



We would like to give you a warm welcome to Forefront's annual Carol Service. We trust you will enjoy singing some well-known carols, as well as listening to the readings from the Christmas story. Nigel Marsh will be sharing some thoughts about what our Christmas celebrations are all about.

Welcome - Nigel Marsh

Reading - Isaiah 9 v 6 - 7

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;
Their sweetest songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.
4. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
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And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Reading - Luke 1 v 26 - 33

Reading - Matthew 1 v 18 - 23

Reading - Luke 2 v 1 - 7

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth!
3. How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
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 Immanuel!

From the Squalor (Immanuel)

1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race.
But the skies were filled with the praise of
heaven,
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.
2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my
pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again
I will follow my Immanuel.
3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's
transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free -
Death defeated by Immanuel.
4. Now He's standing in the place of honour,
Crowned with glory on the highest
throne,
Interceding for His own beloved
Till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet
sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,
Giving glory to Immanuel

Reading - Luke 2 v 8 - 20

Reading - Mathew 2 v 1 - 12

The First Noel

1. 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!
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And our eyes at last shall see him,
thro' his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above:
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.
4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Remarks - Nigel Marsh

Noel (Come and see what God has done) - Kira Marsh

Love incarnate, love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Saviour of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore

Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel

The story of amazing love!
The light of the world, given for us
Noel

Son of God and Son of man
There before the world began
Born to suffer, born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore

O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye 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!*
2. God of God, Light of Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created,
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing;

Close of service - Nigel Marsh

Thank you for being with us this evening. We hope you have a safe drive home and a very Merry Christmas. Forefront Community Church

Christmas offering

This year we are supporting the work of Tearfund's Rohingya Refugee Emergency Crisis Fund.

More than 911,000 people fled violence in Myanmar and are now living in refugee camps in Bangladesh (UNICEF, April 2019), surviving in extremely basic conditions. Of these, an estimated 7,700 are orphans.

Life is made more bearable for children living in refugee camps by providing child-friendly, safe spaces to recover from the trauma they have endured and to just be children. They also provide teenage girls with female dignity kits containing detergent, sanitary pads, multiple pairs of underwear and a torch; train families in safe hygiene practices; and provide water storage containers and buckets for hand washing.

If you wish to give a donation, you can do so by:

Bank transfer: Forefront Community Church
Account number: 15082431 Sort code: 60-05-06

Cash: In an envelope clearly marked 'Tearfund' can be dropped to Forefront centre, Chard.

Other events coming up:

Christmas Day Zoom -
25 December at 10.30am

Testimony Sunday Zoom -
27th December at 10.30am

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