

ST. PETER'S --- HAZEL GROVE

CAROL SERVICE

20 DECEMBER 2020

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed
where a Mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he has gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

FIRST READING: LUKE 1, 26-38 Julie Williams

CHOIR: THE ANGEL GABRIEL

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, (3)
Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God,
light of light,
lo! He abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten not created:
3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
glory to God
in the highest:

SECOND READING: LUKE 2, 1-7 David Young

CHOIR: IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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 ever lasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
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.

THIRD READING: LUKE 2, 8-14 Marie Glennon

CHOIR: STAR CAROL

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the Angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he, (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind)
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind".
3. "To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a saviour, who is Christ the Lord:
and this shall be his sign:
4. "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid".
5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
6. "All glory be to God on high,
and on the earth be peace,
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease".

FOURTH READING: LUKE 2, 15-20 Matt Burke

CHOIR: LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

AWAY IN A MANGER

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.
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 stand by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

CHOIR: CHRISTMAS LULLABY

FIFTH READING: THERE IS ROOM IN MY HEART Eileen Rigg

THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The First Nowell, the Angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so 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.
3. And by the light of that same star,
three Wise men came from country far,
to seek for a King was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
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 has bought.

CHOIR: COVENTRY CAROL

SILENT NIGHT

1. 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, (2)
2. Silent night, holy night.
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ the Saviour is born. (2)
3. Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. (2)

PRAYER

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 sinner reconciled:
joyful all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
3. Hail the heaven-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 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.*

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 Emmanuel.