

## Christmas Eve Zoom Praise, December 20th, 2020

### Welcome & Christmas Eve Collect

#### Carol 1 Once in Royal David's City

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.

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 needy, poor and lowly,  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

#### Reading 1: Luke 1:26-38

#### Poem 1 Quite Sounding the Seasons: Mary

#### Carol 2 The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy,  
when they are both full grown  
of all the trees that are in the wood  
the holly bears the crown.

*Refrain: The rising of the sun  
and the running of the deer,  
the playing of the merry organ,  
sweet singing in the choir*

The holly bears a blossom,  
white as the lily flower,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
to be our sweet saviour.

#### Reading 2: Luke 2:1-7

#### Poem 2 Unto us a Son is Given by Alice Meynell

#### Carol 3 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 for ever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

#### Reading 3: Luke 2:8-16

#### Poem 3 Christmas Bells by Henry Longfellow

**Carol 4 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.

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

'All glory be to God on high,  
and on the earth be peace,  
goodwill henceforth from heav'n to all  
begin and never cease.'

**Reading 4: Matthew 2:1-11****Poem 4** Guite Sounding the Seasons: The Magi**Carol 5 As with Gladness men of old**

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At thy cradle rude and pare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our Heavenly King.

**Reading 5: John 1:1-14****Poem 5 O Simplicitas by Madeleine L'Engle****Prayer & Blessing**