

**St. Augustine's Carol Service 14 December 2003**

Welcome !

*Please stand for the Carol.*

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| <p>1. <b>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></p> | <p>2. <b>God of God,<br/>Light of light –<br/>Lo ! He abhors not the virgin's womb.<br/>Very God,<br/>Begotten not created :</b></p> |
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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.*

the Christmas story

*The Christmas Tree : a symbol of HOPE*

*Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 6-7 : The promised Messiah*

*( Please remain seated but DO join us in  
singing all the carols in the Christmas Story. )*



**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.**

Luke Chapter 1 verses 26-38 :

A message for Mary.

Mary's song ( the Magnificat ) :

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,  
For He that is mighty hath done great things,  
and Holy is His name.

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Narrator Lord, help us to live a life of HOPE that comes from believing in Jesus.

People Help us, Lord, to believe in You.

The angel : a symbol of PEACE



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 street shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the  
years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels  
keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the  
King,  
And peace to men on earth.

Luke Chapter 2 verses 1-7 :

Jesus is born in Bethlehem

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.

Luke Chapter 2 verses 8-14 :

Angels bring the news to the shepherds.

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

Narrator Lord, we ask You to fill us with Your PEACE.

People Fill us with your PEACE, Lord  
God.

The Lamb : a symbol of LOVE



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

"All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Good will henceforth from  
heaven to men  
Begin and never cease."

Luke Chapter 2 verses 15-20 :

The shepherds visit Jesus

*Narrator* Lord, help us to remember Your LOVING SACRIFICE that is symbolised by the LAMB, and teach us to LOVE You more.

*People* **Teach us, Lord, to LOVE You more.**

*The star : a symbol of WISDOM.*



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

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

Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-12 :

The wise men visit Jesus.

Glorious now, behold Him  
arise,  
King, and God, and sacrifice  
Heaven sings alleluya  
Alleluya the earth replies

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

*Narrator* Lord, we thank You for all the GUIDANCE You give to us, help us to follow that GUIDANCE and to use our gifts in Your service.

*People* **Help us, Lord, to be GUIDED by You.**

Please stand as Tex leads us in this Carol :

*All :* **Chorus :**  
*We will dance, we will sing,  
we will praise our heav'nly King at His birth.*

*Tex :* The stars danced, the angels sang the night God came to earth.  
**The whole vault of heaven rang to celebrate His birth.**

*All :* *Chorus.*

*Tex :* **Mary, His mother smiled to see her Babe new-born.  
Shepherds came hurrying – left their flocks forlorn.**

*All :* *Chorus.*

*Tex :* **Wise men who saw His star – knew their Lord was here,  
Came with their off'rings – incense, gold and myrrh.**

*All :* *Chorus.*

*Tex :* **We too will give to Him – gifts of love and praise.  
Dance for Him, sing for Him, rejoice in Him always.**

*All :* *Chorus.*

*Please sit.*

after Christmas

*The candystick : a symbol of JESUS*

*Story :* How the candystick reminds us of Jesus.

*Narrator* Thank you, Lord, for the gift of JESUS.  
Help us to KNOW Him better.

*People* **Help us, Lord, to KNOW JESUS better.**



*Please stand for the Carol :*

**1. Not on a snowy night  
By star or candle light,  
Nor by an angel band,  
There came to our dear land –**

*Chorus*

*Te Harinui, Te Harinui,  
Te Harinui, glad tidings of great  
joy.*

**2. But on a summer day,  
Within a quiet bay,  
The Maori people heard  
The great and glorious word –**

*Chorus*

*Please sit.*

*Christmas tree lights : Jesus, Light of the world*

*Story :* The candle.

*Narrator* Help us, Lord, to be YOUR LIGHT wherever we go.

*People* **May we be YOUR LIGHTS in this world.**

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers which we will conclude by singing the last verse of "In the bleak mid-winter".*

Thank you, Lord God, for the wonderful HOPE that we have in You.

Help to increase our faith so that we may KNOW You more intimately.

Fill us, Lord God, with Your PEACE and Your Love so that we may reach out in LOVE to our families, our friends and to the wider community in which we live.

May we be people who shine for Jesus wherever we go.

Amen

*Together we prayerfully sing :*

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am ?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would give a lamb;  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him ?  
Give my heart.

*Please stand for the Carol :*

**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.**

*The Vicar*

Blessing

Grace for the barbecue.

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**Contributors**

Angel Gabriel, Wise man  
Angel  
Mary  
Angel, Wise man  
Angel, Wise man  
Shepherd  
Caller  
*Overheads, Inn-keeper, Jewish Leader*  
*Organist, Narrator, Herod*  
Shepherd  
Joseph  
*Organist, Narrator*  
Shepherd  
*Reader*

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 29th February at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

**Kids' Club** resumes on Tuesday, 2nd March, at 3:15pm; all Primary School children are welcome.