

**St. Augustine's Carol Service      12 December 2004**

Welcome !

*Please stand for the Carol.*

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| <b>1. O come, all ye faithful,<br/>Joyful and triumphant,<br/>O come ye, O come ye to<br/>    Bethlehem;<br/>Come and behold Him,<br/>Born the King of Angels :</b> | <b>2. God of God,<br/>Light of light<br/>Lo ! He abhors not the virgin's womb.<br/>Very God,<br/>Begotten not created :</b> |
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*Chorus*  
*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

*Chorus*

- 3. Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation !  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above !  
Glory to God  
In the highest :**

*Chorus*

*Please sit for all the Christmas story but do join in singing the carols.*

In John Chapter 3 verse 16 we are told that :

God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

**now –**

Let us also think about how we should respond to God's gift of Jesus.

*THEN –*

The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary.

*Luke Chapter 1 verses 26 - 38 ( Page 1123 in the pew Bibles ).*

*Mary says :*

**All**

My gift to God is my **WILLINGNESS** to serve Him.

**Help us to be Your willing servants too.**



Please join in the carol

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 side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

**now –**

We can give our pastoral ministry

Ask yourself, If I were sure that I loved God, what would I do? When you have found the answer, go and do it.

( C.S. Lewis : "Mere Christianity" )

*THEN –*

The angels tell the shepherds of the birth of Jesus  
*Luke Chapter 2 verses 8 - 20 ( Page 1125 )*

*The shepherds say*

Our gift to God is *TO TELL EVERYONE ABOUT JESUS.*

*All*

**Help us to be people who tell others about Jesus too.**

Please join in the carol

Angels, from the realms of glory

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight oer all the earth;  
You who sang creations story,  
Now proclaim Messiahs birth :

*Chorus*

*Come and worship Christ the new-born King  
Come and worship, worship Christ the new-born King*

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching oer your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light :

*Chorus*

**now –**

We can give our love

Whoever is moved by true and perfect love is never self-seeking, but desires only that God's glory may be served in all things.

( Thomas à Kempis )

*THEN –*

The wise men come looking for Jesus  
*Matthew 2 verses 1 - 2, 11 - 12 ( Page 1048 )*

*The Wise Men say*

Our gift to God is *WORSHIP.*

*All*

**Help us to worship You too.**

Please stand for the carol

**Chorus :**

*Rejoice, rejoice, for Jesus  
Is come to be our King;  
With joyful praise and worship  
We bring our offering.*

1. In ancient times, the Wise Men  
Brought gold and spices rare  
To offer to the Christ Child,  
God's gift beyond compare.  
( Chorus )

Please sit.

**ALWAYS -**

*Love  
comes  
first*

27 And he

answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

( Luke 10 )

Please remain seated for

the message

Please stand for the hymn

Take my life

1. Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them  
move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me  
sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from  
Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt  
choose.

Rejoice, rejoice

2. Now we in turn bring our  
gifts,  
But what gift can we bring ?  
What can we give to please  
Him,  
The Lord of everything ?  
( Chorus )
3. He wants our willing service,  
Obedience, love, and praise;  
He wants us to proclaim how  
He cares for us always.  
( Chorus )

5. Take my will, and make it  
Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine:  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I  
pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store:  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all, for Thee

*A time of offering*

This is an opportunity for you to offer your gifts to God.  
If you'd like to do so, you might write your offer on the  
paper in your order of service and place it in the basket  
on the candle table, or light a candle, or do both.

The organist will quietly play the hymn again, while  
those who wish to make an offering do so.

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Thank You for the wonderful gift of Your Son Jesus which we  
celebrate each year at Christmas time. May this be a time of love,  
peace and rejoicing in our families and our community and  
throughout the world. **Amen**

We ask You, Lord God, to reveal to us the way we can use our  
gifts and talents to serve You today, tomorrow and every day.  
**Amen**

We pray for the lonely, the estranged and the sick at this time,  
asking for Your love and forgiveness to surround them and bring  
them peace. **Amen**

Together we sing *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  
for ever. Amen**

*Please stand for the final carol*

Joy to the world

1. Joy to the world ! – the Lord  
is come !

Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him  
room,

And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and  
nature sing.

2. Joy to the world ! – the  
Saviour reigns !

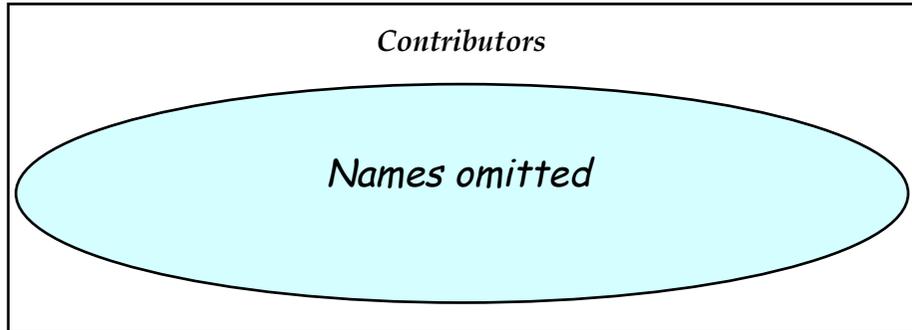
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks,  
hills and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. 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, and wonders of His love.

Blessing

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Our next Family Service is the **Christingle Service** on 24th December at 7pm.  
DO JOIN US THEN. Anyone who would like to take part please see [.....](#)  
afterwards or phone [.....](#).

Our first family service next year will be on Easter Sunday March 27th 10am.  
Everyone is welcome.

Kids' Club resumes on Tuesday 1st March at 3:15pm; all Primary School  
children are welcome.