

Christmas 1 – 31 December 2023

Welcome

Theme today - The Presentation of Jesus at the temple

- CALYPSO CAROL 1/4

V.1. See him lying on a bed of straw,

A draughty stable with an open door.

Mary cradling the babe she bore,

The Prince of Glory is his name.

Ch: *O, now carry me to Bethlehem,*

To see the Lord appear to men.

Just as poor as was the stable then,

The Prince of Glory when he came.

- CALYPSO CAROL 2/4

V.2. Star of silver sweep across the skies,

Show where Jesus in the manger lies.

Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise,

To see the Saviour of the World.

Ch: *O, now carry me to Bethlehem,*

To see the Lord appear to men.

Just as poor as was the stable then,

The Prince of Glory when he came.

- CALYPSO CAROL 3/4

V.3. Angels, sing again the song you sang,

Bring God's glory to the heart of man.

Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can,

Be salvation to the soul.

Ch: *O, now carry me to Bethlehem,*

To see the Lord appear to men.

Just as poor as was the stable then,

The Prince of Glory when he came.

- CALYPSO CAROL

4/4

**V.4. Mine are riches from your poverty,
From your innocence, eternity.
Mine forgiveness by your death for me,
Child of sorrow for my joy.**

**Ch: *O, now carry me to Bethlehem,
To see the Lord appear to men.
Just as poor as was the stable then,
The Prince of Glory when he came.***

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear the teaching of Christ:

a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have Loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that
whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus said:

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden
and I will give you rest.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.
In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have
thought and said, in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.**

We have sinned in ignorance:

we have sinned in weakness:

we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all
Goodness and keep you life
eternal. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence

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There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among us by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Collect

We thank you, Lord God,

for the gift of your Son whom you commanded to be called Jesus;

grant that we may so honour his name on earth, that others may be led to him who alone is Lord and Saviour. Amen.

- Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Epistle Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH 1/1

Lord, I lift your name on high

Lord, I love to sing your praises

I'm so glad you're in my life

I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift your name on high (repeat)

Gospel reading

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke chapter 2, verses 22-40

Praise and glory to God

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

SERMON – The Peoples' Warden

- Prayers

Let us pray for the

Church and the world,

giving thanks for God's

goodness.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

CAROL OUR CHRISTMAS 1/4

Carol our Christmas,
an upside down Christmas,
Snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer and welcome
the Christ Child,
Warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.

CAROL OUR CHRISTMAS 2/4

Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,
Water and river and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,
Sing a nativity summer can reach.

CAROL OUR CHRISTMAS 3/4

Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,
Finding not angels, but sheep to be shorn.
Wise ones make journeys whatever the season,
Searching for signs of the truth to be born.

CAROL OUR CHRISTMAS 4/4

Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,
Made in the moment a woman gives birth.
Hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,

Everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is
yours, and of your own we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,
almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all
places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your
eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to
yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By
his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for
the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin.
You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory.
In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us
your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and
archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your
great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes**

in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night

before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Glory to you, Lord Christ;

Your death we show forth;

your resurrection we proclaim;

your coming we await;

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts for bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,

here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

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 forever. Amen,

Jesus, name above all names 1/1

Jesus, name above all names,

beautiful Saviour,

glorious Lord;

Emmanuel,

God is with us,

blessed Redeemer,

living Word.

Lord Jesus Christ 1/4

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,

You are one with us, Mary's son;

cleansing our souls from all their sin,

pouring Your love and goodness in:

Jesus, our love for You we sing

– living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ 2/4

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day

teach us how to pray, Son of God;

You have commanded us to do

this in remembrance, Lord of you:

Into our lives Your power breaks through

– living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ 3/4

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,

born as one of us, Mary's son;

led out to die on Calvary,

risen from death to set us free:

Living Lord Jesus, help us see

You are Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ

4/4

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You,

live my life for You, Son of God;

all Your commands I know are true,

Your many gifts will make me new;

Into my life Your power breaks through

– living Lord!

ALL HEAVEN DECLARES 1/1

All Heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord

Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord

Forever he will be the lamb upon the throne

I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord

Who once was slain to reconcile us to God

Forever you will be the lamb upon the throne

I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone

(Repeat)

Post-Communion Prayer

precious
Christ.

Almighty God, giver of all
for feeding us with the
body and blood of our

good things, we thank you
spiritual food of the
Saviour, Jesus

We thank you for your love
your gift of eternal life and
company of all faithful people.

and care in assuring us of
uniting us with the blessed

Blessing

Christ the son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world and the blessing of God, creator, redeemer and give of life be with you now and always. Amen

JOY TO THE WORLD

1/4

Joy to the world the Lord is 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 WORLD

2/4

Joy to the earth the saviour reigns

Let men their songs employ

While fields and floods, rocks,

hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat repeat the sounding joy

JOY TO THE WORLD

3/4

No more let sins and sorrows grow

Nor thorns infest the ground

He comes to make his blessings

flow

Far as the curse is found

Far as the curse is found

Far as far as the curse is found

JOY TO THE WORLD

4/4

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

Go now to love

and serve the Lord.

Go in peace.

Amen.

We go in the

name of Christ.