

# St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe Sensing Christmas!

## Zoom Worship Christmas Day 2020



*Happy Christmas! The service today is not being recorded. Please make use of the mute button particularly during hymns and to remove background distractions, but do unmute yourself where you're invited to make responses. Do encourage the children to participate.*

*Our Advent Candles are lit*

I bring you good news of great joy:  
**a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.**  
Unto us a child is born,  
**unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.**  
He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.  
**We worship and adore him. Alleluia.**



Hymn: Once in Royal David's City (sung by Royal Holloway University *Founders Choir*)

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 wait around.

**Collect (prayer for the day):**

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

**Amen.**

**Reading: Luke 2. 1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Christmas is ...**



**Confession**

For the times when we have failed to make space for you in our lives.  
Lord have mercy.           **Lord have mercy.**

For the times when we have closed our ears and silenced the cries of those in need.  
Christ have mercy.           **Christ have mercy.**

For the times when we have wandered from your presence and failed to stay close to you.  
Lord have mercy.           **Lord have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.   **Amen.**

**Song: Away in a manger** *(sung by St Paul's Children)*

1 Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.

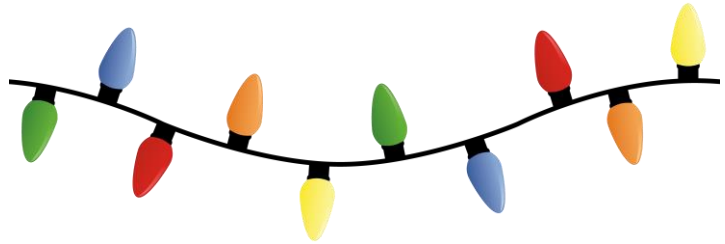
2 The cattle are lowing,  
the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus,  
no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus!  
Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side  
until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus;  
I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever,  
and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven,  
to live with thee there.

## Reading: Luke 2. 8-14

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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, <sup>14</sup>'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

## Christmas is...



## Reading: Luke 2. 15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## Christmas is...

### Prayers

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing** (*Royal Holloway University Founders Choir*)

1 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!*

3 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 lay 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!*

2 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 man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King!*



**Blessing**

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you today and always. **Amen.**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**