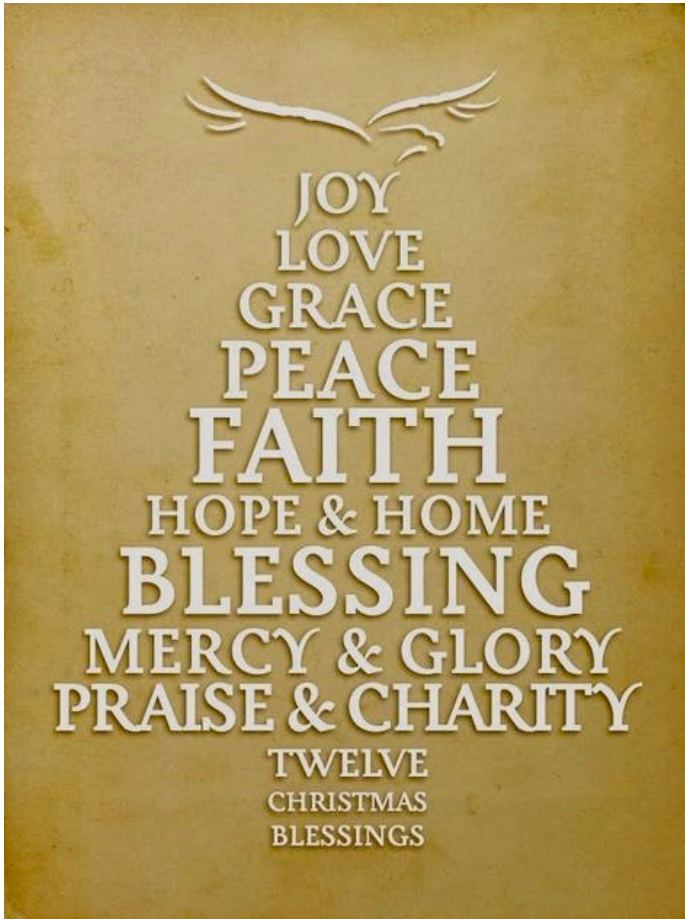


*The Festival of Carols & Lessons*



*Memorial Church Anglican - Whitefield*

# Lighting The Way

*Congregation shall Rise to Sing & Hear The Holy Gospel; Kneel to Pray and be Seated to Hear the Lessons*

Organ Prelude:

**Processional: Once In Royal David's City**

*The Congregation shall be seated*

**Address by The Bishop of The Priest**

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in the manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this our country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the

helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Jesus Christ himself hath taught us:

*The Congregation shall kneel*

**All: 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.**

**Bishop/Priest:** The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

**All: Amen.**

*The Congregation shall stand*

A Member: We gather to celebrate the birth of  
the one who is the light of the  
world

**Congregation: We are here to worship God –  
and his Son Jesus – born in  
Bethlehem in Judea.**

A Member: We light the candle of Hope to  
remind us of the promises made  
by all the prophets that God would  
raise up a Saviour for his people  
Israel

**Congregation: Christ is our Hope and our  
salvation. He calls us to share  
our hope in him with each  
other.**

*During the singing the Priest shall light the **Candle of  
Hope***

**Congregation: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

A Member: We light the candle of peace to remind us that it is only with God and by following in his path that true peace can be found.

**Congregation:** Christ brings the peace of God to us. He calls us to share the peace he gives with each other

*During the singing the Vicar shall light the **Candle of Peace***

**Congregation:** O come, O come, Thou Lord of might  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

A Member: We light the candle of joy to remind us that God gives joy to every heart that abides in him.

**Congregation:** As Mary rejoiced in the birth of Jesus – so his birth in us brings us joy. God calls us to share the joy he gives with each other.

*During the singing the Vicar shall light the **Candle of Joy***

**Congregation:**      **O come, Thou Dayspring, come  
and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent  
here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of  
night,  
And death's dark shadows put  
to flight.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

A Member:              We light the candle of love to  
remind us that Jesus is God's gift  
of love to us and that in him, the  
light of love triumphs over  
darkness.

**Congregation:**      **Love never fails – it transforms  
all those who give it and receive  
it. God calls us to share his love  
with each other.**

*During the singing the Vicar shall light the **Candle of  
Love***

**Congregation**      **O come, Thou Key of David,  
come  
And open wide our heavenly  
home;  
Make safe the way that leads on  
high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

A Member: We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born in Bethlehem in Judea.

**Congregation:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined.

A Member: You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

**Congregation:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

A Member: His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Congregation:** His is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

*During the singing the Vicar shall light the **Christ Candle***

**Congregation:** Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called, Emmanuel.

**God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called, Emmanuel.**

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His name is called, Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called, Emmanuel.**

*The Congregation shall be seated*

Lesson 1: Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

*The Congregation shall stand and sing*

**Carol: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear**

*The Congregation shall be seated*

Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-6

*The Congregation shall stand and sing*

**Carol: Lo How A Rose is Blooming**

*The Congregation shall be seated*

Lesson 3: St. Luke 1:26-35, 38

*The Congregation shall stand and sing*

**Song of The Blessed Virgin Mary: Magnificate**

*The Congregation shall be seated*



Lesson 4: St. Luke 2:1, 3-7

*The Congregation shall stand and sing*

**Carol: O Little Town Of Bethlehem**

*The Congregation shall be seated*

Lesson 5: St. Luke 2:8-16

*The Congregation shall stand and sing*

**Carol: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night**

*The Congregation shall be seated*

Lesson 6: St. Matthew 2:1-12

*The Congregation shall stand and sing*

**Gradual: We Three Kings**

*The Congregation shall remain standing for the proclamation of the Holy Gospel for the day by the Bishop of the Diocese, if he be not present then the Priest*

Lesson 7: St. John 1:1-14

**Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*The Congregation shall remain standing and sing the following song. The Candle Bearers will approach your Pew; you are to light your individual candle and then pass the flame to your neighbour, so that they may do likewise*

## **Pass It On**

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to ev'ryone  
You want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing  
The flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring  
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

## **The Collect and Blessing**

**Bishop/ Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with thy spirit.

**Bishop/Priest:** Let us pray.

*The Congregation shall kneel*

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**All:** Amen.

**Bishop/Priest:** Jesus Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one thing earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**All:** Amen

*The first verse of Silent Night will be sung in English followed by the first verse in languages spoken by Members of our Parish. Thereafter the second and third*

*verse will be sung in English; at this point the Clergy  
shall recess*

**Recessional: Silent Night, Holy Night**

**NOTE:**        The Lessons and Carols can change  
from year to year.

**Should there be a Choir, then they  
shall render special Anthems  
appropriate to the season – they should  
be vetted by the Vicar.**