



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 18 December

..His kingdom will never end...
Luke 1:33

Morning Service

A New King

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Sages, leave your contemplations
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen His natal star;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly, the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Sinners, brought to true repentance,
bound by sin to endless pains,
justice now revokes the sentence,
mercy calls you – break your chains;**

***Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

James Montgomery, 1777-1854

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Prayer



the

New King



**In a stable down in Bethlehem
Jesus Christ was born.**

**In a stable down in Bethlehem
Jesus Christ was born.**

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Jesus Christ was born.**

**King of kings and the Saviour
and the Lord of lords.**

**The angels fill the heavens,
singing “Glory to the King!”
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singing “Glory to the King!”
The angels fill the heavens,
singing “Glory to the King!”
King of kings and the Saviour
and the Lord of lords.**

**The shepherds ran to see Him,
Baby Jesus in the hay.**

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Baby Jesus in the hay.**

**King of kings and the Saviour
and the Lord of lords.**

**Wise men brought Him presents;
gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

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gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

**Wise men brought Him presents;
gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

**King of kings and the Saviour
and the Lord of lords.**

**Jesus, now we worship You
who died to set us free.**

**Jesus, now we worship You
who died to set us free.**

**Jesus, now we worship You
who died to set us free.**

**King of kings and the Saviour
and the Lord of lords.**

Colin Buchanan



the

New King



**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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.**

**O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.**

**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;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel.**

Philips Brooks, 1835-93

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New King



A long, long, long, long time ago

God made a promise:

He would send a king.

A great, great, great, great,

great, great grandson

promised to David.

He would be a great king

who would rule forevermore.

***King forever,
king for everyone,
king forever,
Jesus, the king God had promised
has come.***

**A long, long, long, long time ago
God sent a prophet to describe His king:
wonderful, powerful, peaceful, eternal.
He will have a kingdom,
it will have no end,
He is the king of everyone.**

*King forever,
king for everyone,
king forever,
Jesus, the king God had promised
has come.*

**A little less long but still quite long ago,
God spoke to Mary: You will have a son,
the great, great, great, great,
great, great grandson
promised to David.**

**You will call Him Jesus
and His kingdom will not end.**

*King forever,
king for everyone,
king forever,
Jesus, the king God had promised
has come.*

**Alla alla alla alla all around the world!
Listen up everybody!**

**He's the king of all history,
the king of the future,
He's the king right now,
even if it doesn't suit ya,
He's the king of our world,
the king of our continent,
the king of our country,
I'm 100% confident.**

**He's the king of your street,
the king of your home,
but is He your king?
Cos He's seated on His throne,
He's the king of your street,
the king of your home,
and He's coming back in glory
so that everyone will know.**

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New King



**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 heav'n
shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the Gift of God come down to man
at the dawning of Immanuel.**

**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!**

**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.**

**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 Saviour's arms,
giving glory to Immanuel!**

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New King



**One night in Bethlehem
God became a man:
a baby in a manger.
His mother Mary knew
the word of God was true,
the child is Christ our Saviour.**

Hallelujah!

O praise Him.

Hallelujah!

He's amazing!

***King of kings and Lord of lords
and He shall reign for ever and ever.***

**God wonderfully revealed
to shepherds in the field
Messiah's joyful story.**

**The mighty God has come,
good news to everyone,
the angels sing His glory.**

Hallelujah!

O praise Him.

Hallelujah!

He's amazing!

***King of kings and Lord of lords
and He shall reign for ever and ever.***

**The Lamb of God was slain,
He bore our sin and shame
and bled for our forgiveness.**

**He rose in victory
and one day every knee
will bow to worship Jesus.**

Hallelujah!

O praise Him.

Hallelujah!

He's amazing!

***King of kings and Lord of lords
and He shall reign for ever and ever.***

***King of kings and Lord of lords
and He shall reign for ever and ever.
He shall reign for ever and ever.
He shall reign for ever and ever.***

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New King



Prayer

**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 a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the Incarnate Deity,
pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!
*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.'*

Charles Wesley,

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

Evening Service

Carols By Candlelight

**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 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 gather around.**

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95

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Prayer

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek Thy mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at Thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.**

William Chatterton Dix, 1837-98

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Luke I. 26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God."

Luke I. 26-38

³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke I. 26-38

³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

**Infant holy, infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
nowells ringing, tidings bringing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new.**

**Saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.**

**Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow,**

Christ the babe was born for you!

Christ the babe was born for you!

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tr. Edith MG Reed, 1885-1933

Luke 2. 1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Luke 2. 1-7

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

**Joy has dawned upon the world,
promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled,
hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love:
Jesus born of Mary.**

**Sounds of wonder fill the sky
with the songs of angels,
as the mighty Prince of Life
shelters in a stable.**

**Hands that set each star in place,
shaped the earth in darkness,
cling now to a mother's breast,
vulnerable and helpless.**

**Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
gazing at the glory;
gifts of men from distant lands
prophecy the story.**

**Gold, a King is born today,
incense, God is with us,
myrrh, His death will make a way,
and by His blood He'll win us.**

**Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
given as a ransom,
reconciling God and man,
Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Saviour, what a Friend,
what a glorious mystery:
once a babe in Bethlehem,
now the Lord of history.**

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Psalm 72. 1-19

¹ Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.

² May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.

³ May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.

Psalm 72. 1-19

⁵ May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all
generations.

⁶ May he be like rain falling on a
mown field,
like showers watering the earth.

⁷ In his days may the righteous
flourish
and prosperity abound till the
moon is no more.

⁸ May he rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of
the earth.

⁹ May the desert tribes bow before
him
and his enemies lick the dust.

Psalm 72. 1-19

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores
bring tribute to him.

May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him gifts.

¹¹ May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him.

¹² For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.

¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.

¹⁴ He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.

Psalm 72. 1-19

¹⁵ Long may he live!

May gold from Sheba be given him.

May people ever pray for him
and bless him all day long.

¹⁶ May grain abound throughout
the land;
on the tops of the hills may it
sway.

May the crops flourish like Lebanon
and thrive like the grass of the
field.

¹⁷ May his name endure forever;
may it continue as long as the
sun.

Then all nations will be blessed
through him,
and they will call him blessed.

Psalm 72. 1-19

¹⁸ Praise be to the LORD God, the
God of Israel,
who alone does marvellous
deeds.

¹⁹ Praise be to his glorious
name forever;
may the whole earth be filled
with his glory.
Amen and Amen.

**God rest you merry, gentlemen
let nothing you dismay.**

**Remember Christ our Saviour
was born on Christmas Day,
to save poor souls from Satan's power
when we had gone astray,**

***And it's tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy!***

And it's tidings of comfort and joy!

Women

**From God that is our Father,
the blessed Angels came
unto some certain shepherds
with tidings of the same;
that there was born in Bethlehem,
the Son of God by name.**

All

And it's tidings of comfort and joy.

Men

**Go, fear not, said God's Angels,
let nothing you affright,
for there is born in Bethlehem,
of a pure Virgin bright,
one able to advance you,
and throw down Satan quite.**

All

And it's tidings of comfort and joy.

All

**The shepherds at those tidings,
rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding
in tempest storms of wind,
and strait they came to Bethlehem,
the Son of God to find.**

And it's tidings of comfort and joy.

Women

**Now when they came to Bethlehem,
where our sweet Saviour lay,
they found Him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay,
the blessed Virgin kneeling down,
unto the Lord did pray.**

All

And it's tidings of comfort and joy.

Men

**With sudden joy and gladness,
the shepherds were beguil'd,
to see the Babe of Israel,
before His mother mild,
on them with joy and cheerfulness,
rejoice each mother's child.**

All

And it's tidings of comfort and joy.

All

Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
like we true loving brethren,
each other to embrace,
for the merry time of Christmas,
is drawing on a-pace.
And it's tidings of comfort and joy.

Traditional

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Luke 2. 8-15

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2.8-15

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

**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;
sleeping in heavenly rest.**

**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!
Christ the Redeemer is here!'**

**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!
Saviour, since Thou art born!**

Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848

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Isaiah 9.2-7

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness

a light has dawned.

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.

Isaiah 9.2-7

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.

Isaiah 9.2-7

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.

Message

Worship The King!

Prayer

**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,
Io! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created;**

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God
In the highest':**

***O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.***

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

Church Calendar

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