

**Sunday 8 December**

# **Morning Service**

**The Christ Hymn**

**Philippians 2: 5-11**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**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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**Prayer**

## Philippians 2:5-11

**<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

## Philippians 2:5-11

**<sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

## Philippians 2:5-11

**<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

# Children's Talk

**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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**Stuart Townend**

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# Prayer

**He is born, our Lord and Saviour:**

**He is born, our heav'nly King:**

**give Him honour, give Him glory,**

**earth rejoice and heaven sing!**

**Born to be our sanctuary,**

**born to bring us light and peace;**

**for our sins to bring forgiveness,**

**from our guilt to bring release.**

**He who is from everlasting  
now becomes th'incarnate Word;  
He whose name endures for ever  
Now is born the Son of God:  
born to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
born to banish hate and strife;  
born to bear the sin of many,  
born to give eternal life!**

**Hail, the Holy One of Israel,  
chosen heir to David's throne;  
Hail the brightness of His rising -  
to His light the Gentiles come:  
plunderer of Satan's kingdom,  
downfall of his evil pow'r;  
rescuer of all His people,  
conqueror in death's dark hour!**

**He shall rule with righteous judgement,  
and His godly rule extend;  
governor among the nations,  
His great kingdom has no end:  
He shall reign, the King of glory,  
higher than the kings of earth -  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we now His holy birth!**

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# Prayer

2:5-11

# PHILIPPIANS

THE CHRIST HYMN

**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 All words reproduced under CCLI no 293885**

**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**

**Man Of Sorrows – What A Name!**

**Psalm 6**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**In the bleak mid-winter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid-winter,  
long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold Him,  
nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away  
when He comes to reign:  
in the bleak mid-winter  
a stable-place sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.**

**Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim  
thronged the air;  
but His mother only,  
in her maiden bliss,  
worshipped the Beloved  
with a kiss.**

**What can I give Him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man,  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give Him-  
give my heart.**

**Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-94**

**Prayer**

## **Psalm 6**

**O LORD, rebuke me not in  
your anger,  
nor discipline me in  
your wrath.**

**<sup>2</sup> Be gracious to me,  
O LORD, for I am  
languishing;  
heal me, O LORD, for  
my bones are troubled.**

## **Psalm 6**

**<sup>3</sup> My soul also is greatly troubled.**

**But you, O LORD—how long?**

**<sup>4</sup> Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;**

**save me for the sake of your steadfast love.**

## **Psalm 6**

**<sup>5</sup> For in death there is no  
remembrance of you;  
in Sheol who will give  
you praise?**

**<sup>6</sup> I am weary with  
my moaning;  
every night I flood my  
bed with tears;  
I drench my couch  
with my weeping.**

## **Psalm 6**

**<sup>7</sup> My eye wastes away  
because of grief;  
it grows weak because  
of all my foes.**

**<sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all  
you workers of evil,  
for the LORD has heard  
the sound of my  
weeping.**

## **Psalm 6**

**9 The LORD has heard  
my plea;  
the LORD accepts my  
prayer.**

**10 All my enemies shall  
be ashamed and greatly  
troubled;  
they shall turn back  
and be put to shame in a  
moment.**

**Prayer**

**Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,  
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;  
leaving Your throne in glad surrender,  
sapphire paved courts for stable floor:  
Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,  
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.**

**You are our God beyond all praising,  
yet, for love's sake, became a man  
stooping so low, but sinners raising  
heavenwards, by Your eternal plan:  
You are our God beyond all praising,  
yet for love's sake, became a man.**

**Lord, You are love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship You;  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
make us and keep us pure and true:  
Lord You are love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship You.**

**F. Houghton 1894-1972**

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# PSALM 6

MAN OF SORROWS - WHAT A NAME



**Angel voices, richly blending,  
shepherds to the manger sending,  
sing of peace from heav'n descending!  
Shepherds, greet your Shepherd-King!**

**Lo! a star is brightly glowing!  
Eastern kings their gifts are showing  
to the King whose gifts pass knowing!  
Gentiles greet the Gentiles' King!**

**To the manger come adoring,  
hearts in thankfulness outpouring  
to the child, true peace restoring,  
Mary's Son, our God and King!**

**German, 14th Century; tr. James Quinn**

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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.**