20

"The Shepherds and the Angels"

Read by Sarah Chapman,

Wandsworth Foodbank

**Congregation sing all verses:****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.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour 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.

Isaac Watts / G.F. Handel

SIXTH READING:

John 1:1-14 – 'The Word Became Flesh'

Read by Rev Belemo Alagoa,
St Paul's Church, Furzedown

CHOIR: The Shepherds' Farwell (Berlioz)

TALK by Rev Marc Richeux

VIDEO: 'O HOLY NIGHT'

Video Performance from St Paul's Cathedral by
The Spirituals (feat. Kaye-Marie & Niiella)

PRAYERS led by Rev Gemma Dunning



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:

18th C. 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

**We wish you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

Music after the Service by Peter Ramell

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