



CHURCH OF CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE
Milton Keynes

CHRISTMAS DAY – 10.00 am – ZOOM
Service Sheet

1- Choir Introit

A Child is Born in Bethlehem

2- Welcome and Christmas Prayer

Hope came in the stillness of the night.
Light came in the velvet dark of the starless night.
Life came unexpectedly in the birth of a helpless child.
Lord on this *happy day* help us welcome you again,
The Son who is closest to the Father's heart,
the Son who is the sunrise of our eternal life.
AMEN

3- Christmas Carol

I Saw Three Ships

I. I saw three ships come sailing in
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
I saw three ships come sailing in
on Christmas Day in the morning

And what was in those ships all three
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three
on Christmas Day in the morning?

Our saviour Christ and his lady
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
Our saviour Christ and his lady
on Christmas Day in the morning

Pray, wither sailed those ships all three
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
Pray, wither sailed those ships all three
on Christmas Day in the morning?

O they sailed into Bethlehem
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day

O they sailed into Bethlehem
on Christmas Day in the morning

And all the bells on earth shall ring
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
And all the bells on earth shall ring
on Christmas Day in the morning

And all the angels in heaven shall sing
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
And all the angels in heaven shall sing
on Christmas Day in the morning

And all the souls on earth shall sing
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
And all the souls on earth shall sing
on Christmas Day in the morning

Then let us all rejoice
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
Then let us all rejoice
On Christmas Day in the morning

4- Prayer of Confession

Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

Silence

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

5- Lighting of the Last Candle

Jesus is the Light world
Thanks be to God

Advent candles tell their story.
On this Christmas Day those who waited for God's glory: They prepared the way.

**Christ is with us: loving, giving,
In us living, Here today!**

Today is Christmas Day and we will light a candle to remember Jesus as Immanuel, God with us.

A candle is lit

6- Hope Is A Candle

1. Hope is a candle
once lit by the prophets
Never consumed
though it burns through the years
Dim in the daylight
of power and privilege
When they are gone
hope will shine on

2. Peace is a candle
to show us a pathway
Threatened by gusts
from our rage and our greed
Friend feel no envy
for those in the shadows
Violence and force
their dead end course

3. Love is a candle
whose light makes a circle
Where every face
is the face of a friend

Widen the circle
by sharing and giving
God's Holy dare
love everywhere

4. Joy is a candle
of mystery and laughter
Mystery of light
that is born in the dark
Laughter at hearing
the voice of an angel
Ever so near
casting out fear

5. Christ is the light
that the prophets awaited
Christ is the lion
the lamb and the child
Christ is the love
and the mystery and laughter
Candles make way
Christ is the day

7- First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-12

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.
The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.
You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's
hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;
for the Lord will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.
As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you
I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem;
they will never be silent day or night.
You who call on the Lord,
give yourselves no rest,
and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem

and makes her the praise of the earth.
The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
"Never again will I give your grain
as food for your enemies,
and never again will foreigners drink the new wine
for which you have toiled;
but those who harvest it will eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather the grapes will drink it
in the courts of my sanctuary."
Pass through, pass through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people.
Build up, build up the highway!
Remove the stones.
Raise a banner for the nations.
The Lord has made proclamation
to the ends of the earth:
"Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your Saviour comes!
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.'"
They will be called the Holy People,
the Redeemed of the Lord;
and you will be called Sought After,
the City No Longer Deserted.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

8- Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Hear the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ Our Light.

9- Meditation

Revd. George Mwaura

10- Prayers and Intercessions

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11 – The Peace

May the peace and the love of the Lord be yours today and always. May the peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you

Let us share a sign of peace.

12- Christmas carol

Calypso Carol

1. See him lying on a bed of straw
a draughty stable with an open door
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name

[Chorus]

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again
Just as poor as was the stable then
the prince of glory when he came*

2. Star of silver, sweep across the skies
show where Jesus in the manger lies
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world

[Chorus]

3. Angels, sing again the song you sang
sing the glory of God's gracious plan
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be the saviour of us all

[Chorus]

4. Mine are riches, from your poverty
from your innocence, eternity
Mine, forgiveness by your death for me
child of sorrow for my joy

[Chorus]

13- Holy Communion

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. By your Holy Spirit you make us your friends.

And so, we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends, and taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, shared it with them and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine. Again, he gave you thanks, shared it and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So, Father, as we remember all that Jesus did, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Take this bread,
Share this wine
In these Christ comes to us with love from God

The gifts of God for the people of God **Amen**

I4- Breaking the Bread

Christ is the bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread for ever. Amen

I5- After Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of hope illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen

I6- Christmas carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

1. 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

[Chorus]
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

2. God of God
light of light
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb
very God
begotten, not created

[Chorus]

I7- The Blessing

May God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas, which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.
And the blessings of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you today and always.
Amen

3. Sing, choirs of angels
sing in exultation
sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above
glory to God
glory in the highest

[Chorus]

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be glory given.
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing.

[Chorus]