



# St Ives Uniting Church

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Advent 4 – Carol Service

**Carol:** 312 Once in royal David's city (1<sup>st</sup> verse solo – Pru Hagerty)

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Lighting the Advent Candles** – the Ting family

**Video** – Moderator's Christmas message

**Carol:** 309 Angels from the realms of glory

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

Your sins are forgiven

**Thanks be to God**

**Carol:** 301 The first nowell

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Video** - Christmas bowl video – Love

**Bible readings**

**Psalm 80:1-3, 17-19**

Lawrence Peak

<sup>1</sup> Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,

shine forth <sup>2</sup> before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might;

come and save us.

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

<sup>17</sup> Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

<sup>18</sup> Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.

<sup>19</sup> Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Matthew 1:18-25**

David Turner

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Carol:** 316 O little town of Bethlehem

**Sermon** – Joseph's child

**Carol:** Come sing the songs of Christmas time

**Offering**

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer**

Annette Burne

**Carol:** 303 Hark the herald angels sing

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Rosemary Osborne

