

St. Augustine's Carol Service

11 December 2005

EMMANUEL – GOD IS WITH US

– and that's something NEW !

Welcome !

Please stand for the Carol

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 :**

Chorus

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord..*

O come, all ye faithful

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

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 and remain sitting for the Christmas story.

About the decorations

The Angel appears to Mary.

Luke Chapter 1 verses 26-38; Page 1123 of the church Bibles.

The Angel appears to Joseph.

Matthew Chapter 1 verses 19-24; Page 1048 of the church Bibles.

Narrator The long expected Jesus is now on His way;
God is doing a new thing.

ALL EMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US IN A NEW WAY.

Please remain seated and join in the Carol

Emmanuel

Chorus :

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God with us, God with us,
Wonderful, Wonderful,
Counsellor, Counsellor,
Prince of Peace –
a Saviour is bom to redeem the world,
and His name is Jesus.
King of kings, King of kings,
Lord of lords, Lord of lords, is He.*

1. God Himself will give a sign,
A virgin shall bear a Son
Who shall be called Emmanuel.

Chorus

2. People who now walk in darkness
Soon will see the light of Jesus,
He is the Light of the world.

Chorus

3. Hear a voice cry in the desert,
Clear a way for the Messiah,
Make straight a highway for God.

Chorus

4. Bringing good news, healing heartaches,
preaching freedom, releasing captives,
giving a mantle of praise.

Chorus

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem

Luke Chapter 2 Verses 1-7; Page 1125 of the church Bibles.

Narrator The long-expected Jesus is here, born in a stable.
God is doing something new.

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Please remain seated and 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 You, Lord Jesus ! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with You There.

The Shepherds and the Angels.

Luke Chapter 2 Verses 8-20; Page 1125 of the church Bibles.

NOW YOU TOO CAN BE AN ANGEL ! (now THERE's a new thing)

Narrator An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the
Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

ALL Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy.
Today in Bethlehem, a Saviour has been born to you; He is
Christ the Lord.
This will be a sign to you : You will find a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a manger.

Narrator Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with
the angel, praising God and singing,

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

Narrator The angels proclaim God's message of peace and
goodwill.

God is doing something new.

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Please remain seated 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 fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light :

Chorus

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar :
Seek the great Desire of Nations;
You have seen His natal star :

Chorus

- AND YOU CAN BE A SHEPHERD TOO !

Shepherds The angel came and told us about this baby.
 He said He would be a Saviour –
 a Saviour Who brings peace to the world –
 and we'd find Him in a manger –
 And we came –
 And here He is, lying in the straw !

ALL **It's wonderful !**

Shepherds We must go and tell everyone !

ALL turn to neighbours and say :

A Saviour has been born – Christ the Lord !

Rachel What did they say ?

ALL **Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth.**

Rachel Wonderful. God is with us here.

ALL **God is here !**

Narrator Jesus our Saviour is born, offering the peace of
 God to us all.
 God is doing something new.

ALL **EMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US IN A NEW WAY.**

Mary ponders the miracle of Jesus's birth.

Please sing again

Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar :
Seek the great Desire of Nations;
You have seen His natal star :
Come and worship Christ the new-born King
Come and worship, worship Christ the new-born King.

Visitors from the East;

Matthew Chapter 2 Verses 1-12, Page 1048 of the Church Bibles.

Narrator People came from near and far to worship Jesus the
 King of the Jews
 God is doing something new.

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Please stand for the carol

We three Kings of Orient are

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

Chorus :

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

2. **Glorious King, behold Him arise,**
King, and God, and sacrifice;
Heaven sings "Alleluya"; "Alle-
luya" the earth replies.

Chorus

- AND NOW YOU CAN BE EVERYBODY !

Maid 2 Oh – haven't you heard ? They've gone !

ALL **GONE !**

Rachel Oh no ! I so wanted to find out more about them. Didn't you ?

ALL **YES, WE DID !**

Narrator And we can find out more. The Baby Jesus had to leave Bethlehem to escape from Herod and be prepared to begin His earthly ministry. But we are here now because the risen Christ is alive today, and is with us for ever.

Jesus Christ is alive today
God is doing something new.

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Please remain seated for

the Message

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Thank you, Lord God, that, through the birth and life of Jesus You came to offer to all of us a new way of life.
Help each one of us to choose to follow this new way and to build new relationships with you. **Amen.**

We pray that through this Christmas season we will draw closer to each other and to Jesus. **Amen.**

We pray that Your love, comfort and peace will be with all who are in trouble or distress. Show us how to help those in need now and throughout the coming year. **Amen.**

Together we sing The Lord's Prayer

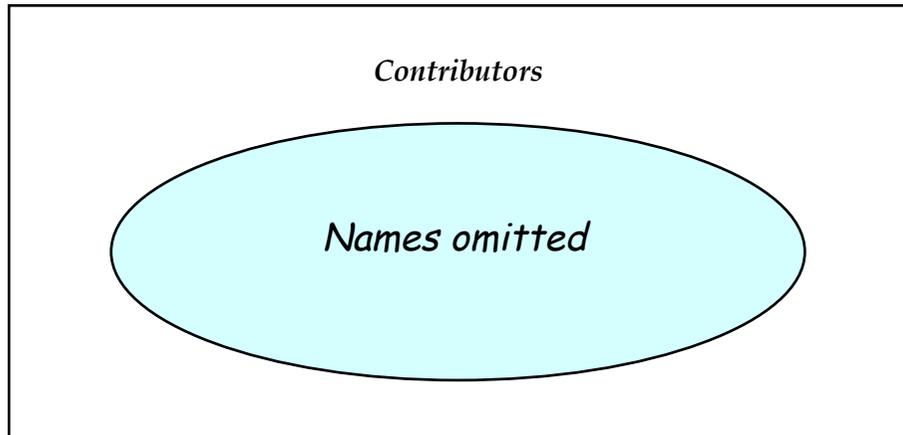
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for
ever. Amen.**

Please stand for the final carol

Te Harinui

1. Not on a snowy night
By star or candle light,
Nor by an angel band,
There came to our dear land
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 :
Te Harinui, Te Harinui,
Te Harinui – glad tidings of great joy !
3. People gathered round
Upon the grassy ground,
And heard the preacher say,
"I'll bring to you this day
Te Harinui, Te Harinui,
Te Harinui – glad tidings of great joy !"
4. Now in this blessed land,
United heart and hand,
We praise the glorious birth,
And sing to all the earth
Te Harinui, Te Harinui,
Te Harinui – glad tidings of great joy !

Blessing.



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** April 16th 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Kids' Club resumes on Tuesday 7th March at 3:15pm; all Primary School children are welcome.