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# Crib Service

## 3pm Christmas Eve

## Welcome to the Crib service



**do take this sheet home to use the prayers and readings  
with your children and families**

**Why not make a Christingle  
at home this year?**



# Crib Service

*As we gather Carols are played on the organ  
Sadly we still have to wear masks as adults*



## The Welcome

In the name of the + Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

**Carol:** Once in Royal David's city  
521 in the Orange hymn books

Christ has brought us out of darkness:  
**to live in his marvellous light.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
welcome to *St Johns* Church today.  
We have come together in the presence of God our Father to  
rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the light of the world, to  
hear and receive the story and message of the coming of  
Christ, and to offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

*Lighting of Candles by the crib scene*

**Holy Jesus,  
by being born one of us,  
and lying humbly in a manger,  
you show us how much God loves the world.  
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
until we reach our home in heaven,  
and see you on your throne of glory. Amen.**

## Carol 508 : O Little town of Bethlehem verse 1

& The donkey & Mary & Joseph arrive

### Invitation to Confession



**Father God,  
we are sorry for the things we do and say  
and think which make you sad,  
and for not thinking of others before ourselves.  
Please forgive us,  
and help us to love you and other people  
more and more.  
Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins + and make you  
holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Carol 508 : O Little town of Bethlehem verse 2

& the arrival of the Shepherds

### Collect for Christmas Eve

Almighty God,  
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



## Carol 508 : O Little town of Bethlehem verse 3

and the Arrival of the Kings



## The Ministry of the Word

### FIRST READING *Luke 2:1-20*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 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.

#### The Shepherds and the Angels

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the

child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Carol 508 : O Little town of Bethlehem verse 4**

and the arrival of Jesus

## **Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, God of all glory,  
through your Son the Christ.

His name is Jesus

**because he saves his people from their sin.**

He will be called Emmanuel:

**God is with us.**

Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel:

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He gave up the glory of heaven

**and took the form of a servant.**

The Word was made flesh

**and we beheld his glory.**

In humility he walked the path of obedience

**to die on the cross.**

God raised him to the highest place above

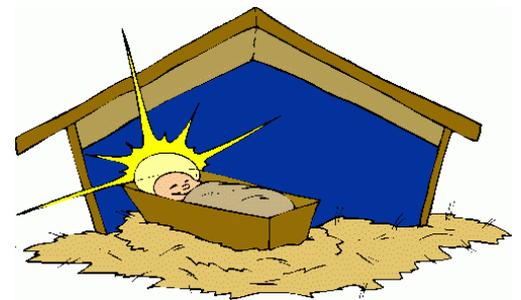
and gave him the name above every name:

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

So all beings in heaven and earth will fall at his feet,

and proclaim to the glory of God:

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**



This night Christ is born:

**Alleluia.**

This night the Saviour comes:

**Alleluia.**

This night the angels sing on earth:

**Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest**

**Carol 745 :** While Shepherds watched

putting the kings far away  
because they are yet to arrive

**SECOND READING** Matthew 2:1-9

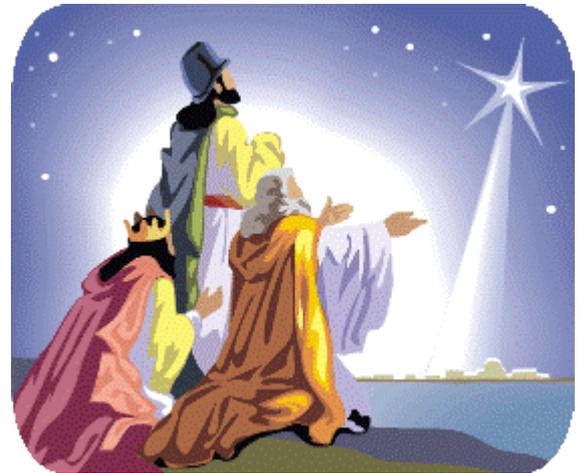
In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



## **Carol 597: Silent Night**

Children gather by the crib

### **The Prayers**

Lord, by the song of the angels  
you disclosed your birth to your own people,  
and by the leading of a star  
you revealed your glory to strangers.  
Teach us to know you now,  
and to make you known to all. **Amen.**

The kings, Lord,  
brought myrrh, frankincense and gold.  
Lord, we have nothing of our own to bring;  
we bring you what you have given:  
our lives for your life. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that 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.**



## Carol 776: Away in a manger

### Blessing

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son and the  
Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

## Carol 370: Joy to the World



*Happy Christmas to you!*

*Do come and take you picture by the Crib scene and send it to a friend or relative by MMS or on Facebook or Twitter*

