



# Welcome

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**Christmas Eve 2020**

**11.00pm**



## **ONLINE SERVICE**

### **- CHRISTMAS EVE LOVE FEAST**

**Preacher: Deacon Ali McMillan**

**Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20**

**'Light in the Darkness and Hope in the midst  
of Fear'**

## **VIDEO COUNTDOWN**

### **LIVE STREAM WELCOME & NOTICES**

Led by Revd. Tony Miles , Superintendent Minister

### **VIDEO MINI MOVIE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Silent Night Mini Movie**

### **VIDEO CAROL - It Came Upon The Midnight Clear**

#### **STF 205**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
'Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing;  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessèd angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and man, at war with man, hears not  
the love-song which they bring.  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
and hear the angels sing!

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
to prophets shown of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when the new heaven and earth shall own  
the Prince of Peace their King,  
and all the world repeat the song  
which now the angels sing.

*Edmund Hamilton Sears & Arthur Seymour Hamilton*

## **PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Led by Revd. Tony Miles - MWB Page 129-130

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:2-7 TNIV**

Read by Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,

the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.  
<sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and for ever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

## **VIDEO CAROL – Once In Royal David's City**

### **STF 214**

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.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his stable was a stall;  
with the needy, poor and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

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 is gone.

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;  
there his children gather round  
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

## **VIDEO GOSPEL READING    Luke 2:1-20    TNIV**

Read by Elisabeth Nelson-Williams,  
MCHW Church Member

### **The Birth of Jesus**

**2** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register.

**4** So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

**8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

### **OFFERING & COMMUNION CAROL**

*(During the singing of this carol an offering will be taken for the work of Christian Aid)*

### **VIDEO CAROL - While Shepherds Watched**

#### **STF 221**

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

'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind);  
'glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

'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:

'The heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, and thus  
addressed their joyful song;

'All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease.'

*Nahum Tate (1652-1715)*

## **PRAYERS OF DEDICATION & INVOCATION**

### **ADDRESS:**

**'Light in the Darkness, Hope in the midst of Fear'**  
- Deacon Ali McMillan

**VIDEO MINI MOVIE - Still The Light of The World**  
*Hyper Pixels Media*

## VIDEO CAROL - Lord You Were Rich

### SOF 2433

Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,  
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;  
leaving your throne in glad surrender,  
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor:  
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,  
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.

You are our God beyond all praising,  
yet, for love's sake, became a man;  
stooping so low, but sinners raising  
heavenwards, by your eternal plan:  
you are our God, beyond all praising,  
yet for love's sake, became a man.

Lord, you are love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship you;  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
make us and keep us pure and true:  
Lord, you are love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship you.

*Frank Houghton (1894-1972), adapted Jubilate Hymns*

## PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Modern Version)

*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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PEACE**

Led by Revd. Tony Miles

### **VIDEO CAROL - Silent Night**

#### **Christian Life Hymnal**

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 heavenly  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing 'alleluia:  
Christ, the Saviour is born.' born  
Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent night! holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing,  
'Alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Saviour is born.' born  
Christ, the Saviour is born.

*Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)*

*translated John Freeman Young (1820-1885)*

**LOVE FEAST - Led by Revd. Tony Miles**  
**Benevolent Fund Offering during the next song**

**VIDEO CHOIR MUSIC PLAYED FOR REFLECTION -  
Silver Star**

**VIDEO CAROL - O Come All Ye Faithful**

**STF 212**

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 from God,  
Light from light –  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb!  
Very God, begotten, not created.

*O come . . .*

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

*O come . . .*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born for our salvation;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing.

*O come . . .*

*John Francis Wade Arr. David Valentine Willcocks*

**FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING**

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

**VIDEO JESUS IN NATIVITY**

**Tony and Ali putting Jesus into the Nativity Scene**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY: 'Good King Wenceslas'  
(Lloyd Webber) - Gerard Brooks**

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