



St Ives Uniting Church

Carolfest - 26th December 2021

Christmas 1

Welcome and lighting the Christ Candle

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel.

- Isaiah 7:14

Carol: O come, O come Emmanuel

Poem: Commission

*Come to the Christ Child come and revere
The baby who heralds life's dawn
Come to the Christ Child, come and draw near
For Jesus our Saviour is born.*

*Come to the Christ Child all people on earth
Come and see God show his face
Come and pay homage, worship the birth
For the Son of God lies in this place.*

*Come to the Christ Child whoever you be
Whatever might be your career
Come and adore him in humility
Come to adore and revere.*

*Take Jesus with you, live with him friend
Follow him, day by day
You will have peace that the world can't comprehend
A peace that will not pass away.*

Take Jesus as Saviour, take him as Lord

*Take him forever your guide
For this baby Jesus whom we have adored
Was born to be crucified.*

- Lawrence Peak

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

- Luke 1:26-27

Carol: 302 The angel Gabriel

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

- Luke 2:4

Carol: Once in royal David's city

Prayers of the people – Seng Eng Low

**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.**

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

- Luke 2:6-7

Carol: 311 Silent night

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

- Luke 2:8

Carol: While shepherds watched their flocks

“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

- Luke 2:12

Carol: 292 Infant holy

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

- Luke 2:17-18

Carol: There’s a light upon the mountain

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

- Matthew: 2:1-2

Carol: TiS 304 O Come all ye faithful (verses 1,2,4,6)

*“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”*

- Luke 2:29-32

Carol: TiS 268 Joy to the world

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts
by his coming to dwell among us,
and bring you his peace;

and may we know the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, in our lives today and always.

Amen.

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham

