

St Matthew-in-the-City
Nativity Service
for Children



Christmas Eve 2020 7 pm

Welcome and Introduction

Rev Cate Thorn

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 meek, and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love and watch the loving mother
in whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all should be
mild, obedient, good as he.**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Tune: Irby, H. J. Gauntlett (1803-1876)

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Story Luke chapter 2:1-7

Carol Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

*Words: Trad. Carol (19th century)
Tune: Cradle Song. Carols for Choir 1, #2*



Story Luke chapter 2:8-14

Carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! the herald angels sing:
“Glory to the new-born King!”

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Mendelssohn, from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847). TiS 303

Story Luke chapter 2:15-19



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:

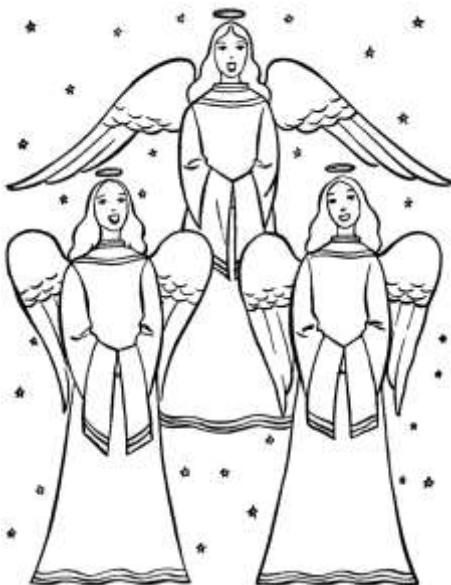
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
“Glory to God, glory in the highest”:

O come, let us adore him . . .

Words: possibly by John F. Wade (c.1711-1786)

Tune: Adeste Fideles. TiS 304

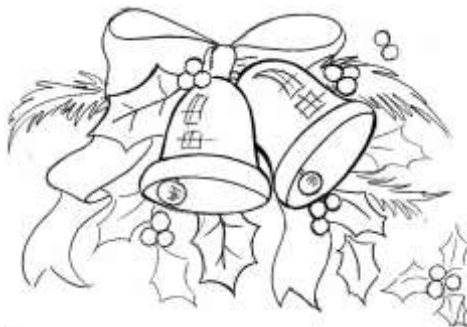


Carol Jingle Bells

**Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!**

**Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!**

James Lord Pierpont (1822-1893)



Prayers

We pray for peace in our homes
and throughout the world tonight.

We pray for people like Mary and Joseph
who are in search of food and shelter
and for those trying to help them.

We pray for children
who will be born tonight and for their families.

We pray that we will be a gift to others this Christmas.

Offertory Carol

A collection will be taken up, thank you for your generosity.

For electronic giving option:

*text **stmatthew** to **818** to make a fast one off or ongoing donation
by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City.*

*Or you can download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or
Google Playstore and search for St Matthew-in-the-City.*

Joy to the World!

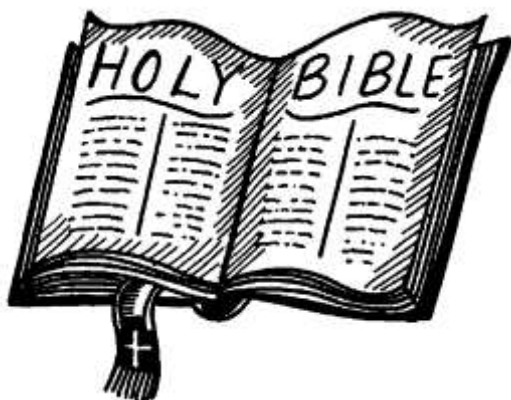
**Joy to the world! The Lord has come;
let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
your sweetest songs employ.
While fields and streams, 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.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) (based on Psalm 98)
Tune: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). WOV 224*

Blessing



Carol

**We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.**

**Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping
And spread Christmas cheer.**

**Let's all do a little jumping,
Let's all do a little jumping,
Let's all do a little jumping
And spread Christmas cheer.**

**Let's all do a little swaying,
Let's all do a little swaying,
Let's all do a little swaying
And spread Christmas cheer.**

**We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.**

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

A black and white line drawing of the words "MERRY CHRISTMAS" in a playful, whimsical font. Each letter is decorated with various Christmas-themed elements. The 'M' has a Santa hat and a belt. The 'E' has a bow on top. The 'R' has a boot. The 'Y' has a scarf. The 'C' has polka dots. The 'H' has stars. The 'R' has a tree. The 'S' has a star on top. The 'T' has a bird. The 'M' has a reindeer. The 'A' has a star. The 'S' has a plaid pattern. There are also several small stars scattered around the text.

Nau mai, haere mai;
a warm welcome to St Matthew-in-the-City.
We are glad you have come to celebrate Christmas
with this community.

We hope that you will find the Christmas spirit of peace and love
in today's celebrations.

If you want to know more about St Matthew's
take a look at our website www.stmatthews.nz,
like us on Facebook,
follow our vicar on Twitter @RevHelenJacobi and @StMatthewsNZ

Feel free to take photos during our services
and share them on Facebook and Twitter.

No video recording please.

Toilets are located down the stairs on the left hand side of the church.
An accessible toilet is located on the right hand side past the kitchen.

Christmas Eve Service times:

9.30pm Music with Brass Band

10.30pm Carols for Christmas

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Sung Eucharist

The Parish Office is now closed; reopening Monday 11 January 2021.

Sunday services on 27 December, 3, 10 January at 10am only.

Sunday 8am services resume on January 17, 2021.

Wednesday 12.20pm services resume on February 3, 2021.

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The service is being live streamed -
the camera only shows the altar area, not the congregation.

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