



Bereavement service @ 3 pm 28 November 2021

Worship led by Rev Dr André Groenewald
Music from Martin Petty and choir



Theme: A star was born!

Welcome and announcements

Call to worship:

Minister:

Grass withers and flowers fall, but the word of our God
endures forever.

**Beloved I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the
Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen**

CH4 309 Silent night, Holy night

Silent night, holy night!
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watch o'er the Child beloved and fair,
sleeping in heavenly rest,
sleeping in heavenly rest.

Still the night, holy the night!
Shepherds first saw the light,

heard resounding clear and long, far
and near the angel-song, 'Christ the Redeemer is here!'
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Still the night, holy the night!
Son of God, O how bright
love is smiling from thy face!
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
Saviour since thou art born!
Saviour since thou art born!

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We ask in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:
Our Father, who are in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom
come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead
us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For you are the kingdom,
the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Bible reading: Matthew 2:1-4

1-2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory—this was
during Herod's kingship—a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the
East. They asked around, "Where can we find and pay homage to the
newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that
signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him." 3-4 When word
of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—and not Herod alone, but
most of Jerusalem as well. Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high
priests and religion scholars in the city together and asked, "Where is the
Messiah supposed to be born?"

Reflection



Lighting of the candles

Choir sing “Lifting my eyes up to the hills”

Prayer of hope and dedication

CH4 419 Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory,
risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory,
thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. ***Refrain***

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. ***Refrain***

Blessing

Amen, Amen, Amen



Remember by Christina Rosetti

Written in 1849, "Remember" is a Victorian poem beautifully covering the themes of mourning, life, memory and love. Told from the perspective of the lost loved one, the poem offers a great deal of comfort for listeners, asking friends and family to remember them but to also prioritise their happiness.

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

**You are warmly invited to join us for
afternoon tea in the Ogston Hall**