

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 7.30pm.

Christmas Eve

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### Welcome & Intimations

There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Lodging House Mission at the end of this Service.

Tea and Coffee will be served in Room 2 after this Service.

On Christmas Day (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2025) our Service will be at 10.30am. Please bring a gift you have received.

Our Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 will be at 11am.

### Call to Worship

### 302 It was on a starry night when the hills were bright,

- 1 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.  
And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him ;  
for a boy was born, King of all the world.*

- 2 Soon the shepherds came that way, where the baby lay,  
and were kneeling, kneeling by his side,  
to celebrate his birth bringing peace on earth ;  
a boy was born, King of all the world.

Joy Webb (b. 1932)

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### Prayer

### The Advent Wreath

### Hymn - Advent Candle (Tune: Joy to the World)

#### Chorus

*Come, light the candles, one by one,  
The Advent call we hear.  
With hope and peace and joy and love,  
His light will fill the world, His light will fill the world,  
His light will come and shine through all the earth.*

#### Verse 1 Hope

Light now the candle, hope's bright flame,  
It shines through darkest night.  
Let every heart prepare a place,

For Christ the saviour comes, for Christ the saviour comes,  
For Christ will come and fill the world with light.

**Chorus**

**Verse 2 Peace**

Light now the candle, peace will grow,  
God's promise shining clear.  
No fear shall reign, no hate divide,  
God's peace will surely come, God's peace will surely come,  
God's peace will come and make the nations one.

**Chorus**

**Verse 3 Joy**

Light now the candle, joy we sing,  
Our hearts are full and free.  
For Christ our Lord is on the way,  
Rejoice in Him always, rejoice in Him always,  
Rejoice and let all praise be sung.

**Chorus**

**Verse 4 Love**

Light now the candle, love burns bright,  
The greatest gift of all.  
God's love was born in Bethlehem,  
And His love we share, and His love we share  
His love will come and light the world with grace

**Chorus**

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**St. Luke 2:1-14**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, <sup>12</sup> the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, <sup>14</sup> praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

**Address**

**312 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,**

1 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.

2 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.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Little children's book, Philadelphia, 1885 Author unknown

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer  
**Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

### **301 Hark! the herald angels sing,**

- 1 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.*
- 2 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.  
*Hark, the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*
- 3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace:  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness.  
Light and life 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 them second birth.  
*Hark, the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*