

Hymn

*O come all ye faithful*

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!*

God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
"Glory to God, in the highest..."

*Blessing*

Churches of  
Llanina, New Quay, Cross Inn, Llantysilio, Llangrannog, Penbryn

Sunday 20th December 2020

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
For he is speaking peace to his faithful people.

## Order of Service

*Hymn: Once in royal David's city*

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.

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 Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honour and obey  
Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay  
Christian children all must be, mild obedient good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern: day by day like us he grew.  
He was little weak and helpless: tears and smiles like us he knew  
And he feeleth for our for our sadness and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above,  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

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.

*The Bidding Prayer.*

*The Lord's Prayer.*

*Bible Reading:* Genesis 3.8-15. David.

*Carols:* *Masters in this hall.* Mike.  
*Adam lay y bounden.* Matthew.

Tawel nos dros y byd, sanctaidd nos gylch y crud;  
Gwyllo'n dirion yr oedd addfwyn ddau,  
Faban Duw gyda'r llygaid bach cau,  
Iesu t'wysog ein hedd. Iesu t'wysog ein hedd.

*Carol:* *Hush my babe.* Mike.

*Bible Reading* Matthew 2.1-11. Gillian.

*Hymn:* *Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour.*

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,  
All for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,  
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising  
Heavenward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship thee.

*Bible Reading* John 1.1-14. Matthew

Hymn: Calypso Carol Gill Cropley.

See him lying on a bed of straw: a draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore, the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord appear to men:  
just as poor as was the stable then, the prince of glory when he came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies, show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise to see the saviour of the world...

Angels, sing again the song you sang, sing God's glory to the heart of man;  
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can be the saviour of the world...

Mine are riches, from your poverty, from your innocence, eternity;  
mine, forgiveness by your death for me, child of sorrow for my joy...

Bible Reading Micah 5.2-4. Sam.

Hymn: Like a candle flame. Mike.

Like a candle flame, flickering small in our darkness  
Uncreated light shines through infant eyes.  
*God is with us, alleluia; come to save us, alleluia!*  
*Come to save us, alleluia!*

Stars and angels sing, yet the earth sleeps in shadows  
Can this tiny spark set a world on fire...

Yet his light shall shine from our lives, Spirit blazing,  
As we touch the flame of his holy fire...

Carol The Holly and the Ivy. Mike.

Bible Reading Luke 1.26-38. Richard.

Hymn: Away in a manger.

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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes;  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Bible Reading Luke 2.1-7. Anthea

Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem

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.

O dawel ddinas Bethlehem, bugeiliaid heno a ddaw,  
Dros bant a bryn at breseb syn oddi ar y meysydd draw;  
A chwilio wnânt am faban bach sy'n dod yn Geidwad dyn,  
Yn obaith byw i ddynol-ryw, y Bugail da ei hun.

O dawel ddinas Bethlehem, pwy heno ynot sydd?  
Pa ddieithr wawr sy'n dod i lawr, pa ryw dragwyddol ddydd?  
Os cysgu'n dawel heno 'rwy't daw golau penna'r nef  
I'r ogof laith i ddechrau'r daith: gogoniant iddo ef!

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

*Bible Reading*

*Luke 2.8-16.*

John

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

*Hymn:*

*Silent Night.*

**Dawel nos, Sanctaidd yw'r nos; cwsg a gerdd waun a rhos,  
Eto'n effro mae Joseff a Mair, faban annwyl ynghwsg yn y gwair,  
Cwsg mewn gwynfyd a hedd, cwsg mewn gwynfyd a hedd.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream 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.  
Radiance beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

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*Bible Reading:*

Genesis 22.15-18.

Jane.

*Hymn:*

*Hark the herald angels sing.*

**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!'**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the 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!'**

**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!'**

*Bible Reading:*

Isaiah 9.1,6-7.

Helen.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forward for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.