

**RECESSIONAL** Angels from the  
Realms of Glory

1. Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story now  
proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain: Come and worship, come  
and worship, worship Christ, the  
newborn king.*

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: Refrain

3. Sages, leave your  
contemplations, brighter visions  
beam afar; seek the great Desire of  
nations; ye have seen his natal star:  
Refrain

## Notices

Worship: Christmas Eve 7pm Sung Eucharist, Christmas Day 10am Sung Eucharist, Boxing Day 10am Sung Eucharist

Wi-Fi Passwords can be found on the noticeboard in the hall. Please ensure that any mobile devices are switched off or on silent mode during services and meetings.

Offertory: Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.

Zumba: Will resume Friday 14 January 2022

Craft Group: Reopens 17 January 2022

Prayer Group is postponed until further notice. If you or someone you know would like prayer said, please complete a slip and place in the woven box. Your request will be responded to

Flowers in Church: If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion, please speak to Janie Legge who can advise and help arrange them with you if you wish.

Please pray for all those in our own congregation, their families or friends who are ill, housebound or whose year's mind falls this week. Archbishop Stephen and the Karen people in Myanmar, Thailand and Sheffield.

## St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021



## “Luke’s Christmas Story”

Welcome to St Peter’s Episcopal Church to this service of Carols and Readings. The words printed in **bold type** are said by everyone.

Thank you for joining us. Please take this booklet with you at the end of the service.

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**CAROL** *O come, O come,  
Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile  
here until the Son of God  
appear.

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O  
Israel.*

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on  
high, who orderest all things  
mightily; to us the path of  
knowledge show, and teach us  
in her ways to go. *Refrain*

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse,  
free thine own from Satan's  
tyranny; from depths of hell  
thy people save, and give them  
victory over the grave. *Refrain*

4. O come, thou Dayspring, come  
and cheer our spirits by thine  
advent here; disperse the  
gloomy clouds of night, and  
death's dark shadows put to  
flight. *Refrain*

5. O come, thou Key of David,  
come, and open wide our  
heavenly home; make safe the  
way that leads on high, and  
close the path to misery.  
*Refrain*

**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING OF Advent WREATH** - *Congregational Response*

*Shine on us, O God of justice; Guide our path through gloom of night  
Bear within us Wisdom's glory, Come to us, O Christ the Light*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**READING:** Luke 2. 8-20 The Shepherds and the Angels

**THE INTERCESSIONS**

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**OFFERTORY HYMN**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. 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 th'angelic  
hosts proclaim, "Christ is born  
in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels  
sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 with us in flesh to  
dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.  
[Refrain]

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of  
Peace! Hail the Sun of  
Righteousness! Light and life  
to all he brings, risen with  
healing in his wings. Mild he  
lays his glory by, born that we  
no more may die, born to raise  
us from the earth, born to give  
us second birth.  
[Refrain]

**COMMUNION HYMN** Silent Night

1. 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.

2. Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ  
the Saviour is born!"

3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of  
God, love's pure light radiant  
beams from Thy holy face with the  
dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus,  
Lord, at Thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at  
Thy birth!

## THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Let us pray ....

*God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation; bless this crib, which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth; may all who see it be strengthened in faith and receive the fullness of life he came to bring; who lives and reigns for ever. Amen*

### CAROL *Once In Royal David's City*

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 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.

READING: Luke 2. 1-7 The Birth of Jesus

### CAROL : *The First Noel*

The First Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their  
sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was  
so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
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.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil. For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PEACE We meet in Christ's name. Let us share his peace.

READING: Luke 1. 26-38

The Birth of Jesus is announced

### CAROL *Long ago, prophets knew*

1. Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a  
Jew, come to make all things  
new; bear his people's  
burden, freely love and  
pardon.

*Refrain: Ring, bells, ring, ring,  
ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes, when he comes,  
who will make him welcome?*

2. God in time, God in us, this is  
God's timeless plan: He will  
come, one of us, born himself  
of woman, God divinely  
human: *Refrain*

READING: Luke 1. 39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth

3. Mary hail! Though afraid, she  
believed, she obeyed. In her  
womb, God is laid: till the  
time expected, nurtured and  
protected, *Refrain*
4. Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlehem shines, like a star,  
stable door stands ajar,  
unborn Son of Mary, Saviour,  
do not tarry! *Refrain*



**CAROL A great and mighty wonder**

1. A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure! The Virgin bears the Infant with virgin-honour pure:

*Refrain: Repeat the hymn again!  
"To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to all."*

2 The Word becomes incarnate, and yet remains on high; and cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky;  
*Refrain*

**READING:** Luke 1.46-55 The Magnificat

**CAROL The Angel Gabriel**

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

2. "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honour thee; Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

3. While thus they sing your Monarch, those bright angelic bands, rejoice, ye vales and mountains, ye oceans, clap your hands: *Refrain*

4. Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored, the infant born in Bethlehem, the Saviour and the Lord: *Refrain*



3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." "Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk through-out the world will ever say: "Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

**READING:** Luke 1. 57-66

The Birth of John

**CHANT** Benedictus qui venit

**Benedictus (canon)**

Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, in  
no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.

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**COLLECT**

Lord our God, on the first day of creation you made the light that scatters all darkness. Let Christ, the light of lights, hidden from all eternity, shine at last on your people and free us from the darkness of sin. Fill our lives with joy as we go out to welcome your Son at his coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

**CAROL Away in a Manger**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.