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**ONLINE SERVICE
TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE
IN ASSOCIATION WITH PREMIER**

*(With edited highlights to be broadcast on Premier Christian Radio
at 2 pm on Christmas Day and repeated at Noon on Boxing Day)*

**Preacher: Revd. Tony Miles
Superintendent Minister
'Hope and Fears'**

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

WELCOME TO ONLINE CHURCH

LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Revd. Tony Miles - (Chapel)

CALL TO WORSHIP - Immanuel
From Shift Worship

GREETING

Revd. Peter Kerridge, Chief Executive, Premier

CAROL 1 - Joy To The World

STF 330

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every 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.

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.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

OPENING PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Led by Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy
Deputy Superintendent Minister, MCHW

CHOIR 1 - Dance and Sing

Trad. French Carol. Arr. *Ryan Murphy*

READING 1 - Isaiah 9:2-7 The Birth Foretold

Read by Wes Gibbs, MCHW

CAROL 2 - The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

STF 187

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!

Gentlemen

'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!

Ladies

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!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
'Most highly favoured lady.'
Gloria!

Sabine Baring-Gould

READING 2 - Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Appears To Mary

Read by Selene Jordan, Premier Praise

CHOIR 2 - Thorns In The Straw

Soloist Rosalyn Topping

VIDEO READING 3 Luke 2:1-7

The Saviour Is Born

Read by Mame Agyebu Kermah, MCHW

JAZZ CAROL 3 - O Come All Ye Faithful

Led by Dan Forshaw

Congregation to join in

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

A Reflection - 'Hearts & Hymns'

Led by Pam Rhodes, Premier Christian Radio

CHOIR 3 - Silent Night - Arr. Mark Hayes

Congregation to join

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.
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)*

READING 4 - Luke 2:8-20

The Shepherds And The Angels

Read by Muyiwa Olarewaju OBE, Premier Gospel

CAROL 4 - 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)

CHOIR 4 - Love Shone Down
National Methodist Choir of Great Britain

Congregation to join

STF 203

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside,
and all the lights of town were shining far below
when up in the air beautiful voices,
sang a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down
over the hills and over the valleys,
oh and love shone down over the world.*

Somebody spoke to me, I knew it was an angel.
He said 'There's something that I think you ought to
know.'

Then he just smiled, said 'Don't be afraid now.'
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

Refrain

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,
how to find him, where exactly I should go.
Then he was joined by millions of others.
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

Refrain

Andy Piercy (born 1951) and CS de Whalley

READING 5 - Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit Of The Magi

Read by Mary Grace Jose, MCHW

CHOIR 5 - Silver Star – Soloist: Rosalyn Topping
Borodin Arr. Gerard Brooks

The Offering

Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy

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CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy

CAROL 5 - In The Bleak Midwinter

STF 204

In the bleak mid-winter
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 mid-winter,
long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him,
nor the earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign.

In the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
God, the Lord Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the Beloved
with a kiss.

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 (1830-1894)

ADDRESS - 'Hopes and Fears'

Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister, MCHW

CAROL 6 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

STF 213

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 tonight.

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 Immanuel!

Phillips Brooks (1835 - 1893)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan, MCHW

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Modern Version)

Led by Tara Thomas, MCHW

*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.**

Lighting of Candles At Home

Led by Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy

CAROL 7 - It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
(During which candles can be lit at home)

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 blessed 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

READING 6 - John 1:1-14

The Word Became Flesh

Read by Simon Ward MBE, Premier Christian Radio

CAROL 8 - Hark The Herald Angels Sing

STF 202

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:

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:

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

BLESSING

Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTARY:

Lloyd Webber – ‘God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen’

- Gerard Brooks, Director of Music

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