

The shepherds at those tidings
rejoiced in heart and mind,
and on the darkened hillside
they left their flocks behind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway
this holy child to find.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
all people in this place!
With Christian love and fellowship
each other now embrace,
and let this Christmas festival
all bitterness displace.

VIDEO

Bethlehem Hope...

BIBLE TALK

by Rich Adam

CAROL

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
the wonders of his love,
the wonders of his love,
the wonders, wonders of his love.

Please stay on now for
chat and refreshments.
There's mulled wine and mince pies.



Saturday 18 December 2021

WELCOME

by Richard Hopkins

CAROL

O come all you faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come now, o come now, 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!*

God from God, Light from light,
He who abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
sing, all you citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest!'

BIBLE READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

Hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus, God promises through the prophet Isaiah what he will do.

*"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—
2 The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.*

If you'd like to think a bit more about what you've heard, why not come to Emmanuel some other time?

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We'd love to see you there!

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³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.
⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this."

CAROL

O little town of Bethlehem
how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in your dark streets shining
is everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.

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.

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.

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 –
Oh come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

BIBLE READING **Luke 1:26-38**

God tells Mary about the baby to be born

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Angels from the realms of glory
wing your flight through all the earth;
heralds of creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth: _

Come - - and worship,
Christ the newborn King.
Come - - and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching by your flocks at night,
God with us is now residing;
see, there shines the infant Light:

Wise men, leave your contemplations!
Brighter visions shine afar.
Seek in him the hope of nations;
you have seen his rising star:

Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne.
Gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

BIBLE READING **Luke 2:1-7**

The birth of Jesus

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Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round the virgin and her child:
holy infant, so gentle and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace;
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glory streams from heaven afar:
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.'

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light:
radiant beams your holy face
with the dawn of saving grace.
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord at your birth.

BIBLE READING **Luke 2:8-20**

The shepherds visit the new-born baby

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God rest you merry, gentlemen
let nothing you dismay!
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father
a holy angel came.
The shepherds saw the glory
and heard the voice proclaim
that Christ was born in Bethlehem
and Jesus is his name.

'Fear not', then said the angel,
'let nothing cause you fright;
to you is born a Saviour
in David's town tonight,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's power and might.'