



Order of Service



25th DECEMBER 2023

10 am



Worship led by:
Ishbel Smith
Organist Martin Petty

Welcome

Lighting of Advent Candles

Worshipping God Together

Call to worship

**LEADER: THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A
GREAT LIGHT**

ALL: WE REJOICE BEFORE YOU THIS CHRISTMAS MORNING

LEADER: TO US A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN

ALL: FOR US A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN

**LEADER: AND HE IS CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, MIGHTY
GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE**

ALL: AND THERE SHALL BE ENDLESS PEACE. AMEN

CH4 301 – Hark The Herald Angels Sing

**1 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 hosts 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!
Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born King'.**

**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 man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth:
Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born King'.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others

Opening Prayer

Reading: Luke 2: 1-20

CH4 313 – See In Yonder Manger Low

**1 See! in yonder manger low, born for us on earth below,
see! the tender Lamb appears promised from eternal years.**

(Chorus)

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!

Hail, redemption's happy dawn!

Sing through all Jerusalem,

'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

**2 Lo! within a manger lies he who built the starry skies,
he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim.**

(Chorus)

**3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say, what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?**

(Chorus)

**4 'As we watched at dead of night, lo! we saw a wondrous light:
angels, singing peace on earth, told us of the Saviour's birth.'**

(Chorus)

**5 Sacred Infant, all Divine, what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!**

(Chorus)

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Reflection

Prayer

Hymn 306 – O Come All Ye Faithful

- 1 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;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord**

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, 'Glory to God in the highest':
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord**

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given: Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord**

Latin, 18th century, possibly by John Francis Wade (c.1711-1786) and others

CLOSING BLESSING