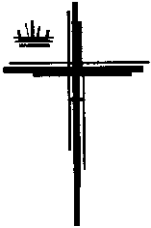
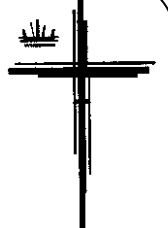


23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018



**Welcome to Morning Worship**  
**Rev Johan Allen will be leading**  
**and Mark Pybus will be speaking on**  
**“Glory to God, Peace on Earth”**  
**Luke 2 v 8-20 & Phil 4 v 4-7**



## **WELCOME, INTRODUCTION & LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE**



### **COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP**

*Come now is the time to give your  
heart*

*Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your  
God.  
Come*

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now.  
Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now.

Come come just as you are come come  
Brian Doerksen 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire)

### **HOSANNA, HOSANNA,**

Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Lord we lift up Your name,  
With hearts full of praise,  
Be exalted, O Lord my God,  
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory,  
glory to the King of kings  
Glory, glory,  
Glory to the King of kings.  
Lord, we lift up Your name,  
With hearts full of praise,  
Be exalted, O Lord, my God,  
Glory to the King of kings.  
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### **LIGHT OF THE WORLD,**

You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my  
God;  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above;  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor  
And I'll never know how much it  
cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.

## IT WAS ON A STARRY NIGHT

When the hills were bright  
Earth lay sleeping  
Sleeping calm and still  
Then in a cattle shed  
In a manger bed  
A Boy was born  
King of all the world

*And all the angels sang for Him  
The bells of heaven rang for Him  
For a Boy was born  
King of all the world*  
(repeat)

Soon the shepherds came that way  
Where the Baby lay  
And were kneeling  
Kneeling by His Side  
And their hearts believed again  
For the peace of men  
For a Boy was born  
King of all the world

## CONFESSION



Christ the light of the world has  
come to dispel the  
darkness of our hearts. In his light  
let us examine ourselves and  
confess our sins.

*Time of Silence*

Lord of grace and truth,  
we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your  
children.

We are faded and shrivelled as a  
leaf; our sins consume us and  
sweep us away.

We have sinned:

**Forgive us and heal us; pour down  
your righteousness upon us and  
make us whole.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call  
to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our disobedience to your  
will and unwillingness to follow you  
above all else.

We have sinned:

**Forgive us and heal us; pour down  
your righteousness upon us and  
make us whole.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in  
poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of  
your ways; forgive us the times  
when we have used your gifts  
carelessly, or acted ungratefully, or  
ignored the cries of the hungry or  
displaced.

We have sinned:

**Forgive us and heal us; pour down  
your righteousness upon us and  
make us whole.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go  
to Bethlehem.

Forgive our self-interest and lack of  
vision; forgive us when we are  
thoughtless,

and do not care enough for the  
world you have made; when we  
are selfish or turn away from you.

We have sinned:

**Forgive us and heal us; pour down  
your righteousness upon us and  
make us whole.**

The wise men followed the star to  
find Jesus the King.

Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

**In our sin we have avoided your  
call,**

**and our love for you is like a  
morning cloud, like the dew that  
goes away early.**

We have sinned:

**Forgive us and heal us; pour down  
your righteousness upon us and  
make us whole.**

## ABSOLUTION


May the God of all healing and  
forgiveness,  
draw us to himself and cleanse us  
from all our sins.

May he open our eyes to His truth,  
strengthen us to do His will  
and give us the joy of His kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## ACTION SONG

### THE SHEPHERDS CAME

 To see the see the baby  
Stood by his mother's side  
Here laid the Saviour in the manger  
O what a glorious night  
O what a glorious night

*I hear the angels singing Hallelujah  
Let the earth receive her king  
I know that love has come  
Sing it out  
Jesus Christ is born  
Jesus Christ is born*


The shepherds wondered  
Couldn't hide it  
Told everyone in sight  
All were amazed when  
They heard how God came down  
On that glorious night  
God came down on this glorious night

*Glorious, glorious  
What a glorious night  
(Repeat)*

All is calm now, all is quiet  
Star shining in the sky  
Below in Bethlehem  
The King is sleeping  
O what a glorious night  
O what a glorious night

 *Prayer for children as they leave to  
go into The Centre*


### TIME IN THE WORD

The New Testament Readings are from **Luke 2 v 8-20** on page 1027 and **Phil 4 v 4-7** on page 1181 in the Church Bibles 

*After the reading:*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** Mark Pybus

 **KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,**  
God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:  
All within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before You now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve Your majesty.*


Earth and heaven worship You,  
Love eternal, faithful and true,  
Who bought the nations, ransomed  
souls,  
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:  
All within me cries out in praise.

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### PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

 **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**

### NOTICES

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

 **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 Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace,  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness;  
life and light 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 us second birth:

C. Wesley (1707-1788) and others

## OFFERTORY PRAYER



**Thank you Father  
for all the wonderful things you  
have given us.**

**Nothing we have is our own  
it all belongs to you  
and we want to give these gifts  
back to you today.**

**Amen**

## THE BLESSING

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen**



### WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year

*Good tidings we bring*

*To you and your kin*

*We wish you a merry Christmas*

*And a happy New Year*

Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us some figgy pudding

And bring some out here  
For we all like figgy pudding  
We all like figgy pudding  
We all like figgy pudding  
So bring some out here

And we won't go until we've got some  
We won't go until we've got some  
We won't go until we've got some  
So bring some out here

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