

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist (9.15am in January)

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist (not in January)

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NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday 22 December 2019 at 5pm



Officiant: Fr Geoff Cheong

Organist: Mr Edwin Kwong

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

We welcome you to our Service!



ORGAN PRELUDES

- Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) – J.S. Bach
- Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122 No. 8 – J. Brahms
- Adeste Fideles (Fantaisie) – L. Graap
- Pastoral Symphony from Christmas Oratorio – J.S. Bach, arr. W.T. Best

(PROCESSIONAL) HYMN 1: ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Solo Only

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir Only

2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Congregation – vv 3-5

3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,

Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Words: Mrs. C. F. Alexander 1818-95 alt.

WELCOME

THE BIDDING

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 forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever!

Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him

who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

Blessed be God for ever.

God our Father,
you gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth in their old age a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,
and baptised them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.
Help us, who have been baptised into Christ,
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare, for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.**

1ST LESSON: GENESIS 3.8-19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his sin will
bruise the serpent's head*

CAROL 1 : ADAM LAY YBOUNDEN (BORIS ORD)

1. Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.



2. And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written
In their book.
3. Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady,
A-been heavené queen.
4. Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!

2ND LESSON: GENESIS 22.15-18

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth
be blessed*

CAROL 2 : DING! DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH (CHARLES WOOD)

1. Ding dong! merrily on high
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Dingdong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
2. E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And *i-o, i-o, i-o,*
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
3. Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

3RD LESSON: ISAIAH 9.2, 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour

HYMN 2: JESUS CHRIST THE LORD IS BORN

1. Jesus Christ the Lord is born
All the bells are ringing!
Angels greet the holy One
And shepherds hear them singing,
And shepherds hear them singing.
2. 'Go to Bethlehem today,
Find your king and saviour:
Glory be to God on high,
To earth his peace and favour,
To earth his peace and favour!'
3. Held within a cattle stall,
Loved by love maternal,
See the master of us all,
Our Lord of lords eternal,
Our Lord of lords eternal!
4. Soon shall come the wise men three,
Rousing Herod's anger;
Mothers' hearts shall broken be
And Mary's son in danger,
And Mary's son in danger.
5. Death from life and life from death
Our salvation's story:
Let all living things give breath
To Christmas songs of glory,
To Christmas songs of glory!

Words: Michael Perry 1942 - 1996
based on Puer nobis nascitur,
(Latin, 15th century)
Ancient & Modern
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

4TH LESSON: MICAH 5.2-4

The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem

CAROL 3 : THE LAMB (SIR JOHN TAVENER)

1. Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee.
2. Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee.
Little Lamb, God bless thee.

HYMN 3: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. 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 streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;

For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

5TH LESSON: LUKE 1.26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

CAROL 4 : I SING OF A MAIDEN (RICHARD MADDEN)

1. I sing of a maiden
That is makeles,
King of all kings
To her son she ches.
2. He came all so stille
Where his mother was
As dew in April
That falleth on the grass.

3. He came all so stille
To his mother's bower,
As dew in April,
That falleth on the flower.
4. He came all so stille
Where his mother lay
As dew in April,
That falleth on the spray.
5. Mother and maiden
Was never none but she,
Well may such a Lady
Goddess mother be.

6TH LESSON: LUKE 2.1, 3-7

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

HYMN 4: GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE

1. Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say,
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!
2. Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss,
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!

Words: Phillips Brooks 1835-93
The New English Hymnal

3. Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
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!

Words: Latin & German, 14th century
Adapted by John Mason Neale 1818-66
Ancient & Modern
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

7TH LESSON: LUKE 2.8-16

The shepherds go to the manger

CAROL 5 : WHAT SWEETER MUSIC (JOHN RUTTER)

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heav'nly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honour to this day
That sees December turn'd to May.
That sees December turn'd to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn,
Thus on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:

'Tis he is born, whose quick'ning birth
Gives life and lustre, public mirth,
To heaven and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his show'rs,
Turns all the patient ground to flow'rs.
Turns all the patient ground to flow'rs.

The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him, to welcome him.
The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart
Which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour; who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heav'nly King,
The birth of this our heavenly King.

8TH LESSON: MATTHEW 2.1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

CAROL 6 : IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (HAROLD DARKE)

1. 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.
2. Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him,
Nor earth sustain,
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter,
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

3. Enough for Him, whom cherubim,
Worship night and day.
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay.
Enough for Him, whom Angels,
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

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

HYMN 5: WHAT CHILD IS THIS

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise
The Babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's son is here,
His love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail, the Saviour comes,
The Babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
All tongues and peoples own him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let every heart enthrone him:
Raise, raise your song on high
While Mary sings a lullaby,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Words: Chatterton Dix 1837-98 and Editors
The New English Hymnal

9TH LESSON: JOHN 1.1-14

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

HYMN 6: 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:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

2. God of God,
Light of Light;
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

3. See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

4. Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our heart's oblations:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

5. Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

6. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God,
In the highest:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

COLLECT & BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo (BWV 729) - J.S. Bach

CHOIR

Soprano – Piri Jakab, Sue Polites, Deborah Howard

Alto – Deborah Polites, Stewart Webb

Tenor – Robin Czuchnowski, Kenji Fujihara

Bass – Andrew Alesi



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER
5pm - Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE
5.30pm - Children's Crib Service
11pm - Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
9am - Christmas Holy Communion

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Words: Latin 18th century
77 Frederick Oakeley 1802-80 & others
The New English Hymnal