



# Carol Service 2024

Becoming the person God made me to be:  
living, learning, loving.

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14*

TRUST



JUSTICE



FORGIVENESS



HOPE



DIGNITY



COMMUNITY



Welcome from Rev Joanne

READING - Luke 1 - An Angel Appears to Mary

## JOY TO THE WORLD

Words by Isaac Watts

Music based on a melody by George Frederic Handel, arranged by L Mason

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord has come,  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Your sweetest 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,  
The wonders of His love,  
The wonders of His love,  
The wonders, wonders of His love.

# IT WAS ON A STARRY NIGHT

Words and Music by Joy Webb

- 1 It was on a starry night  
When the hills were bright,  
Earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still.  
Then in a cattle shed,  
In a manger bed,  
A boy was born, King of all the world.

CHORUS      *And all the angels sang for Him,  
The bells of heaven rang for Him,  
For a boy was born, King of all the world.  
And all the angels sang for Him,  
The bells of heaven rang for Him,  
For a boy was born, King of all the world.*

- 2 Soon the shepherds came that way  
Where the baby lay  
And were kneeling, kneeling by His side.  
And their hearts believed again  
For the peace of men,  
For a boy was born, King of all the world.

CHORUS

## READING - Luke 2 - The shepherds go to the manger

### LONG INTRO

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside,  
And all the lights of town were shining far below,

When up in the air beautiful voices  
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

Oh and Love shone down  
Over the hills and over the valleys,  
Oh and Love shone down  
Over the world.

Somebody spoke to me, I knew it was an angel.  
He said: 'There's something that I think you  
ought to know.'

Then he just smiled, said: 'Don't be afraid now,  
Sing a new song, let everyone know.'

Oh and Love shone down  
Over the hills and over the valleys,  
Oh and Love shone down  
Over the world.

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,  
How to find him, where exactly I should go.  
Then he was joined by millions of others,  
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

Oh and Love shone down  
Over the hills and over the valleys,  
Oh and Love shone down  
Over the world.

Well, did I dream or was I really on that  
hillside,  
On that Christmas night so very long ago?  
When he was born, Jesus our Saviour,  
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

Oh and Love shone down  
Over the hills and over the valleys,  
Oh and Love shone down  
Over the world.



## WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Words and Music by Rev. John Henry Hopkins Jr

- 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 thy perfect light!*

- 2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

CHORUS

- 3 Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense tells of Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, all are raising,  
Worship Him God most high!

CHORUS

- 4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom,  
Sorrow, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

CHORUS

- 5 Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrificer!  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Heaven to earth replies.

CHORUS

## CALYPSO CAROL

Words and Music by Michael Perry

- 1 See Him lying on a bed of straw,  
A draughty stable with an open door,  
Mary cradling the babe she bore,  
The Prince Of Glory is His name.

CHORUS      *O now carry me to Bethlehem  
To see the Lord appear to men,  
Just as poor as was the stable then,  
The Prince Of Glory when He came.*

- 2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
Show where Jesus in the manger lies.  
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
To see the Saviour of the world.

CHORUS

- 3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
Bring God's glory to the heart of man,  
Sing that Bethl'hem's little baby can  
Be salvation to the soul.

CHORUS

- 4 Mine are riches from your poverty,  
From your innocence, eternity,  
Mine forgiveness by your death for me,  
Child of sorrow for my joy.

CHORUS x 2

# HOPE OF HEAVEN

## (CHRISTINGLE SONG)

Words and Music by Mark and Helen Johnson

- 1      Light up a candle and hold out the globe,  
Here in the darkness the light of the world.  
The red in the ribbon for love that He showed,  
And sweets\* as a sign of His goodness.  
A life freely given, a love we can know,  
The light of the world ever with us.  
(Repeat)

CHORUS      *Hope of heaven,  
In our darkness,  
You came to Earth bringing peace and life.  
Hope of heaven,  
Full of kindness,  
Come shine your light  
In this candle that I hold.*

- 2      *Repeat verse 1 (without repeat)*

CHORUS

Light up a candle and hold out the globe,  
Here in the darkness the light of the world.



May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THANKYOU FOR JOINING US FOR OUR CAROL SERVICE  
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.