

# **Morning Service**

**Miracle: The Incarnation**

**Majesty: The Trinity**

**Mission: The Gospel**

**Rev Nathan Owens**



**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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**Prayer**

## John 1:1-5, 14

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

## John 1:1-5, 14

**<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

**<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

## John 1:1-5, 14

**<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**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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# Miracle: The Incarnation

**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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Hebrews 1:1-4; John 10:30

**Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.**

Hebrews 1:1-4; John 10:30

**<sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**

Hebrews 1:1-4; John 10:30

**<sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

**<sup>30</sup> "I and the Father are one."**

# **Majesty: The Trinity**

**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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1 Timothy 1:15; Mark 1:14-15

**The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.**

1 Timothy 1:15; Mark 1:14-15

**<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**

# Mission: The Gospel

**Prayer**

All

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay:  
in fields where they lay  
a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

Women

**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.**

All

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

Men

**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.**

All

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

Women

**This star drew nigh to the north-west,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.**

All

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

Men

**Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in His presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.**

All

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

All

**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 hath bought.**

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

Traditional

**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**

**The mighty love of God**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**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**

## Isaiah 9:2-7

**2 The people who walked  
in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land  
of deep darkness,  
on them has light  
shined.**

## Isaiah 9:2-7

**<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

## Isaiah 9:2-7

**4 For the yoke of his  
burden,  
and the staff for his  
shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on  
the day of Midian.**

## Isaiah 9:2-7

**<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the  
tramping warrior in battle  
tumult  
and every garment  
rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for  
the fire.**

## Isaiah 9:2-7

**⁶ For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall  
be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be  
called  
Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

## Isaiah 9:2-7

**7 Of the increase of his  
government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and  
over his kingdom,**

## Isaiah 9:2-7

**to establish it and to  
uphold it  
with justice and with  
righteousness  
from this time forth and  
for evermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of  
hosts will do this.**

**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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## Luke 1:26-28

**<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.**

## Luke 1:26-28

**28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!”**

**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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## Luke 2:1-7

**In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town.**

## Luke 2:1-7

**4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,**

## Luke 2:1-7

**<sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.**

## Luke 2:1-7

**7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

**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**

**and 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  
where Eden's curse is found,  
where Eden's curse is found,  
wherever Eden's 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, the wonders of His love.**

**Isaac Watts, 1674-1748**

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## Luke 2:8-20

**8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.**

**9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.**

## Luke 2:8-20

**<sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**

**<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.**

## Luke 2:8-20

**<sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,**

## Luke 2:8-20

**14 “Glory to God in the  
highest,  
and on earth peace  
among those with whom  
he is pleased!”**

## Luke 2:8-20

**15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”**

## Luke 2:8-20

**<sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.**

## Luke 2:8-20

**18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.**

**19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.**

## Luke 2:8-20

**<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.**

**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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John 1:1-5, 14; 3:16

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

John 1:1-5, 14; 3:16

**<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

**<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

John 1:1-5, 14; 3:16

**<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

John 1:1-5, 14; 3:16

**16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**



The mighty

love of God

**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, 1707-88**

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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.**