

Sunday Service

10.30am | Sunday, 18th December 2022 | The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Welcome: Matthew Lawes (Curate)

Song: Immanuel

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
to the anguish and the shame of scandal
came the Saviour of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise
of heaven,
shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the Gift of God come down to man
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
humble servant in the Father's hands,
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my
pain,
joys and sorrows that I know so well;
yet His righteous steps give me hope again-
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's
transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
and with a shout our souls are free -
death defeated by Immanuel!

Now He's standing in the place of honour,
crowned with glory on the highest throne,
interceding for His own beloved
till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet
sounds
hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
but the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,
giving glory to Immanuel!

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Carol: Silent night

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright;
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds first saw the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia:

Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiance beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Franz Xaver Gruber, Joseph Mohr, and John Freeman Young

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God and ask for his forgiveness
For all the wrong things we have done, to God and other people: in your mercy,
forgive us, O God

For forgetting what we ought to have remembered, for failing to do as we promised,
For turning away when we should have listened, for being careless when we should
have worked hard: in your mercy,
Forgive us, O God

For doing things we knew would annoy, for acting in ways we knew would hurt,
for behaving in ways we knew would disappoint: in your mercy,
Forgive us, O God.
**Heavenly Father, when we look back we can see how foolish and wrong we
have been.**
Forgive us and help us to live your way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All-age slot

Song: Hope has come

Let us join with the angel voices
Let us join their happy song
All of heaven and earth rejoices
For the Lamb of God has come
He has come to rescue sinners
Come to meet our desperate need
He was born to bring forgiveness
Born for Calvary

Alleluia hope has come
Alleluia Christ has come
We once were slaves in misery
Till You appeared and set us free
Alleluia hope has come

Let us lay our gifts before Him
Let us magnify His name
With our thankful hearts adore Him
For the Lord has come to save
He has come to break sin's power
He has come to set us free
Hope was born that glorious hour
Christ the mighty King

Stephen Altrogge @ 2006 Sovereign Grace Praise

Children leave for their groups

Church Family News

Prayers Emily & Matt Davies

Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 8-17 Luke 1:57-80
Jordan Marsh

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

** catholic: refers to the universal, world-wide church*

Carol: The first Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping
their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

Then wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped him;
they offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of
naught
and with his blood mankind hath
bought:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

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Sermon: 'Now that's what I call Christmas : Zechariah's song'
Pete Scamman (Associate Vicar)

Carol: O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was
born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine!

Humbly He lay, Creator come as creature,
Born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall.
True Son of God, yet bearing human
feature,
He entered earth to reverse Adam's fall.
In towering grace, He laid aside His glory,
And in our place, was sacrificed for sin.

Fall on your knees! O hear the gospel story!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine!

Come then to Him Who lies within the
manger,
With joyful shepherds, proclaim Him as Lord.
Let not the Promised Son remain a
stranger;
In reverent worship, make Christ your Adored.
Eternal life is theirs who would receive Him;
With grace and peace, their lives He will
adorn.
Fall on your knees! Receive the Gift of
heaven!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine!

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Closing prayer