



**Stephen with St John  
Westminster**  
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# *Service of Music and Carols*





*The congregation take their service and lit candles to the allocated seats in the playground. Please ensure you keep at the necessary social distance required.*

## **Welcome and Bidding Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Processional Hymn**

**1. Once in royal David's city  
(v.1 choir only) 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 poor and mean and lowly,  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**3. And our eyes at last shall see him  
through his own redeeming love,  
for that Child so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heaven above:  
and he leads His children on  
to the place where he is gone.**

**4. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him: but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high,  
where like stars his children crowned,  
all in white shall wait around.**

## The Advent Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away  
the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall come again  
in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee to-night.
2. O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth;  
for Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.
3. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born on Christmas day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

**OT Reading:** Micah 5: 1 - 4

*A prophecy foretold*

***The Choir Will Sing A Short Piece of Music***



## Hymn

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

2. 'Fear not,' said he - for mighty  
dread  
had seized their troubled mind -  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind:

3. '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:

4. 'The heavenly babe you there shall  
find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing  
bands  
and in a manger laid.'

5. Thus spoke the seraph, and  
forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

6. 'All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
goodwill henceforth from highest  
heaven  
begin and never cease!'

**NT Lesson:** St Luke 2: 1, 3 - 7

*St Luke proclaims the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ*

*If you haven't done already please extinguish your candles and during the following hymn a collection will be taken for the work of this church*

## Offertory Hymn

1. 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!*

2. God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's  
womb;  
Very God,  
begotten, not created:

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

## Prayers

## Final Hymn

1. 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.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven 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 man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel:

3. Hail the heaven-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 man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth:

## Blessing and Dismissal

*Please leave in your bubbles and at a social distant through the church. The choir will sing for us as we leave taking a mulled wine and mince pie.*

*A small socially distant group will be singing carols around the Almshouses Christmas Tree immediately after the service.*

**Christmas Services  
at St Stephen's, Rochester Row**

<b>Thursday 24th December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>5pm</b> <b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Children's Crib Service</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Friday 25th December</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Festival Family Eucharist</b>
<b>Saturday 26th December</b> <i>Boxing Day on The Feast of St Stephen</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Festal Patronal Eucharist</b>

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