

**JOINT LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE**

**St. Mary's Nanoose Bay, St. Philip's Lantzville**

**St. Paul Nanaimo, St. Philip's Cedar**



**December 20, 2020 – Virtual Service**

## Joint Lessons & Carols Service – 2020

### Welcome & Gathering Prayer:

The Rev. Selinde Krayenhoff, Rector St. Mary Nanoose Bay  
The Rev. David Chillman, Rector St. Philip's Lantzville  
The Ven. Clara Plamondon, Rector St. Paul Nanaimo  
The Rev. Susan Hermanson, Rector St. Philip's Cedar

### Hymn: Once In Royal David's City (played by Freeman Dryden)

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.

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;  
where like stars his children crowned  
all in white shall gather round.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-3,6-7 (read by Clair Davies)

### HYMN: Peace Carol (sung by Sabrina and James)

### SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11 (read by Jane Gribling)

### HYMN: Welcome To Our World (sung and played by Keith Brankston and Mary Jackson)

**THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-38 (read by Shirley Bays)**

**HYMN: Magnificat (sung by Mary Jane McLaughlin and Sandra Leigh, accompanied by Freeman Dryden)**

**FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18-25 (read by Mark Bennewith)**

**HYMN: I Wonder As I Wander (sung and played by Mick Gibbs)**

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

**5th Reading - Luke 2.1-7 (read by Mary Jane McLaughlin)**

**Silent Night, Holy Night (sung and played by Louise and Flavio Cianflone)**

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright;  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

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.

**SIXTH Reading: Luke 2:8-16 (read by Doug Sowden)**

**HYMN: Angels, From The Realms Of Glory (played by Deborah van der Goes and Mary Jackson)**

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

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant light:  
*come and worship...*

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar:  
seek the great desire of nations;  
you have seen his natal star:  
*come and worship...*

Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:  
*come and worship...*

Though an infant now we view him,  
he shall fill the eternal throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
every knee shall then bow down:  
*come and worship...*

**PRAYERS: (led by Sandra Leigh and Carolyn Dieleman)**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**HYMN: O Holy Night (played by Margaret and John Nelson)**

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world, in sin and error pining  
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angels' voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine  
O night  
O night divine  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angels' voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine  
O night divine (O night divine)

**HYMN: The First Nowell (played by Margaret and John Nelson)**

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
who has made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood salvation bought.

**BLESSING: (by the Ven. Clara Plamondon)**

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