

Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that we no more need die,
 Born to raise us from the earth,
 Born to give us second birth:

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing

Glory to the new-born King.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88 and others
 The New English Hymnal



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30pm Children's Crib Service followed by sausage sizzle

11pm Carols by Candlelight

11.30pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Christmas Holy Communion

ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CHELTENHAM

Parish Priest: Fr Ron White

Priest Associate: Fr Andre Hassing



WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Sunday: 10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday: 10am Eucharist (not in Jan)

*St Matthew's Anglican Church
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CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 18 December 2016 at 6pm



Officiant: Fr Ron White

Organist: Mr Robert Heatley

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THE BIDDING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.
Blessed be God for ever.

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the Mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you
to share like her in your great work



of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children who long for your coming.**

"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might
Who to the tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Refrain
3. O come, thou key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Refrain
4. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

"LONG AGO, PROPHETS KNEW"

1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden;
Freely love and pardon.

Refrain:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes, When he comes,

Who will make him welcome?

2. God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Refrain

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.

Refrain

4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

Jesus comes! Jesus comes!

We will make him welcome!

Words: F. Pratt Green b 1903
The New English Hymnal

"GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL"

1. Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
Come at his most gracious call,
To find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!

Words: Latin & German, 14th century
Adapted by John Mason Neale 1818-66
Ancient & Modern

PRAYERS FOR SICK, THE LONELY AND THE BEREAVED

"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 everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all 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.

Words: Phillips Brooks 1835-93
The New English Hymnal

MICAH 5.2-4

"A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER"

1. A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the Infant
With virgin-honour pure:

Refrain:
Repeat the hymn again!
*"To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men."*

2. The Word becomes incarnate,
And yet remains on high;
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky:
Refrain
3. Since all he comes to ransom,
By all be he adored,
The Infant born in Beth'lem,
The Saviour and the Lord:
Refrain

LUKE 1.26-38

"THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME"

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady, *Gloria!*
2. 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;
Most highly favoured lady.' *Gloria!*
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
'Most highly favoured lady.' *Gloria!*

LUKE 2.1-7

Words: St Germanus c.639-c.734
Translated by John Mason Neale 1818-1866
Ancient & Modern
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

Words: Basque Carol paraphrased by
Sabine Baring-Gould 1834-1924.
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Together In Song

"WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT"

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 humankind.
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 the sign:
4. The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes
And in a manger laid.'

Words: Nahum Tate 1652-1715 alt.
The New English Hymnal

LUKE 2.8-16

"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:
Refrain:
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:
Refrain
3. See how the Shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;

We too will thither, bend our joyful footsteps:

Refrain

4. Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, in the Highest:

Refrain

Words: Latin 18th century
Tr Frederick Oakeley 1802-80 & others
The New English Hymnal

PRAYERS FOR THE RIGHT USE OF CHRISTMAS

"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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. 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.'
3. Silent night, holy night:
Wondrous star, lend your light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born,
Christ our Saviour is born.

Words: Based on J.Mohr 1792-1848
Various

MATTHEW 1.18-23

"ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"

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

Refrain:

Come and worship

Christ, the new-born King,

Come and worship,

Worship Christ, the new-born King.

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

Refrain

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of Nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

"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 stay by my bedside till 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.

JOHN 1.1-14

THE BLESSING

"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 host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem:

Refrain:

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 in human flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:

Refrain

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;