



CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2020

The peace of the manger

Abstract

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:6-7

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1st Reading: Luke 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus

2nd Reading: Luke 2:8-20

3rd Reading: Matt 2:1-20 (selections)

	<p>Pre-Service All I want for Christmas -Couch Choir</p>
	<p>Greeting</p> <p>May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ The Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all</p> <p>and also with us</p>
	<p>We Gather</p> <p>Tonight we are called to journey with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and the wise people, to the birthplace of the child of God.</p> <p>As we bring our hopes and fears, our joys and our sorrows to the manger, let us pray that God will journey with us.</p> <p>Let us pray Holy Lord, you sent Jesus to be born as a vulnerable baby in our world.</p> <p>As we gather to hear again the Christmas story, meet us, welcome us, and find room for us.</p> <p>Let your light shine in. Amen.</p>
	<p>Hymn/song O come all ye faithful</p>
	<p>Set the scene</p> <p>Ask: How are you going to celebrate Christmas this week? Will it be calm and peaceful? Or exciting and loud? The first Christmas celebrations were mixed: Quiet reflection by Mary during the stillness of night, interrupted by singing angels, excited shepherds, and who knows what animal noises.</p>

	<p>Like the shepherds, we come to the manger to worship Jesus. And we may want to do so with quiet stillness or exuberant celebration – or both!</p>
	<p>Carol Silent night</p>
	<p>But God welcomes us to celebrate and worship in many ways. Bethlehem Rhapsody</p>
	<p>Reading 1st Reading: Luke 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus</p>
	<p>Carol Away in a manger Once in Royal David's City</p>
	<p>Reading 2nd Reading: Luke 2:8-20</p>
	<p>Carol Hark the herald angels sing While shepherds Watched</p>
	<p>Reading 3rd Reading: Matt 2:1-20 (selections)</p>
	<p>Carol TIS #316 - "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"</p>
	<p>A short message – Bethlehem town – Lost sheep</p>
	<p>Offering My Favourite time of Year OFFERTORY SENTENCE Though the gifts we offer may seem simple, in God's realm, they can work for the glory of peace, joy and love. Let us give with hope-filled hearts.</p> <p>OFFERTORY PRAYER God of love, you offer so many things to us in our daily journey. As we travel onwards, help us to be prepared with gifts to offer to others. Amen.</p>
	<p>Prayer A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson Loving Father,</p>

	<p>Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.</p> <p>Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.</p> <p>May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.</p>
	<p>We are sent out May the blessing of God be with us. The blessing of God the Father, who loved the world so much he sent us his son; the blessing of the baby Jesus, who came among us for love of us; the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who meets us and welcomes us, be with us now and always. ... and may the Lord Bless us</p>
	<p>Carol Jingle Bell Rock</p>
	<p>Carols & songs as time permits</p>

