



The Parish of Peasedown St John
CAROLS AND READINGS BY CANDLELIGHT
Sunday 11th December 2011 - 5.00pm

Welcome

Carol

1 O come, all you faithful,
 joyful and triumphant,
 O come you, O come you 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!

maiden for mother,
 he was born for us all;
 only begotten
 Son of God the Father:
Chorus

2 True God of God,
 Light from light eternal,

3 See how the shepherds
 summoned to his cradle,
 leaving their flocks, draw near to gaze;
 we too will thither
 bend our joyful footsteps:
Chorus

God declares his Judgement. Genesis 3:8-15

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me-- she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Carol

1 Ding! dong! merrily on high
 In heav'n the bells are ringing;
 Ding! dong! verily the sky
 Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Let steeple bells be swungen,
 And 'Io, io, io!
 By priest and people sungen: *Chorus*

2E'en so here below, below,

3Pray you, dutifully prime
 Your matin chime, ye ringers!
 May you beautifully rime
 Your evetime song, ye singers! *Chorus*

God makes a promise to Abraham Genesis 22:15-18

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time [16] and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this

and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

‘Lifted’ – Praise in the Temple by Dorothy Norwood

When there’s a - praise in the Temple and a praise in the house

You can usher in the Spirit, and remove the devil out
God will open up a window, and a blessing He’ll pour out
When there’s a praise in the Temple
And a praise in the House

It's service time It's service time

It's service time It's service time

Enter with thanksgiving and a praise on your mind

It's service time It's service time

It's service time It's service time

Get up outta your seat

Stand up on your feet

Let's clap to the beat

It's service time

You won’t leave like you came in Jesus name
There’s a blessing in this house that you can claim
All you have to do is speak it, it’s in your name
You won’t leave like you came in Jesus name

You won’t leave like you came in Jesus name *In Jesus name*
There’s a blessing waiting on you that you can claim *You can claim*
It’s predestined and ordained *Ooh-ooh-ooh*
It’s in your name *It’s in your name*
You won’t leave like you came in Jesus name *In Jesus name*

Isaiah announces the coming King - Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Film - Welcome to our World

‘Lifted – I’m Gonna Trust in the Lord by Solomon Bourke

1. I’m gonna trust in the Lord
I’m gonna trust in the Lord
Trust in the Lord, ‘til I die
I’m gonna trust in the Lord
I’m gonna trust in the Lord
Trust in the Lord, ‘til I die

2. I’m gonna stay on bended knees
3. I’m gonna stay on the battlefield
4. I’ll be a warrior in God’s army

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Carol

1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
*Hark, the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb!

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:
Hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Chorus*

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth. *Chorus*

Please join us for our bring and share tea

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Carol (*Lifted* Solo voice at the beginning of verse 2, 3 and 4)

1 We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we travel 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 the perfect light.*

2 *Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again:
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. Chorus*

3 *Frankincense for Jesus have I,
God on earth yet Priest on high;
prayer and praising all men raising:
worship is earth's reply. Chorus*

4 *Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
tells of His death and Calvary's gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in a stone-cold tomb. Chorus*

5 *Glorious now, behold him arise,
King and God, and sacrifice!
heaven sings alleluia,
alleluia the earth replies:Chorus.*

The word becomes flesh - John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

'Lifted' – Silent Night arr. Kirk Franklin

Oooh Sleep in heavenly
It was a silent night, a holy night Peace
All is calm, and oh so bright Sleep in heavenly,
Round yon virgin, mother and child Peace
Holy infant so, tender and mild Heavenly peace, peace – yeah!
Sleep in heavenly , Oh so heavenly, Sleep in heavenly peace

Film - *Son of God*

Carol – *Lifted* solo verse 1

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.*

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.

3 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.

4 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.

The peace that Christ will bring is foretold Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

'Lifted' – Unto Us a Child is Born by Mark & Helen Johnson

Unto us a child is born
Unto us a son is given
He shall reign in all the earth
He will be called Immanuel
Angel voices sing
Hallelujahs ring
For today in Bethlehem, the love of God has come to men
The Saviour of the world is Christ the King!
Come let us adore
Now and evermore
For today in Bethlehem, the love of God has come to men
The Saviour of the world is Christ the Lord!

The Angel comes to Mary - Luke 1:26-31,38

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Carol

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, heaven cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heaven 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 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the Belovèd
with a kiss.

5 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.

God's purpose is explained to Joseph - Matthew 1:18-25 read by

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had

commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

'Lifted' – My Life is in Your Hands by Kirk Franklin

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid
Joy comes in the morning, troubles they don't last always
For there's a friend named Jesus, who will wipe your tears away
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say

Oh! I know that I can make it
I know that I can stand

No matter what may come my way
My life is in your hands

With Jesus I can take it, with him I know I can stand
No matter what may come my way
My life is in your hands

So when your tests and trials, they seem to get you down
And all your friends and loved ones, are nowhere to be found
Remember there's a friend named Jesus, who will wipe your tears away
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say

The Shepherd's go the stable - Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Carol

1 While shepherds watched
their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

2 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

3 'The heavenly babe you there shall
find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'

4 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from
heaven to men begin and never cease.

Travellers come from the east - Matthew 2:9-11 read by

The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.