



Christmas Carol Service



December 24th at 6:30pm

**Saint Bartholomew's Anglican Church
Gustavia, St Barth
F.W.I.**



Opening Carol

Once in Royal David's City

(Solo)

Once in Royal David's city, 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.

(All)

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.

And through all his wondrous childhood, He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.

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.

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;
When like stars his children crowned, All in white shall wait around.

**Lesson 1: The Prophet Tells of the Coming of the Saviour
Isaiah 9: 2-7**

The First Noël

The first Noël the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël. Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël. Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël. Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël. Born is the King of Israel

Lesson 2: The Prophet Describes Christ's Kingdom
Isaiah 11: 1-9

Joy to the World

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, 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

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, wonders, of His love

Lesson 3: The Babe of Bethlehem Will Bring Peace
Micah 4: 2-5 & 5: 2-4

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous Gift is giv'n!
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.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Lesson 4: The Annunciation of Mary
Luke 1: 26-31 & 38

Musical Interlude:

Lesson 5: The Angel Informs Joseph
Matthew 1: 18-23

O Come, All ye Faithful

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.

God of God, light of light,
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God Be-gotten not created;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him Christ The Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, In the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be, Glo-ry giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Lesson 6: The Birth of the Saviour
Luke 2: 1-7

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus, laid down his sweet head:
The stars in the bright sky, looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay,
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children, in Thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven, to live with Thee there.

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Lesson 7: The Adoration of the Angels and Shepherds
Luke 2: 8-17

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he, for mighty dread,
Had seized their troubled mind;
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring, To you and all mankind.’

‘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:’

‘The heavenly Babe you there shall find,
And To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid.’

Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith,
Appeared a shining throng;
Of angels praising God, who thus, Addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace,
Goodwill henceforth from heav’n to men, Begin and never cease.’

Lesson 8: The Star Leads the Wise Men to Bethlehem
Matthew 2: 2-12

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds first saw the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, thy Saviour is born!
Christ, thy Saviour is born!

Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Lesson 9: The Mystery of the Incarnation
John 1: 1-5 & 10-14

Musical Solo: Laurent Clequin - Cantique de Noel

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
And the power and the glory
For ever and ever, Amen.

Final Blessing:

Recessional Carol

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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!*

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!

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King!*

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings

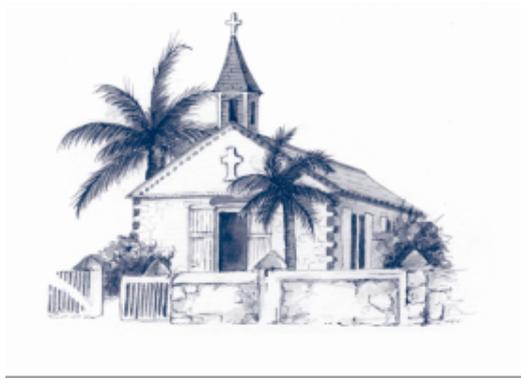
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die.

Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth.

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King!*

Wishing you all a very Happy and Merry Christmas

Please feel free to take this service booklet home with you!



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