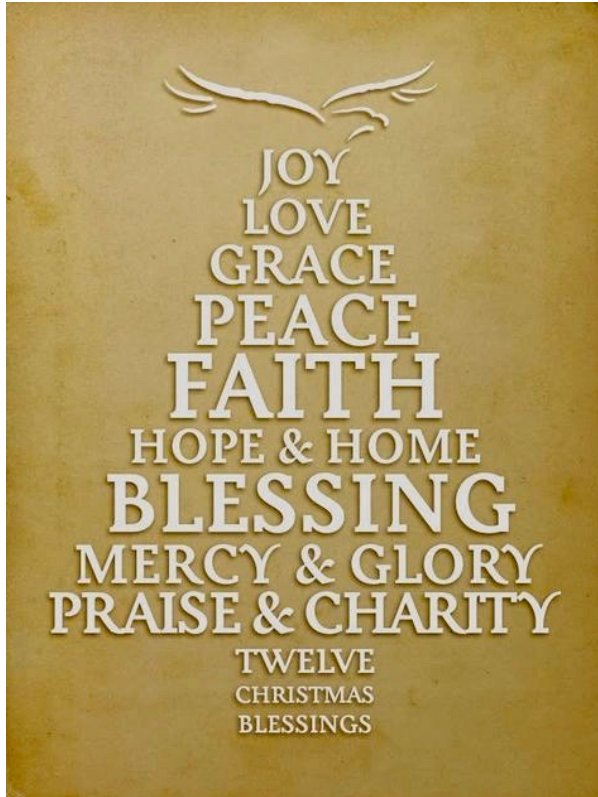


The Church of India – CIPBC

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.
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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.**