

THREE CHURCHES CAROL SERVICE
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020 at 7 pm



Welcome by *Fr Matthew*
Sign of the Cross
Opening Reflection *Elizabeth*

Hymn – Our God Reigns (*the words will be shared on your screen – please mute your microphones, but join in the singing at home*)

Des

1st Reading taken from Isaiah 9: 1-16
The Prophet foretells the birth of Jesus

Carol - O Come O Come Emmanuel (*sung by Ami*)

Tania

2nd Reading taken from Luke 1: 25-36
The Annunciation

Visual – The Magnificat

Tania

Reflection

You are invited to light a candle in your home

Hymn – The Light of Christ (*words will be shared on the screen; please mute but join in at home*)

John

3rd Reading taken from Luke 2: 1-5
Joseph – The Journey to Bethlehem

John

Reflection

Carol – O Little Town of Bethlehem (*please mute but join in at home*)

Please extinguish your candle

Marie

4th Reading taken from Luke 2: 6-7
Mary – The Birth of Jesus

Marie

Reflection

O Holy Night (*sung by Ami*)

Poem – “Wonder” (*read by Anneliese*)

Carol – Silent Night (*recording of Max, Caroline Venter and Ami*)

Charlotte

5th Reading taken from Luke 2: 8-16
The Angels and the Shepherds

Visual – The Shepherds visit the baby

Charlotte
Reflection

Carol – Hark the Herald Angels Sing (*please mute but join in at home*)

Simon
6th Reading taken from Matthew 2: 1-12
The Kings

Simon
Reflection

Carol – The First Nowell (*please mute but join in at home*)

Intercessions *Jo, James, Anneliese and Maria*

The silence of the first Christmas still speaks to us, even amidst our busyness and our troubles. The world is listening, waiting and straining to hear the cry of a child: just as when a mother waits for the birth of her child. She waits to gaze on the face of the one she has known without knowing, loved without seeing. We wait together in the silence to see God's face and to hear healing words of hope and joy.

The response to the prayers is: **Come Lord Jesus**

Into our world as into Mary's womb
Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope
Into the lives of the powerful, bringing wisdom
Into the lives of the weary and the troubled, bringing rest
Into the lives of the sick and the bereaved, bringing comfort
Into the lives of those living with war and violence, bringing peace
Into our world distressed by the pandemic and all its consequences
Into all our lives and longings

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This is the good news, Christ is coming. And blessed are those who wait on the Lord.

Heavenly Father, you cast down the mighty from their thrones and lift up those who are of little consequence. As Elizabeth and Mary embraced with songs of liberation, so may we be filled with your spirit and affirm one another in hope and peace for our world, as we await the coming of Jesus Our Saviour. Amen.

Closing Reflection *Kath*

Blessing *Fr Matthew*

Carol – O Come all ye Faithful (*please mute but join in at home*)



Thank you for attending our 3-Churches Carol Service. The session will remain open for a while longer, for you to chat and share a mince-pie!

