GOD'S GIFT TO US – JESUS

Welcome The Vicar

For God loved the world so much that **HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON**, **JESUS**, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. — *John* 3:16

Please sit or kneel for the Opening Prayer

led by the Vicar

Please stand for the Carol

- 1. 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 everlasting light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.
- 2. For Christ is born of Mary,
 And, gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the King,
 And peace to men on earth.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.

Please sit for the reading Luke 2 : 1, 3-6; 7b

Poem Part 1

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I Innkeeper

Please stand for the Carol

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Joseph

Mary

Names omitted

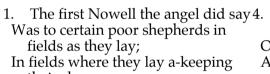
- 2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes. I love Thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me I pray; Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Please sit for the Reading Luke 2: 6-20

Poem Part 2

- *H* Holy child Jesus
- S Shepherds
- A Angel

Please stand for the Carol



their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so

Chorus

deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

Chorus

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country
far;
To seek for a king was their intent

To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.

Chorus

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Names omitted

This star drew nigh to the north-west:

Oer Bethlehem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay

Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Chorus

5. Then entered in those wise men three,

Full reverently upon their knee, And offered there in His presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Chorus

6. Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our Heavenly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of nought,

And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Chorus

Please sit for the Reading Matthew 2:1-11

Poem Part 3

Star – Wise men

R Risen Lord



Please stand for the Carol "The best present of all is Jesus"

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Please sit

Play: "The Gift"

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Prayer

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Lord Jesus, I am sorry for any wrong things I have done that might hurt you.

I invite you to be part of my life and ask you to show me how to love you and others.

Amen

Please stand for the Carol, during which a collection will be taken.

- 1. Joy to the world; the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heavn and nature sing, And Heavn and nature sing, And heavn, and heavn and nature sing.
- 2. Joy to the world; 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.
- 3. 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, and wonders of His love.



Blessing The Vicar