

North Kent Circuit Service

Christmas Day Service 2020

10.30am

Led by Rev Robin Selmes & The Circuit Staff

The Broadcast will commence at 10.15am on Christmas Day morning with music. Throughout the service, the music will be broadcast, and the words will appear on the screen.

Pre-service Music

Joy to the World (Piano arrangement)
"A Hallelujah Christmas" sung by St Francis de Sales Children's Choir
"How far" sung by the Third avenue Worship Group

Advent Candle Lighting

Carol: 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 newborn 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 men 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 Son 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 newborn King!"*

Charles Wesley

Welcome

Opening Prayers
Rev Naomi Oates

Circuit Staff: What does Christmas mean to you?

Music: Praise Choir "Christmas Time"

The Watt family!

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see you lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the
Silent stars go by:
Yet in your 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 Emmanuel.

Phillips Brooks

Message: Rediscovering the meaning of
Christmas Part 1

Reading: Luke 2:8-14
Helen Young

Message: Rediscovering the meaning of
Christmas Part 2

Carol: It's Christmas

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet
head
The stars in the 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 cradle 'til morning is nigh

Refrain:
It's Christmas
The angels are singing
And I know the reason
The Saviour is born
It's Christmas
The bells are ringing
And I feel like shouting
Joy to the world

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

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus
Christ is born

It's Christmas
The angels are singing
And I know the reason
The Saviour is born
Yes, it's Christmas
The bells are ringing
And I feel like shouting
Joy to the world
Joy to the world
Oh, joy to the world

Chris Tomlin

Prayers of intercession & Lord's Prayer
Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet

Carol: 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, (Repeat x 3)
Christ the Lord.

True God of True God,
Light of light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
Begotten not created:
O come let us adore him, (Repeat x 3)
Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come let us adore him, (Repeat x 3)
Christ the Lord.

Lo! Star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, Gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ-child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
O come let us adore him, (Repeat x 3)
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, (Repeat x 3)
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
Now in flesh Appearing
O come let us adore him, (Repeat x 3)
Christ the Lord.

John Francis Wade

Blessing