

**St. Augustine's  
Carol Service  
29th November  
2009**



*Love came  
down at  
Christmas*

*We welcome you all here in the name of Jesus  
May we leave this place knowing more about  
the wonderful love of God and His Son Jesus.*

*Please stand to sing*

**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 heav'n above:  
Glory to God  
in the highest:

*Chorus*

*Please sit.*

**"Love came down at Christmas"**

*written by Christina Rossetti.*

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus  
but wherewith for sacred sign ?

Love shall be our token,  
love be yours and love be mine,  
love to God and all men,  
love for plea and gift and sign.

**LOVE=CAME=DOWN=AT=CHRISTMAS**

# The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary

adapted from Luke chapter 1 verses 26-38

Page 1123 of the Church Bibles

*“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now you will conceive and bear a Son, and you will name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. He will reign over the House of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”*

*And so Mary agreed to God’s invitation to be His servant.*

*Pray-er* God’s love invites us to be His servant.

**ALL** Our love for God enables us to be obedient servants.



# Joseph’s dream

adapted from Matthew Chapter 1 verses 18-25

Page 1048 of the Church Bibles

*Now I know what to do. I will go and get Mary and bring her to live with me as my wife, but we won’t sleep together until after the baby is born.*

*Joseph* Jesus! Don’t you think that is a wonderful name ?

**ALL** YES !



*And so Joseph was guided by his dream and took Mary to be his wife.*

*Pray-er* God’s love guides us as we make choices.

**ALL** Our love for God helps us to make the best choices.

*Please stand to sing the hymn*

**A great and mighty wonder.**

1. A great and mighty wonder,  
a full and holy cure !  
The Virgin bears the Infant  
with virgin-honour pure.

*Chorus :*  
*Repeat the hymn again !*  
*“To God on high be glory,*  
*and peace on earth to men.”*

2. The Word becomes incarnate,  
and yet remains on high;  
and cherubim sing anthems  
to shepherds, from the sky.

*Chorus*

*Please sit*

3. While thus they sing your  
Monarch,  
those bright angelic bands,  
rejoice, ye vales and mountains;  
ye oceans, clap your hands:

*Chorus*

4. Since all He comes to ransom  
by all be He adored,  
the Infant born in Bethlem,  
the Saviour and the Lord:

*Chorus*



# The journey to Bethlehem

adapted from Luke Chapter 2 verses 1-5

Page 1125 of the Church Bibles.

*And so the compassion of the innkeeper provided Mary and Joseph  
with a place to stay.*

*Pray-er* God’s love is shown in His compassion towards us.

**ALL** Our love for God encourages us to be compassionate to one another.



## The birth of Jesus

adapted from Luke chapter 2 verses 6-8  
Page 1125 of the Church Bibles.

*And when her time came Mary's Son was born - in the stable -  
and she laid Him in a manger.*

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*And so God's precious Son, Jesus, was born in a manger.*

*Pray-er* God's love for us is shown in the birth of His Son Jesus.

**ALL** **Our love for God is shown as we form a loving relationship with Jesus.**

*Please stand to sing the hymn* **Little Jesus, sleep away, in the hay**

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*Please sit.*

### WORSHIP WITH THE GODHEAD

## The Shepherds and the Angels

adapted from Luke Chapter 2 verses 8-15  
Page 1125 of the Church Bibles.

*Don't be afraid! God has sent me to tell you something wonderful is happening tonight! God loves you and tonight down there in Bethlehem the Messiah has been born - a Saviour sent from God to bring peace and love to all and show God's love for you.*

*Shepherd 3* Look! Look!

*Shepherds* More angels! How wonderful!

**ALL** **Glory to God in the highest and peace to all the earth!**

*And so the angels announce the wonderful birth of Our Saviour.*

*Pray-er* God's love is shown in the angels' glorious announcement of Jesus' birth.

**ALL** **Our love for God is shown in our response to this announcement.**

### LOVE IN GARNATE = LOVE DIVINE

## The Shepherds visit the stable

adapted from Luke Chapter 2 verses 16-20;  
page 1126 of the Church Bibles.

*I've been longing for this news! The Messiah born at last!*

*Shepherds* We've seen Jesus! Everyone listen! We've seen Jesus!

**ALL** **They've seen Jesus and worshipped Him. Alleluia!**

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*And so the shepherds see the baby and worship Him and go and tell the villagers about Jesus.*

*Pray-er* God's love is shown in His invitation to proclaim the Good News.

**ALL** **Our love for God is shown as we go tell everyone about Jesus.**

*Please stand for the next hymn :*

**Go tell it on the mountain**

*Chorus :*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.*

2. And lo ! When they had seen it,  
they all bowed down to pray,  
then travelled on together  
to where the Baby lay.

*Chorus*

1. While shepherds kept their  
watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold ! throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

3. When I was a seeker,  
I sought both night and day:  
I asked the Lord to help me,  
and He showed me the way.

*Chorus*

*Chorus*

*..... continued*

4. He made me a watchman  
upon the city wall,  
and, if I am a Christian,  
I am the least of all.

*Chorus :*  
*Go, tell it on the mountain,*  
*over the hills and ev'rywhere.*  
*Go, tell it on the mountain*  
*That Jesus Christ is born.*

*Please stand for our collection hymn*

**Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us**

*Please sit*

**WORSHIP WE OUR JESUS**

**The Wisemen visit Jesus**  
*adapted from Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-12*  
Page 1048 of the church Bibles.

*And so the Wisemen travelled long distances in their desire to worship Jesus.*

*Pray-er* God's love is shown in His desire for our worship.

**ALL** Our love for God is shown as we worship Him.

**LOVE SHALL BE OUR TOKEN**

## Message

*And so the loving sacrifice was willingly made  
and the invitation "Come live My way" given.*

*Pray-er* Jesus's love for us is shown through His death and resurrection.

**ALL** Our love for God is shown in the way we live our lives.

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**LOVE BE YOURS AND LOVE BE MINE**

## Holy Communion

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## Lord's Prayer.

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**LOVE TO GOD AND ALL MEN**

*Please stand to sing the final hymn*

## **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.**

**LOVE FOR PEACE AND GIFT AND SIGN**

### *Contributors*

*Names omitted*

**You are ALL  
invited to our  
Christingle Family  
Service !**



**6pm Christmas Eve  
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Come and make  
a Christingle**