

# SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
SERVICE 2020**  
7.00 pm

## ORDER OF SERVICE



  
*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020*  
*Christmas Eve Service - 7.00 pm*  
*Minister: Rev. Ian Taylor, B.D., Th.M.*  
*Musical Director: Mr. Alan A. Craig, B.Mus., P.G.C.E.*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 304      'O little town of Bethlehem,'

Prayer

Lesson

Address

Hymn 316      'Love came down at Christmas,'

Address

Prayer

Hymn 309      'Still the night, holy the night!'

Benediction

*There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the  
Lodging House Mission*



1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee to-night.

2 O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth;  
for Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

3 How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

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1 Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star and angels give the sign.

2 Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But wherewith for sacred sign?

3 Love shall be our token,  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all the world,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.

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1 Still the night, holy the night!  
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,  
Mary and Joseph in stable bare  
Watch o'er the child beloved and fair,  
Sleeping in heavenly rest.

2 Still the night, holy the night!  
Shepherds first saw the light,  
Heard resounding clear and long,  
Far and near, the angel-song,  
'Christ the Redeemer is here.'

3 Still the night, holy the night!  
Son of God, O how bright  
Love is smiling from Thy face!  
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,  
Saviour, since Thou art born.

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