

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark  
*Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall*  
Living Thinking Loving Faith



# Celebrating Christmas Day

25 December 2024  
at 10.00 am

# Gathering

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man I would do my part,  
yet what I can I give him:  
give my heart.

*Christina Rossetti*



**Gathering**

# Welcome

The President is Revd Beth Keith

The Deacon is Boyd Morgan

Introit:

**Gaudete Christus est Natus**

Welcome



# Opening Carol

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,  
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;  
rise to adore the mystery of love,  
which hosts of angels chanted from above;  
with them the joyful tidings were begun  
of God incarnate and the Virgin's son.



Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
who heard th'angelic herald's voice: "Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth  
to you and all the nations on the earth:  
this day hath God fulfilled his promised word,  
this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

He spake, and straightway the celestial choir  
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;  
the praises of redeeming love they sang,  
and heav'n's whole orb with alleluias rang;  
God's highest glory was their anthem still,  
peace on the earth, and unto us good will.

To Beth'hem straight the happy shepherds ran,  
to see unfolding God's eternal plan.  
and found, with Joseph and the blessed maid,  
her son, the Saviour, in a manger laid;  
then to their flocks, still praising God's return,  
and their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

Oh, may we keep and ponder in our mind  
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind!  
Trace we the babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
from his poor manger to his bitter cross.  
Tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,  
till our first heav'nly state again takes place.



Then may we hope, th'angelic hosts among,  
to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;  
he that was born upon this joyful day  
around us all his glory shall display;  
saved by his love, incessant we shall sing  
eternal praise to heav'n's almighty King.

*John Byrom (1692 - 1763)*

*John Wainwright (1723 - 1786)*

*Tune:Yorkshire*

# Lighting the Christmas Candle

We light this candle for the newborn Christ,  
**The presence of God among us!**

People of God: shout and sing:  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**



Together we sing:



Li-ste-ning, here and now,



wai - ting for your ca - lling. Li-sten-ing,



here and now, wai - ting to - ge - ther.

Cantor: *Now at last we celebrate! Jesus is born. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

Then together we sing:

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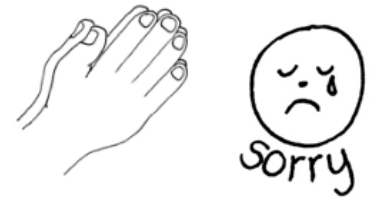
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# Prayers of Approach

May God be with you:  
**and also with you.**

God is with us  
and the bright star shines.

**Make us one in the presence of Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**



**Prayers of  
Approach &  
Penitence**

# Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

Christ, the light of the world,  
has come to show us the way.

In his light we can see more clearly.

*Pause for reflection*



**Light eternal  
you bring to light things hidden in darkness  
and know the shadows of our hearts:  
cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,  
that we may walk in the light  
and glorify your name;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the Light of the world.  
Amen.**

May God forgive you  
Christ renew you  
and the Spirit enable you  
to grow in love.  
**Amen.**



# Gloria

Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.



**Gloria**

Joy to the earth!  
The Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and floods,  
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, and wonders of his love.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt. Tune: Antioch*

# The Collect

Holy God,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds  
through Jesus, who is the Way.  
**Amen.**

# Journeying Together in Faith

As we prepare to explore God's word,  
let us pray together:

**May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,  
whatever our age or experience.**

**The love of God be with us all.**

**Amen**



**Journeying  
in faith**

# Attending

First Reading: Isaiah 9.6

Page 648 Old Testament NRSV

*Read by Fleur Bayley*

*At the end the reader says:*

How is this God's word of peace for us today?

*After the reading we share a time of quiet*



Reading

# Carol

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.

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 us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.



Hail, the heav'n-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.  
Hark! the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.

*Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)*  
*Tune: Mendelssohn* 27

# Gospel John 1.1-5, 10-12

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**<sup>28</sup>



# Refuge



by Anne Booth  
and Sam Usher





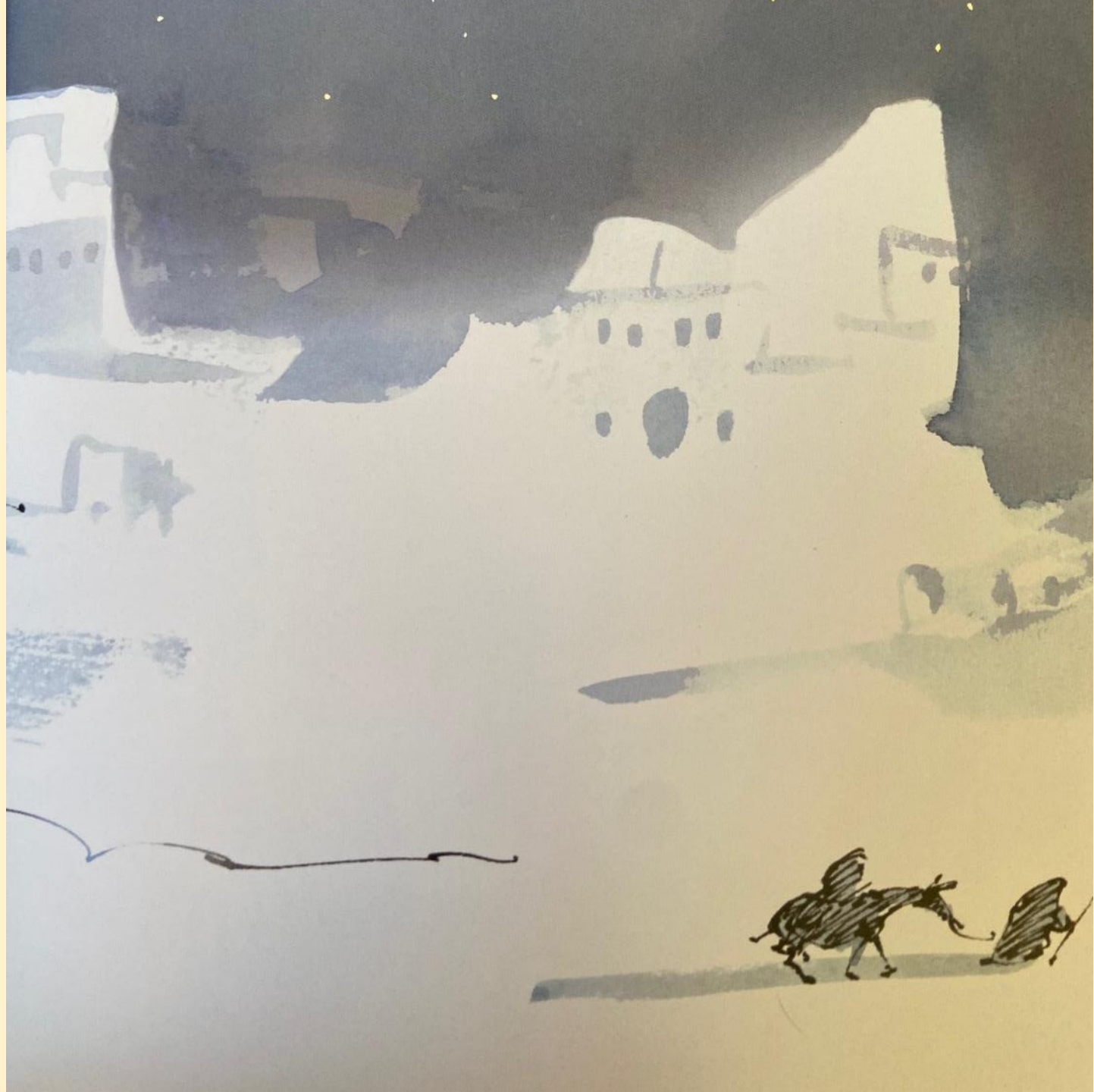








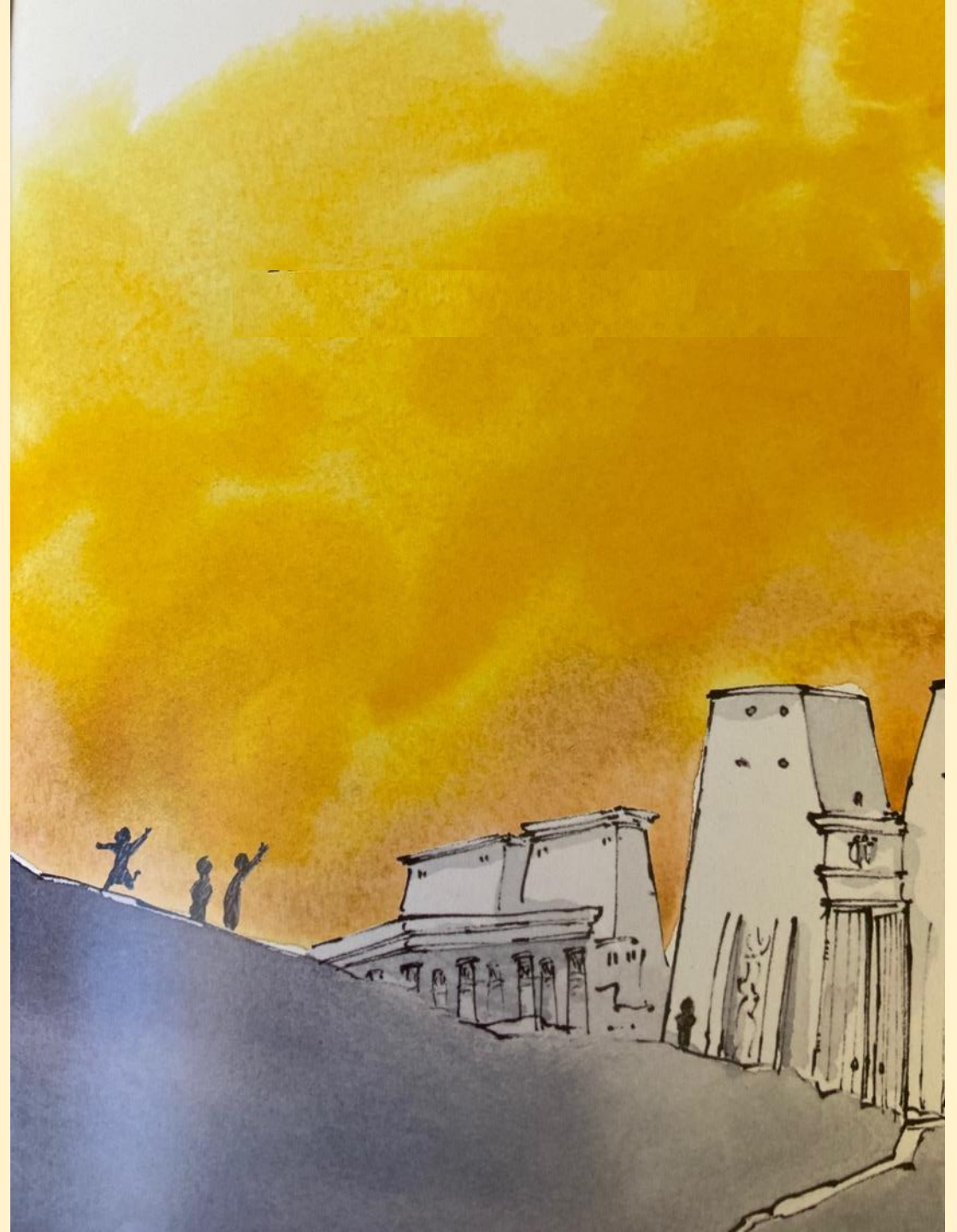














... and we  
found refuge.



# Prayers of the People

*led by John Schofield*

Let us pray:

Jesus, God in a manger

**Hear us, we pray.**

Holy Child, how still you lie,

Safe the manger, soft the hay.

Faint across the eastern sky

Breaks the dawn of Christmas Day.

**Alleluia, Amen.**

# Sharing Peace

Unto us a boy 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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



**Sharing Peace**

# Offertory Hymn

Unto us a boy is born!  
King of all creation,  
came he to a world forlorn,  
the Lord of every nation,  
the Lord of every nation.



Cradled in a stall was he  
watched by cows and asses;  
but the very beasts could see  
that he the world surpasses,  
that he the world surpasses.

Then the fearful Herod cried:  
'Pow'r is mine in Jewry!'  
So the blameless children died  
the victims of his fury,  
the victims of his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came  
long ago to love us,  
lead us all with hearts aflame  
unto the joys above us,  
unto the joys above us

Omega and Alpha he!  
Let the organ thunder,  
while the choir, with peals of glee,  
shall rend the air asunder  
shall rend the air asunder.

*Gradual Moosberg (1355 - 1360)*  
*Tune: Puer Nobis*

# Abiding

## Preparation

Jesus invites us to meet him at table.

**All who come in hope,**

**all who come in love**

**all who come in joy and peace,**

**all are welcome here.**



# The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**



We thank you loving God,  
for you did not stand far off  
but came in close  
with the urgency of love;  
body and soul resound  
with the glory of music divine,  
echoing through the hallowed earth, singing:

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in power and wisdom forever adored.  
The earth and the heavens are full of your love,  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he  
whose life makes us whole  
and whose death sets us free.**

**Who comes in the name of the father of light,  
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

*Text: Sheffield Cathedral, Music: Trad Irish Melody,  
arr. Colin Hand (b. 1929) Tune: Slane*

Father and Mother of us all,  
we give you thanks for every gift of grace.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, with this bread and this cup  
we remember how he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.



May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Common Worship Eucharistic Prayer D - adapted*

# Lord's Prayer & Communion

**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.**



*The bread is broken*

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.**

*Words of invitation follow.*

Draw near to Bethlehem, House of Bread,  
where hungry hearts are satisfied,  
seeking souls find wisdom,  
and failing faith is kindled back to life.

**Today, God has turned the world upside-down  
and restored the dignity of all people.  
Alleluia!**

*During communion we sing the following carols:*

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 thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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.

*Tune: W J Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)*

*Tune: Cradle Song*

*During Communion we sing the carol:*

Ding dong, merrily on high!  
In heav'n the bells are ringing;  
ding dong, verily the sky  
is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below,  
let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io  
by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!



Pray ye dutifully prime  
your matin chime, ye ringers;  
may ye beautifully rhyme  
your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

*G R Woodward, (1848 – 1934)*

*Tune: Branle de l'Official*

# Prayer of Commitment

**God of life,  
you reveal your glory  
in the humility of our humanity,  
and through ordinary things made holy.  
As we accompany those who walk in darkness  
and rejoice with all who have seen great light;  
may Christ be found among us  
and his beauty enlighten the world.  
Amen.**



# Blessing

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the sages,  
the openness of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christchild be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God,  
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Life,  
rest upon you and those whom you love,  
both living and departed,  
this Christmas and always. **Amen.**

# Final Hymn

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:

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

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
'Glory to God  
in the highest:'

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given:  
word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:

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

*F Oakeley, WT Brooke*

*Tune: Adeste Fideles*

# Commission

Follow, where the Spirit of Hope leads you.  
Listen, as the child of Peace cries to you.  
Rejoice, as the Love of God embraces you.

*Richard Becher*

Go now in Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.  
**In the name of Christ.**  
**Amen.**



# **We Wish you a Merry Christmas**

*Traditional West Country carol, arranged by Arthur Warrell.*

*There will be a breakout group for those on zoom who would like to chat to others after the carol.*

**Voluntary: In Dulci Jubilo** by JS Bach (1685 - 1750)