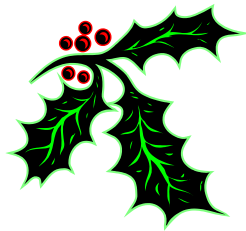


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**Welcome**

*The Venerable Andrew Brown, Archdeacon of Man and Vicar of St George's*

**Carol**

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.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child, so dear and gentle,  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

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.

**Bidding prayer**

*The Reverend Bill Martin, Chaplain of the House of Keys*

**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.

**Choir**

Let earth awake and sing  
*David Catherwood*

**First reading**

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*  
Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

**Carol**

*All*  
O come, o come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, o Israel.*

*Gentlemen*  
O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From the dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.

*All*  
O come, o come, Adonai,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From that high mountain clothed with awe  
Gavest thy folk the elder law.

**Second reading**

*The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem*  
Micah 5: 2-4

**Carol**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

*Choir only*

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.

*All*

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.

**Third reading**

*St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*  
Luke 2: 1, 3-7

**Choir**

Sing soft and low  
*Words by "Cushag"; music by Miss M. L. Wood*

**Carol**

*Gentlemen*

Of the father's heart begotten,  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain  
All that is and has been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.

*Ladies*

O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.

*All*

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.

**Fourth reading**

*St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*  
John 1: 1-14

**A seasonal thought**

*The Venerable Andrew Brown*

**Carol**

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,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above:  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

### **Prayers**

*The Venerable Andrew Brown*

### **Carol**

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn 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 heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a 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 newborn King!

Hail the heav' n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n 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!

**Blessing**

*The Venerable Andrew Brown*

**The Royal Anthem**

**The National Anthem**

*The retiring collection will be donated to our hosts, St George's Church.*

*We are grateful to the brass quintet Sheean Prash and the organist Mr Mike Porter.*

*Please stay for refreshments afterwards.*