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10:30 am Christmas Day 2025



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Preacher: Revd Tony Miles with Team

John 1:1-14

LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Go Tell it on the Mountain
Church Visuals

VIDEO CAROL – Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
Joy, unspeakable joy!
An overflowing well; no tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy!
It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

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!
Refrain

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Chorus: Chris Tomlin (born 1972), Ed Cash, and Matt Gilder

OPENING PRAYERS

Deacon Ali McMillan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer.

**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 for ever. Amen.

VIDEO CAROL – O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all the earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

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.

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.

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

VIDEO LESSON John 1:1-14

Read by Revd Dr Joyce Popoola

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

VIDEO 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!

True God of true God,
light of light eternal,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten, not created:
 Chorus

See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:
 Chorus

Lo, star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
we to the Christ-child
bring our hearts' oblations:
 Chorus

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
'Glory to God
in the highest:'
 Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given:
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
 Chorus

18th Century Latin, possibly by John Francis Wade (1711-1786) and others

ADDRESS – ‘A Sweet Reminder’
Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO CAROL – Christmas Hymn

OFFERING FOR CHRISTIAN AID

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Revd Stephen Poxon

VIDEO 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 new-born King.*

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 men to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel:

*Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

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.
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*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN

Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson played at MCHW - Gerard Brooks

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