

**Livingstone Parish Church**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
**Rev. Dave Sutherland**  
**Watchnight Service**

**Hymn 1 MP 597**

**Silent night, holy night!**

Sleeps the world; hid from sight,  
Mary and Joseph in stable bare  
watch o'er the Child beloved and fair  
sleeping in heavenly rest,  
sleeping in heavenly rest.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds first saw the light,  
heard resounding clear and long,  
far and near the angel-song:  
'Christ the Redeemer is here,  
Christ the Redeemer is here.'

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, O how bright  
love is smiling from Your face!  
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,  
Saviour, since You are born,  
Saviour, since You are born.

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)  
tr. Stopford Augustus Brooke (1832-1916)

**Hymn 2 MP 211**

**Hark! the herald-angels sing,**

'Glory to the new born King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.'  
Joyful, all you 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 Immanuel.

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

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
risen 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!'*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others

**Hymn 3 CH4 312**

**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 you, Lord Jesus! look down from the  
sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender  
care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you  
there.

*Little children's book*, Philadelphia, 1885  
Author Unknown

**Hymn 4 MP 503**

**O little town of Bethlehem,**

how still we see you lie!  
Above your deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in your dark streets shining  
is everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in you tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
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 today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel.

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

**Hymn 5 CH4 306**

**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,  
begotten, not created;  
*O come...*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
'Glory to God  
in the highest':  
*O come...*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given:  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:  
*O come...*

Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> century, possibly by  
John Francis Wade (c. 1711-1786)  
*and others*

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