

St. Augustine's Carol Service 14 December 2003

Welcome !

Please stand for the Carol.

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| <p>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 :</p> | <p>2. God of God,
Light of light –
Lo ! He abhors not the virgin's womb.
Very God,
Begotten not created :</p> |
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Chorus :

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

Chorus

3. **Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation !
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above !
Glory to God
In the highest :**

Chorus

Please sit.

the Christmas story

The Christmas Tree : a symbol of HOPE

Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 6-7 : The promised Messiah

*(Please remain seated but DO join us in
singing all the carols in the Christmas Story.)*



**In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter,
Long ago.**

Luke Chapter 1 verses 26-38 :

A message for Mary.

Mary's song (the Magnificat) :

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,
For He that is mighty hath done great things,
and Holy is His name.

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and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,
For He that is mighty hath done great things
and Holy is His name.

Narrator Lord, help us to live a life of HOPE that comes from believing in Jesus.

People Help us, Lord, to believe in You.

The angel : a symbol of PEACE



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 street shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the
years
Are met in thee tonight.

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.

Luke Chapter 2 verses 1-7 :

Jesus is born in Bethlehem

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.

Luke Chapter 2 verses 8-14 :

Angels bring the news to the shepherds.

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth :

Chorus

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

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light :

Chorus

Narrator Lord, we ask You to fill us with Your PEACE.

People Fill us with your PEACE, Lord
God.

The Lamb : a symbol of LOVE



While shepherds watched
their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came
down
And glory shone around.

"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from
heaven to men
Begin and never cease."

Luke Chapter 2 verses 15-20 :

The shepherds visit Jesus

Narrator Lord, help us to remember Your LOVING SACRIFICE that is symbolised by the LAMB, and teach us to LOVE You more.

People **Teach us, Lord, to LOVE You more.**

The star : a symbol of WISDOM.



**We three Kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
Following yonder star:**

**O – star of wonder, star of
night
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still
proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-12 :

The wise men visit Jesus.

**Glorious now, behold Him
arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice
Heaven sings alleluya
Alleluya the earth replies**

**O – star of wonder, star of
night
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still
proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Narrator Lord, we thank You for all the GUIDANCE You give to us, help us to follow that GUIDANCE and to use our gifts in Your service.

People **Help us, Lord, to be GUIDED by You.**

Please stand as Tex leads us in this Carol :

All : **Chorus :**
*We will dance, we will sing,
we will praise our heav'nly King at His birth.*

Tex : The stars danced, the angels sang the night God came to earth.
The whole vault of heaven rang to celebrate His birth.

All : *Chorus.*

Tex : **Mary, His mother smiled to see her Babe new-born.
Shepherds came hurrying – left their flocks forlorn.**

All : *Chorus.*

Tex : **Wise men who saw His star – knew their Lord was here,
Came with their off'rings – incense, gold and myrrh.**

All : *Chorus.*

Tex : **We too will give to Him – gifts of love and praise.
Dance for Him, sing for Him, rejoice in Him always.**

All : *Chorus.*

Please sit.

after Christmas

The candystick : a symbol of JESUS

Story : How the candystick reminds us of Jesus.

Narrator Thank you, Lord, for the gift of JESUS.
Help us to KNOW Him better.

People **Help us, Lord, to KNOW JESUS better.**



Please stand for the Carol :

**1. Not on a snowy night
By star or candle light,
Nor by an angel band,
There came to our dear land –**

Chorus

*Te Harinui, Te Harinui,
Te Harinui, glad tidings of great
joy.*

**2. But on a summer day,
Within a quiet bay,
The Maori people heard
The great and glorious word –**

Chorus

Please sit.

Christmas tree lights : Jesus, Light of the world

Story : The candle.

Narrator Help us, Lord, to be YOUR LIGHT wherever we go.

People **May we be YOUR LIGHTS in this world.**

Please sit or kneel for the prayers which we will conclude by singing the last verse of "In the bleak mid-winter".

Thank you, Lord God, for the wonderful HOPE that we have in You.

Help to increase our faith so that we may KNOW You more intimately.

Fill us, Lord God, with Your PEACE and Your Love so that we may reach out in LOVE to our families, our friends and to the wider community in which we live.

May we be people who shine for Jesus wherever we go.

Amen

**3. People gathered round
Upon the grassy ground,
And heard the preacher say,
I'll bring to you this day –**

Chorus

**4. Now in this blessed land,
United heart and hand,
We praise the glorious birth,
And sing to all the earth –**

Chorus

Together we prayerfully sing :

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am ?
If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him ?
Give my heart.

Please stand for the Carol :

**1. Joy to the world ! – the Lord
is come !
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him
room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and
nature sing.**

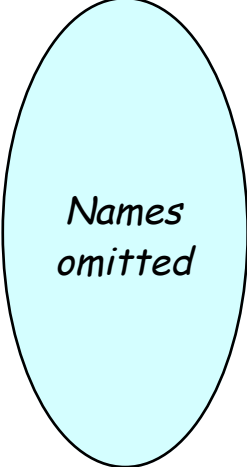
**2. Joy to the world ! – the
Saviour reigns !
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding
joy.**

**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.**

The Vicar

Blessing

Grace for the barbecue.



Contributors

Angel Gabriel, Wise man
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Shepherd
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Our next Family Service is the Christingle Service on 24th December at 7pm. DO JOIN US THEN. Anyone who would like to take part please see ●●●●● afterwards or 'phone ●●●●.

Our first Family Service **next year** will be on 29th February at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Kids' Club resumes on Tuesday, 2nd March, at 3:15pm; all Primary School children are welcome.