

Carol Service

Sunday 13th December

Welcome - James

Song: Peace on Earth (Casting Crowns) Nao & Band

The Nativity - Video from Pershore Baptist Church Families

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!

God of God, Light of light, Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb; Very God, Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.



First Reading - Mary: Luke 1: 26-38

Second Reading - Joseph: Matthew 1:18-25

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!'

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 Immanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing: 'Glory to the new-born King.'

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son 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.
Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King.'

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship Christ, the new-born King. Come and worship Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant-light: Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star:

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

All creation join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One

Third Reading - The Shepherds: Luke 2:1-20

Fourth Reading - The Wise men: Matthew 2:1-11



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!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the wisemen from the Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger; In all our trials, born to be our friend He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger, Behold your King! Before him lowly bend! Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother.
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever,
His power and glory, evermore proclaim!
His power and glory, evermore proclaim!

Christmas Message - James

Song: God is with us (Casting Crowns) Nao & Band

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME;

Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! 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!

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, wonders of His love.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN,

Over the hills and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth.

Down in a lowly manger a humble Christ was born And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn!