

**St. Augustine's  
Carol Service  
30th November  
2008**



*Joy  
at  
Christmas*



Long ago, God's people had been scattered far,  
But God sent the prophets to proclaim  
That His people would gather once again with joy,  
and together would praise His holy name.

*So there's Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
Joy at the coming of our Lord and Saviour !  
Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
Joy at the coming of the Lord !*

*Please stand for the hymn*

1. Good Christians all rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice !  
Listen now to what we say :  
News ! News !  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now :  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today !

Good Christians all rejoice  
2. Good Christians all rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice !  
Hear the news of endless bliss :  
Joy ! Joy !  
Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He has opened heaven's door,  
And we are blessed for evermore.  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this !

3. Good Christians all rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice !  
Now you need not fear the grave :  
Peace ! Peace !  
Jesus Christ was born to save :  
Come at His most gracious call,  
To find salvation one and all !  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save !

*Please sit.*



Then the Angel Gabriel told Mary what God had decided should be done :  
 "You will have a Baby, by the power of God, and the Child will be called God's only Son".

*So there's Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
 Joy at the coming of our Lord and Saviour !  
 Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
 Joy at the coming of the Lord !*

Let us pray.

Thank You, God, for the many promises we find in the Bible.  
 Thank You that Mary was willing to be Your servant and be the mother of Your Son Jesus.  
 Help us to be Your servants too.  
 Thank You for Your Son Jesus; may He fill us with Your joy this Christmas time.

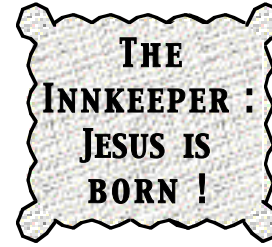
ALL Joy ! Joy ! Joy ! The Saviour of the world is coming !

Please stand to sing  
 which we will sing twice.

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.



There was no room in Bethlehem to sleep that night  
 when Mary and Joseph sought a bed,  
 so her new-born Baby in a manger lay,  
 in the place where the animals were fed.

*So there's Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
 Joy at the coming of our Lord and Saviour !  
 Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
 Joy at the coming of the Lord !*

Let us pray.

Thank You, God, for the birth of Your Son, Jesus.  
 May we understand more fully the wonder and glory of this wonderful birth as we celebrate Christmas this year.  
 Thank You, God, for Your Son Jesus.

ALL Joy ! Joy ! Joy ! Jesus the Saviour of the world is born !

Please stand to sing 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.

Please sit.

Head Angel ... you will find a baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

Shepherds A manger !

All (Twice) All glory be to God on high  
 And to the earth be peace  
 Good will henceforth from heaven to men  
 Begin and never cease.



Then the angels told the shepherds of the Saviour's birth :  
"We bring you tidings of great joy;  
In a stable in Bethlehem He's come to earth –  
He's been born as a little baby Boy".

*So there's Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
Joy at the coming of our Lord and Saviour !  
Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
Joy at the coming of the Lord !*

*Let us pray.*

Lord, thank You for people who tell us about You.  
May we be people who believe in You.  
Lord, fill us with the joy of knowing Jesus and fill us with the confidence we need to tell others about You.

**ALL :** Joy ! Joy ! Joy ! Everyone is talking about Jesus, the Saviour of the world !

*Please stand to sing the hymn*

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*

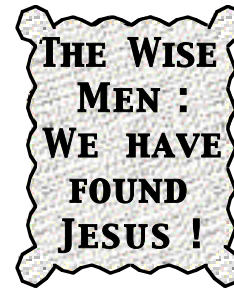
3. Saints before the altar  
bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear

*Chorus*

4. Though an infant now we view  
Him,  
He shall fill His Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Every knee shall then bow down;

*Chorus*

*Please sit.*



When the three Wise Men came from distant lands  
led by the star that shone above;  
they brought rich gifts for the infant Lord,  
but all He asks from us is love.

*So there's Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
Joy at the coming of our Lord and Saviour !  
Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
Joy at the coming of the Lord !*

*Let us pray.*

Lord, as we travel along the journey of life, help us to be people who seek for Jesus, The Saviour of the World.  
Guide us, as You guided the Wise Men, to places where we can find Jesus and worship Him.  
Guard us from evil and help us to discern and follow Your will.  
Amen.

**ALL** Joy ! Joy ! Joy ! We too can find Jesus, the Saviour of the World !

*Please stand to sing the hymn*

As with gladness men of old

1. As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, gleaming  
bright :  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore Your splendour see.

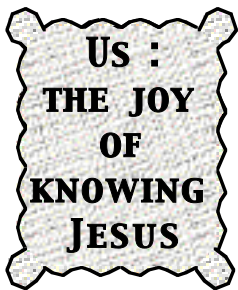
2. As with joyful steps they sped  
to that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Christ, whom heaven and earth  
adore;  
So with ever-quickening pace  
May we seek Your throne of  
grace.

3. As they offered gifts most rare  
At Your cradle plain and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to You our heavenly  
King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are  
past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to  
guide,  
Where no clouds Your glory hide.

5. In the heavenly city bright  
None shall need created light :  
You its light, its joy, its crown,  
You its sun which goes not down;  
There for ever may we sing  
Hallelujahs to our King.

## MESSAGE



Now we needn't go to Bethlehem to find our Lord,  
for the Saviour Who was born that night  
is the risen Jesus, Who is always near;  
Let us serve Him by always doing right.

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Joy at the coming of our Lord and Saviour !  
Joy at Christmas, Joy at Christmas,  
Joy at the coming of the Lord !*

*Let us pray*

We thank You, Lord, for Your unconditional love towards us.  
May we respond to Your love as Mary did, by becoming one of Your servants.  
Forgive us for the times we get it wrong.  
Fill us with the love, joy and peace that comes from knowing you as our personal friend and saviour. Amen

**ALL** Help us all, Lord God, to experience the joy of knowing Jesus, the Saviour of the world, as our personal friend and saviour.

## PAUSE

*Together we sing –*

**ALL :**

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.

## PAUSE

*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**  
***prayer for barbecue.***

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**Please join us  
for the  
BARBECUE  
in the hall !**

***( - recently cleaned and tidied ! )***

*Those contributing :*

*Names omitted*

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*Another Christmas service :*

## **Christingle Service**

6pm, December 24th

*Anyone wishing to take part in this service  
please 'phone ( )  
at least two weeks before the service.*

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## **Kids' Club**

for Primary School children

meets in the Hall

3:15pm - 4:30pm each Tuesday

during term time.

Kids' Club restarts on March 3rd. 2009.