

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

CAROL

Sunday 22 December



SERVICE

2024 at 6pm

Welcome

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

First verse SOLO

*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 needy, poor and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

4

And our eyes at last shall see him
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) alt.
Tune: Irby, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

BIDDING PRAYER

concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

READING ONE

Luke, chapter 1, verses 26 to 38, *(The birth of Jesus foretold)*
Read by Mike Hunt on behalf of St Mark's PCC

A prayer is offered and a candle kindled

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CHOIR

Long ago prophets knew
*Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903 - 2000) Music: From Piae Cantiones harmonised by
Gustav Holst (1874 - 1934) Tune: Personent Hodie*

READING TWO

Advent Hands
Read by Philip Booth on behalf of St Mark's Heritage Team

A prayer is offered and a candle kindled

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CAROL

1

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

2

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.

4

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.

3

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.

5

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.

Puer nobis nascitur 15th century trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) alt.

Tune: Puer Nobis

READING THREE

Luke, chapter 2, verses 1 to 5 (*The census according to Luke*)
Read by Jennie Martin on behalf of St Mark's International Committee

A prayer is offered and a candle kindled.

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CHOIR

Tomorrow Shall be my Dancing Day
Trad. arr. Martin Shaw (1875 - 1958)

READING FOUR

The Journey

read by Fleur Bayley on behalf of musicians in St Mark's and our community

A prayer is offered and a candle kindled.

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CAROL

1
In the bleak mid-winter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

2
Our God, heav'n cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

3
Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

4
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Magi
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him:
give my heart.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)
Tune: Cranham, Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

READING FIVE

Luke, chapter 2, verses 8 to 16 (*Shepherds delight in the news*)
Read by Rosie Hunt on behalf of St Mark's Home Donations

A prayer is offered and a candle kindled.

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CHOIR

Infant holy, infant lowly
Polish carol, arr. David Willcocks (1919 - 2015) Tune: No name

READING SIX

Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem by Maya Angelou

Read by Steve Rundell on behalf of Nomad

A prayer is offered and a candle kindled.

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CAROL

1

While shepherds watched their
flocks by night, flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
Lord came down
the angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around. (x3)

2

“Fear not,” said he,
for mighty dread, mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
Joy I bring
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and humankind. (x3)

3

“To you, in David’s town, this day,
town this day
is born of David’s line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
Christ the Lord;
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign: (x3)

4

The heavenly Babe
you there shall find, there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
swathing bands
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid.” (x3)

5

Thus spake the Seraph, and forthwith
and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
God, who thus
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song: (x3)

6

“All glory be to God on high,
God on high
and to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heav’n to all
heav’n to all
Goodwill henceforth from heav’n to
all; *begin and never cease.” (x3)*

Nahum Tate (1652 – 1715)

Tune: Cranbrook Thomas Clark (1775 – 1859) arr. M D Collins

READING SEVEN

Matthew, chapter 2, verses 1 to 12 (*Astrologers seek out the newborn*)
read by Dez Martin on behalf of The Three Spires Mission Area

A prayer is offered and a candle kindled.

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CHOIR

The Coventry Carol
Arr Martin Shaw (1875 – 1958)

READING EIGHT

Last Candle
read by Frances Gray on behalf of St Mark's Community Plays

A candle is kindled on the altar and a prayer offered.

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CAROL

1

Silent night, holy night.
All is calm, all is bright,
round yon maiden 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.

Joseph Mohr, (1792-1848) trans. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
Tune: Stille Nacht

READING NINE

John, chapter 1, verses 1 to 14 (*Light to the world*)
Read by Pat Hunt on behalf of St Mark's pastoral care teams
A prayer is offered and a candle kindled.

Jesus, Light of the world;
Kindle in us your hope.

CHOIR

Rejoice and be Merry
English Trad arr. Reginald Jacques (1894 – 1969)

THE BLESSING

CAROL

HARK, the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King;
peace of 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.*

2

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.*

3

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; descant: David Willcocks

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo
JS Bach (1685 – 1750)

Wishing you joy and peace this Christmas!

DONATIONS

All donations made at St Mark's tonight will be shared between Nomad and St Mark's church.

Do pick up some information about Nomads excellent work with the homeless in Sheffield or visit their website www.nomadsheffield.co.uk.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this evening especially to David Willington our Director of Music and organist tonight, to all who have sung in the choir, read, staffed the sound desk or worked behind the scenes to prepare church and serve refreshments.

Do come along to our Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve

4.30 pm Nativity Service with Blessing of the Crib
in St Mark's. Refreshments from 4pm

11.30 pm – Midnight Mass of the Nativity (also on Zoom)

Christmas Day

8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP) (also on Zoom)

10.00 am – Festive Eucharist (also on Zoom)



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