



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

St Lazarus' Anglican Church Pissouri

Part of the Limassol Chaplaincy in the Diocese
of Cyprus & the Gulf

Carol Service

Sunday 4th December 2016

Our heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer, that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love and allow the story of the Saviour's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds. So may our joy be deeper, and our worship more real, and our lives worthier of all that you have done for us through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please join us in the room under the amphitheatre for our Christmas Communion service on Christmas Eve at 6 pm.



Carol : Once in royal David's city

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.

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.

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.

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.





Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Carol: Ding dong! merrily on high

Ding dong! merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angels singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.....

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And i-o, i-o, i-o,
By priest and people sungen.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.....

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chimes, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.....





Isaiah 9: 2, 6 and 7

A new day is coming

Carol: It came upon the midnight clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From Heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever over its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.





Isaiah 11 vv. 1-9

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

Carol: Joy to the world

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 heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let us our 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 and wonders of His Love.





Luke 1 vv. 26 – 38

The birth of Jesus is foretold

Carol: On Christmas night all Christians sing

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring;
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad;
Then why should we on earth be sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad;
When from our sin, He set us free
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before Your grace
Then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the newborn King.

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 forevermore. Amen."





Luke 2 vv. 1 – 7

The birth of Jesus

Carol: Silent night, holy 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 quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour is born,
Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.





Luke 2 vv. 8 – 16

The Shepherds and the Angels

Carol: While shepherds watched their flocks by night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground;
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not!" said he, (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind):
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind."

"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:"

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease!"





Matthew 2 vv. 1 – 11

The Wise Men are led by the Star to Jesus

Carol: We Three Kings of Orient are
(during which the collection will be taken)

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.

Refrain

*O, star of wonder, star of might,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.*

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain;
Gold we bring to crown Him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

*O, star of wonder, star of might,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.*

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on High.

*O, star of wonder, star of might,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.*

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

*O, star of wonder, star of might,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.*

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Heaven sings, "Hallelujah!"
Hallelujah!" Earth replies.

*O, star of wonder, star of might,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.*





John 1 vv. 1 – 14

The Word becomes Flesh

The Address

Carol: Hark the herald angels sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n 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
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n 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 newborn King!"





Prayers

The Blessing

Carol: O come, all ye faithful

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;

*Refrain 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.

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

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

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

A very happy Christmas to you all



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Forthcoming services at St Lazarus, Pissouri

We usually meet for worship on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 6 pm in the room under the amphitheatre

11th December 6pm Holy Communion
24th December 6pm Christmas Communion

Forthcoming services at St Barnabas, Limassol

Every Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 am

11th December 10am Nativity Family Eucharist
18th December 10am Holy Eucharist
18th December 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols
24th December 11pm Midnight Holy Eucharist
25th Christmas Day 10am Family Communion

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