

*St Matthew-in-the-City*  
***Nativity Service***  
*for Children*



*Christmas Eve 2017 7 pm*

# Welcome

Rev Helen Jacobi and Rev Cate Thorn

## Carol                      O Come, All Ye Faithful

**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.***

**See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:**

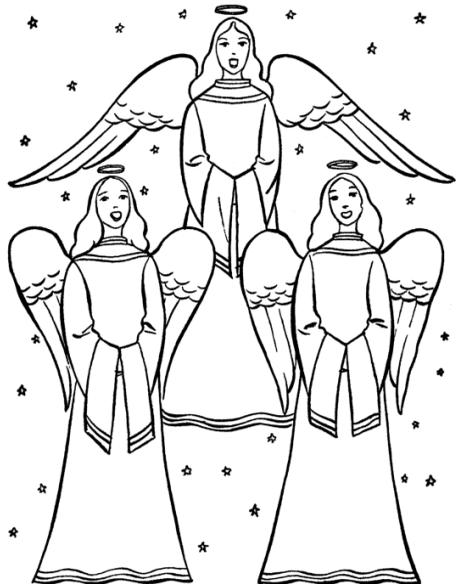
***O come, let us adore him . . .***

**Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens  
of heaven above,  
“Glory to God,  
glory in the highest”:**

***O come,  
let us adore him . . .***

*Words: possibly by John F. Wade  
(c.1711-1786)*

*Tune: Adeste Fideles. TIS 304*



*Leader:* Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

*All:* **Come, let us worship God,  
source of life and light.**

*Leader:* Christ was born and dwells among us,  
full of grace and truth.

*All:* **Come, let us worship God,  
source of life and light.**

## *Carol*

**Joseph and Mary went  
Tramp, tramp, tramp.  
Tramp, tramp, tramp.  
Tramp, tramp, tramp.  
Joseph and Mary went  
Tramp, tramp, tramp  
All night long.**

**The Angels in the sky went  
Hosanna!  
Hosanna!  
Hosanna!  
The Angels in the sky went  
Hosanna!  
All night long.**

The innkeepers said  
“There’s no room here!”  
No room here!  
No room here!  
The innkeepers said  
“There’s no room here!”  
All night long.

Jesus was born in  
Bethlehem,  
Bethlehem,  
Bethlehem.  
Jesus was born  
in Bethlehem  
Long, long ago.

*Tune: The wheels on the bus*



# *The Christmas Story*

## **Merry Grinchmas by Patrick Spillane**

including a short film from Point England School,  
with thanks to the teachers and children of Room 27 (2016).

*Stay seated.*

## *Carol Jingle Bells*

**Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!**

**Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!**

*James Lord Pierpont (1822-1893)*

## *Carol Silent Night*

**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, 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.**

*Words: Joseph Mohr 1792-1848*

*Tune: Silent Night, melody by Franz Xaver Gruber 1787-1863; TiS 311*

## Carol

## Away in a Manger

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.

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

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

*Words: verses 1-2: Traditional Carol (19th century);  
verse 3: attr. to John Thomas McFarland  
Tune: Cradle Song. Carols for Choir 1, #2*



## *Carol*

**We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year.**

**Let's all do a little clapping,  
Let's all do a little clapping,  
Let's all do a little clapping  
And spread Christmas cheer.**

**Let's all do a little jumping,  
Let's all do a little jumping,  
Let's all do a little jumping  
And spread Christmas cheer.**

**Let's all do a little swaying,  
Let's all do a little swaying,  
Let's all do a little swaying  
And spread Christmas cheer.**

**We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year.**

## *Prayers*

We pray for peace in our homes  
and throughout the world tonight.

We pray for people like Mary and Joseph  
who are in search of food and shelter  
and for those trying to help them.

We pray for children  
who will be born tonight and for their families.

We pray that we will be a gift to others this Christmas.

## *Lord's Prayer*

As Christ teaches us 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

# Offertory Carols

*A collection will be taken up, thank you for your generosity.*

*For electronic giving option:*

*Text stmatthew to 818 to make a fast one off or ongoing donation  
by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City.*

*Or you can download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or  
Google Playstore and search for St Matthew-in-the-City.*

## *While Shepherds Watched*

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around.**

**'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind),  
'glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and humankind.**

**'To you in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:**

**'the heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and in a manger laid.'**

*Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715). Tune: Winchester Old. TiS 299*

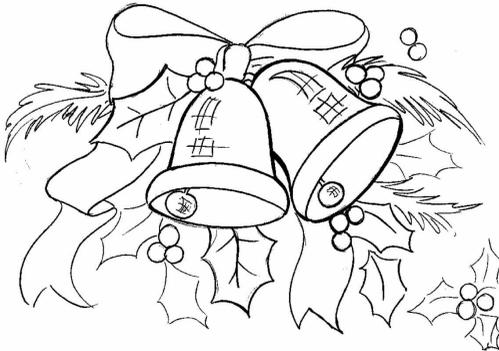
## *Joy to the World!*

**Joy to the world! The Lord has come;  
let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!**

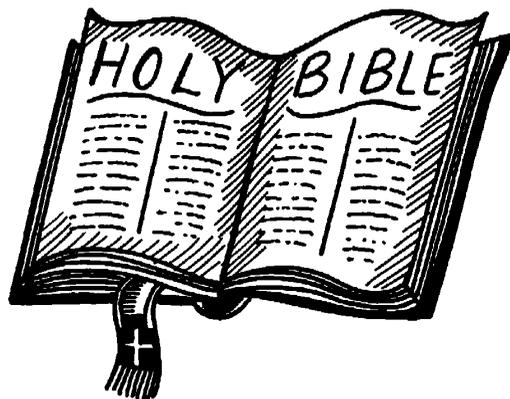
**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
your sweetest songs employ.  
While fields and streams, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) (based on Psalm 98)  
Tune: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). WOVS 224*



# *Blessing*



**Nau mai, haere mai;  
a warm welcome to St Matthew-in-the-City.  
We are glad you have come to celebrate Christmas  
with this community.**

We hope that you will find the Christmas spirit of peace and love  
in today's celebrations.

If you want to know more about St Matthew's  
take a look at our website [www.stmatthews.nz](http://www.stmatthews.nz),  
like us on Facebook,  
follow our vicar on Twitter @RevHelenJacobi and @StMatthewsNZ

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Feel free to take photos during our services  
and share them on Facebook and Twitter.  
No video recording please.

Toilets are located down the stairs on the left hand side of the church.  
An accessible toilet is located on the right hand side past the kitchen.

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The Parish Office is now closed; reopening Monday 8 January 2018.

Sunday services on 31 December, 7, 14, 21 January at 10am only;  
Sunday January 28 and onwards 8am and 10am.

Wednesday lunch time service resumes on  
Wednesday January 31 at 12.20pm.

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