

Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Crib Service & Carols 2020

On Zoom, Tuesday 22 December, 5 pm (ID 675-014-6024, Password 859013)

Opening Verse of Scripture *Luke Chapter 3*

Prepare the way for the Lord, make his path straight.

Opening Words

We have come together in the presence of God to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the Saviour. In this service we hear and receive the story of Jesus's birth, & we offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer & song.

Carol

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in due course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Confession - All: We confess those times when we have failed to bring light into the world around us. We Say sorry to God for any hurt we may have caused.

Minister: You were born for our salvation. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister 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. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Candle: We light the fourth candle of the Advent Ring, the candle of expectation. "God will give you a sign; a young woman will have a son, and will name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us'".

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Glory to Christ, Son of Mary, born a child, you share our humanity. Glory to Christ, Son of David, born to rule; you receive gifts from the wise; Glory to Christ, Son of Man; born our Saviour, you are the light of the world. **All: Glory to God in the highest!**

The Holy Story, part 1.

Carol

Little donkey, little donkey
On the dusty road
Gotta keep on plodding onward
With your precious load

Been a long time little donkey
Through the winters night
Don't give up now little donkey
Bethlehem's in sight

*Ring out those bells tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem
Follow that little star tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem. (Chorus)*

Little donkey, little donkey
Had a heavy day
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way. (Chorus)

The Holy Story, part 2.

Carol

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.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

The Holy Story, part 3.

Carol

Away in a manger
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby awakes

But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Till morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me, I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And fit us for Heaven
To live with Thee there

The Holy Story, Conclusion.

The Prayers, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

The first "Nowell" the angels 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! (Chorus)*

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. (Chorus)

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. (Chorus)

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. (Chorus)

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense. (Chorus)

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. (chorus)

The Blessing

Your kind and generous contributions in favour of the Children's Society, for which the Collection for this Crib Service is taken, will be very warmly appreciated. To give please use the following link: <https://thyg.uk/CUS048152>

On behalf of the Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all great joy, peace and safe-keeping this coming Christmas, and a very happy and blessed New Year.

Revd Ian Welch, Rector