

Virtual Carol Service 2020 Programme

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Speaker: Rev. Dr. Sharon Prentis

Prayer: Bishop David Urquhart

Venue: Oasis Church

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Carol: O Come, All ye Faithful

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.

> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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.

> > Tr. F. Oakeley, W. T. Brooke and others

Welcome: Steve Bavington, Director of ChaplaincyPlus

Carol: Silent Night

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.

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.

Silent night, holy night! God's great love giving life! Let the world together rejoice, sing forever with one voice, heaven's hope is here, heaven's hope is here.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, radiance beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Bible Reading: Luke 1:26 – 38 (ESV)

Reader: Amy Tabri

Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favoured woman! The Lord is with you!"

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favour with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Words: Joseph Mohr (tr. J. F. Young) New lyrics: Ben Cantelon & Nick Herbert

³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail."

³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Christina G. Rossetti

TALK: 'Hope' Rev. Dr Sharon Prentis

Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n 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 us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The Herald Angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings Risen with healing in His wings Mild he lays his glory by Born that we no more may die Born to raise us from the earth Born to give us second birth Hark! The Herald Angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

C. Wesley, G. Whitefield, M. Madden and others

Charity Introduction: Steve Bavington

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Carol: Joy the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King! Let ev'ry 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.

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

Closing comments: Kim Yeomans

Isaac Watts

The Lord's Prayer: Kim Yeomans

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread Forgive us our sins As we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power And the glory are yours Now and for ever Amen

Closing Prayer: Bishop David Urquhart

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