

*St. Augustine's Carol Service : December 9th, 2007*

# GOD IS SO GOOD

*We welcome you here in the name of Jesus,  
Whose birthday we celebrate this month.*

*Our theme for today :* Mary remembers the first Christmas.

*Our sentence for today :* "Mary remembered all these things  
and pondered them deeply."  
[ Luke Chapter 2 verse 19 ]



*Please stand to sing the Carol*

*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 :**

**2. God of God,  
Light of light –  
Lo ! He abhors not the virgin's womb.  
Very God,  
Begotten not created :**

*Chorus*

*Chorus :*

*O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord !*

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

*Chorus*

*Please sit.*

THE ANGEL GABRIEL VISITS MARY

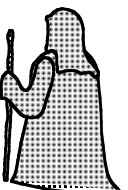
Luke  
1 26-36

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

Luke  
1 39-56

JOSEPH'S DREAM

Matthew  
1 19-24



*Narrator* **God is so good.** He invites us to be His servants.

**ALL** **Thank You, God, for the servant rôles You give to us.**  
**Help us to fulfil them in Your strength. Amen.**

*Narrator* **God is so good.** He sends people to encourage us at difficult times.

**ALL** **Thank You, Lord, for all encouragers.**  
**Help us to be encouragers too. Amen**

*Narrator* **God is so good.** He gives us guidance when we seek it.

**ALL** **Thank You, Lord, for Your wonderful guidance.**  
**Help us to listen and to follow Your guidance all our days. Amen**

*Please stand to sing "My soul does magnify the Lord".*

**My soul does magnify the Lord  
 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour;  
 For He that is mighty has done great things,  
 And Holy is His name.  
 My soul does magnify the Lord,  
 My soul does magnify the Lord,  
 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour;  
 For He that is mighty has done great things,  
 And holy is His name.**

*Please sit.*



THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

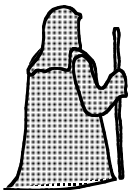
Luke  
2 1-5

NO ROOM AT THE INN

Luke  
2 7

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke  
2 6,7



*Narrator* **God is so good.** He supports us when the going is hard.

**ALL** **Thank You, Lord, for Your support through difficult times.**  
**Thank You for the people who support us.**  
**Help us to support those in need. Amen.**

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You for the people who help us.

**ALL** **Thank You, Lord, for helpful people.**  
**Teach us to be helpful people, too. Amen.**

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You for the birth of Your Son.

**ALL** **Thank You Lord for the wonderful gift of Your Son.**  
**May we learn to appreciate more and more all He has done for us.**  
**Amen.**

*Please stand to sing*

*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.**

*Please sit.*

THE ANGELS APPEAR TO  
THE SHEPHERDS

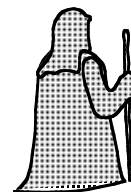
Luke  
2 8-14

THE SHEPHERDS VISIT JESUS

Luke  
2 15-17

THE SHEPHERDS GO HOME REJOICING

Luke  
2 20



*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You, Lord, for the wonder of Your Glory displayed to the shepherds.

**ALL** **May we too see Your Glory, in the wonder of Jesus’s life. Amen.**

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You, Jesus, for all who seek You.

**ALL** **Thank You, Jesus, for Your loving welcome.**  
**May we encourage others to seek You too. Amen.**

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You for all those who tell people about Jesus.

**ALL** **Help us to spread the Good News of Jesus wherever we go. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the carol “Angels from the realms of Glory”*

**1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
You who sang creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s 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 o’er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light:**

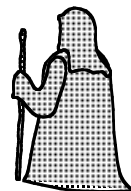
*Chorus*

*Please sit.*

THE FAMILY MAKE THEIR HOME  
IN BETHLEHEM

THE NAMING OF JESUS Luke  
2 21

THE PURIFICATION CEREMONY IN  
THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM Luke  
2 22-40



*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You, Jesus, for the kindness of other people.

**ALL** **Help us to be kind to those in need. Amen.**

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You, Jesus, for Your wonderful name.

**ALL** **Thank you, for all that Your name means to us. Amen.**

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You, Jesus, for Your purity and goodness.

**ALL** **Help us to follow Your example of purity and goodness. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing*

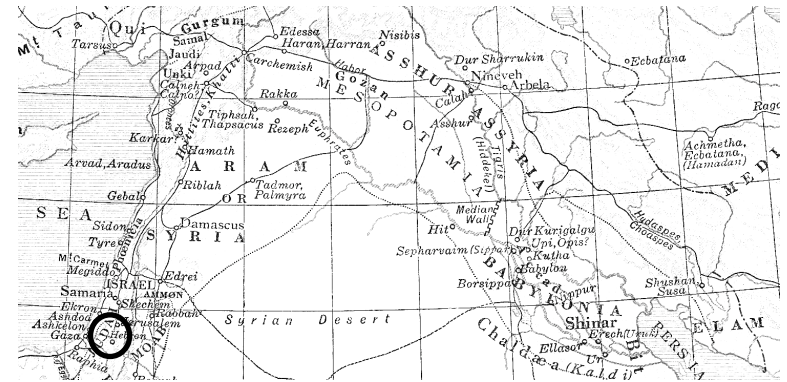
*“Lord, now let Your servant”.*

**1. Lord, now let Your servant  
go his way in peace;  
Your great love has brought me  
joy that will not cease.**

**2. For my eyes have seen Him,  
promised from of old -  
Saviour of all people,  
shepherd of one fold:**

**3. Light of revelation  
to the gentiles shown,  
light of Israel’s glory  
to the world made known.**

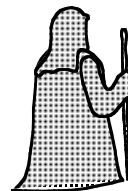
*Please sit.*



THE WISE MEN VISIT HEROD’S PALACE Matthew  
2 1-8

THE WISE MEN VISIT JESUS Matthew  
2 9-11

THE WISE MEN RETURN HOME  
ANOTHER WAY Matthew  
2 12



*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You for all those who enquire about You.

**ALL** Help us, Jesus, to be enquirers too, and help us to answer people's questions about You. Amen.

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You, Jesus, for the gifts You have given us.

**ALL** Help us to use our gifts wisely and generously. Amen.

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You, Jesus, for those who obey Your guidance.

**ALL** Help us to be obedient, too. Amen.

*Please stand to sing the carol*

*"We three kings of Orient are".*

1. We three Kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star:

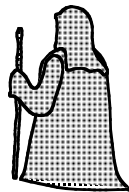
2. Glorious now, behold Him arise,  
King, and God, and sacrifice.  
Heaven sings "Alleluia";  
"Alleluia", the earth replies.

*Chorus :*

*Chorus*

*O - star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Please sit.*



THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT AND  
RETURN TO NAZARETH

Matthew  
2 13-23

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You for the way You help us to be good parents.

**ALL** Help us to be good parents, and to support parents in any way we can. Amen.

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You for our safe homes and families.

**ALL** Thank You, Lord, for our families and for our church family, help us to keep them safe. Amen.

*Narrator* **God is so good.** Thank You, Lord, for the job you have chosen for us to do.

**ALL** May we do it in Your strength and with Your endurance. Amen.

*Together we sing –*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, in 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 our 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.

*Please remain standing for the Blessing.*

**BLESSING**

**GRACE for the Barbecue.**

THOSE CONTRIBUTING :

*Names omitted*

The  
**Christingle  
Services**

*will be on*

December 24th :

St Augustine's 7p.m.;  
Holy Trinity 5&7p.m.

Our  
**first Family Service  
for 2008**

*will be on*

**Easter Sunday**

( March 23rd )

at 10 a.m.

*Anyone wishing to take part in these services  
please phone ●●●●● ( ●●●● )  
at least two weeks before the service.*

**Kids' Club**  
for Primary School children

restarts

**Tuesday, March 4th**  
at 3:15p.m.

Phone ●●●●● ( ●●●● ).