



7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## All Age Worship for Epiphany

Rev. Mark Pybus will be leading and Beth Powell will be speaking on  
'The Magi visit the King' (Matthew 2:1-12)

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



#### THE FIRST NOEL THE ANGELS DID SAY

Was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise men came from country far,  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise men three,  
Full reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the kind of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth  
of nought  
And with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

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#### RESPONSIVE PRAISE

Eternal God

but born as a human baby.  
God has stepped into our world:  
**Jesus we praise and adore you.**

Light of all the universe but born in the  
darkness of a stable.  
God has stepped into our world:  
**Jesus we praise and adore you.**

Born into a Jewish family but Saviour for  
every nation.  
God has stepped into our world:  
**Jesus we praise and adore you.**

Bringer of hope and fulfilment but  
rejected by so many.  
God has stepped into our world:  
**Jesus we praise and adore you.**

Crucified but risen again in glory.  
God has stepped into our world:  
**Jesus we praise and adore you.**  
**Amen.**



## CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we confess to you that we have often let you down. When we stayed silent but knew we should say something.

**We are sorry, Lord; please forgive us.**

When we spoke but knew that what we said was cowardly or hurt someone.

**We are sorry, Lord; please forgive us.**

When we acted as though you meant nothing to us.

**We are sorry, Lord; please forgive us.**

When we kept you trapped on Sunday and didn't let you affect the rest of our week.

**We are sorry, Lord; please forgive us.**

When we had a chance to tell someone about you but lost our nerve.

**We are sorry, Lord; please forgive us.**

Lord Jesus, we know we have done wrong. At the beginning of this new year, please forgive us and empower us by your grace to serve you better.

**Amen.**



## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## ACTION SONG



### GLORY AND HONOUR

To you we bring  
Beautiful Saviour  
Your praise we sing  
Heaven bows down  
And worships your name  
God of creation we praise.

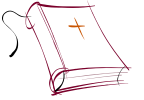
And so to you  
We'll give you praise  
We'll give the glory to you always  
(Repeat)

Honour the King, honour the King  
We will honour the King  
(Repeat)

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## BIBLE READING ON VIDEO:

**Matthew 2 v 1-12**



## TALK



### YOU STEPPED DOWN FROM HEAVEN

Humbly You came  
God of all creation here with us  
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel  
Light of the world here to save

Adore  
Come let us adore  
O come let us adore Him  
The Lord  
Worship Christ the Lord  
Let all that is within us adore

Wise men bring their treasures  
Shepherds bow low  
Angel voices sing  
Of peace on earth  
What have I to offer to heaven's King  
I will bring my life my love my all

Angels sing, praises ring  
To the newborn King  
Peace on earth here with us  
Joy awakening  
At Your feet we fall  
(Repeat)

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## INTERACTIVE PRAYER ACTIVITY



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
YES!**

## **NOTICES & BIRTHDAYS**

### **THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

*I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

At Christmas Jesus came to earth  
Born to us by virgin birth  
He came for me and He came for you  
To make God's promised plan come true  
He lived on earth like you and me  
He gave his life to set us free  
Now he sends us power divine  
To let our little light shine




The Light of the world for all to see  
The Light of Christ in you and me  
It burns in me and it burns in you  
See what the light of Christ can do  
A beam to guide us through the maze  
A spark to set the world ablaze  
Now and for the rest of time  
I'm gonna let my little light shine

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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