



# Sawston Village Carol Service 6.30pm Sunday 19 December 2021



## Welcome

## We light our advent wreath

## Opening Prayer

## Carol: On Christmas night

- 1 On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring  
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News of great joy news of great mirth  
News of our merciful Kings birth
- 2 Then why should we on earth be so sad  
Since our Redeemer made us glad  
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Since our Redeemer made us glad  
When from our sin He set us free  
All for to gain our liberty
- 3 When sin departs before His grace  
Then life and health come in its place  
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Then life and health come in its place  
Angels and men with joy may sing  
All for to see the new born king
- 4 All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night  
All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night  
Glory to God and peace to men  
Now and for evermore Amen

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## Dr Luke introduces himself

## Carol: Once in Royal David's city

- 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 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 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.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895) Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern* Electronic Words Edition, number 81.

## Readings

Reading 1 Elizabeth's story *Luke 1:5-7*

Reading 2 Elizabeth's story *Luke 1:18-25*

## Carol: 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 wondering love.
- 3 How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
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.

## Readings

Reading 3 Mary's story *Luke 1:26-38*

Reading 4 Mary's story *Luke 1:39-45, 56*

## Carol: The angel Gabriel

1                   The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
                      his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
                      most highly favoured lady.'

*Gloria!*

2                   'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
                      all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;  
                      most highly favoured lady.'

*Gloria!*

3                   Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
                      'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
                      most highly favoured lady.

*Gloria!*

4                   Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
                      in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say  
                      'Most highly favoured lady.'

*Gloria!*

Birjina gaztetto bat zegoen (Basque Carol) paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924) Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition*, number 85

## Readings

Reading 5 The census and the journey *Luke 2:1-7*

Reading 6 The shepherds *Luke 2:8-20*

## Carol: While shepherds watched

- 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           'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread  
              had seized their troubled mind);  
'glad tidings of great joy I bring  
              to you and all mankind.
- 3           '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:
- 4           'the heavenly babe you there shall find  
              to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
              and in a manger laid.'
- 5           Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
              appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
              addressed their joyful song:
- 6           'All glory be to God on high,  
              and to the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
              begin and never cease.'

Nahum Tate (1652–1715) based on Luke 2.1-20 Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition*, number 89

## Mary reflects

## Carol: Infant lowly, infant holy

- 1 Infant holy, Infant lowly  
For His bed a cattle stall  
Oxen lowing, Little knowing  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all  
Swift are winging, Angels singing  
Noels ringing Tidings bringing  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, Heard the story  
Tidings of a gospel true  
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow  
Praises voicing, Greet the morrow  
Christ the Babe was born for you  
Christ the Babe was born for you

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## Mary's treasure box

### Prayers

*We join in 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Carol: Hark, the Herald angels sing

- 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.
- 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.

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## Final Blessing

*Please do stay after the service for refreshments*