

3rd Reading: Luke 1:26-35
Sis. Delrose Montague

4th Reading: Luke 2:1-7
Sis. Briana Blackellar

Selection *Song of Mary
(Praise Team)*

5th Reading: Luke 2:8-20
Sis. S. Earle-Edwards

6th Reading: John 1:1-14
Sis. Janette Henry

Hymn *De Virgin Mary
Had A Baby Boy*

De Virgin Mary had a baby boy
De Virgin Mary had a baby boy
De Virgin Mary had a baby boy
And dey say dat His name was Jesus

Chorus
He come from de glory,
He come from de glorious Kingdom (rep)
Oh yes believer, oh yes believer.
He come from de glory, He come from de
glorious Kingdom.

De angels sang when de baby born
De angels sang when de baby born
De angels sang when de baby born
An' proclaim him de Saviour Jesus.

De Wise Men Saw where the baby born
De Wise Men Saw where the baby born
De Wise Men Saw where the baby born
And dey say dat His name was Jesus

Meditation *Rev. Trevor Edwards*

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Closing *All to Jesus*
Hymn

Jesus come today, for a poor, poor
man like me.
Salvation come my way, my soul set free.
Jesus come for all, and we must hear His call.
Open up your heart today, and let it be.

Nuh matter if you t'ief, or if you dread,
Of if yuh have a crown pan yuh head.
Nuh matter if you have no heart at all,
Jesus bring love for one and all.
Sing it children.

I for Jesus, you for Jesus,
All for Jesus, fall for Jesus,
Come to Jesus.
Jesus come for one, he come for all.

Jesus come for I, see manger where He lie.
See cross where He must die, for a
wretch like me.
For God so loved the world,
Man, woman, boy and girl.
He gave His Son for you, His Son for me.

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Of if yuh have a crown pan yuh head.
Nuh matter if you have no heart at all,
Jesus bring love for one and all.
Sing it children.

I for Jesus, you for Jesus,
All for Jesus, fall for Jesus,
Come to Jesus.
Jesus come for one, he come for all.

Jesus Christ today, the same as
yesterday.
The one, the only way, the King for me
Let it come to pass, mankind find love
at last.
Just as it was time past, so let it be.

No matter if you t'ief, or if you dread,
Of if yuh have a crown pan yuh head.
Nuh matter if you have no heart at all,
Jesus bring love for one and all.
Sing it children.

Ernie Smith, 1999

☞ **BENEDICTION** ☞

**BARBICAN
BAPTIST CHURCH**
The Friendly Church
**Christmas Morning
Worship Service**
December 25, 2024
6:00 A.M.

Church Year Theme: Keeping Faith With The Word In An
Ever-Changing World: Pursuing Integrity
Theme for the Month: Fulfilling Promises



Leader: Deacon Jennifer Griffith
Speaker: Reverend Trevor Edwards
Pastor: Reverend Trevor Edwards
*Barbican/Golden Spring
Circuit of Baptist Churches*

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The Message of Christmas – God's Promise Fulfilled



Leader: God of darkness, God of light,

People God of stars and angels,

Leader: God of weary travellers and stables,

People: God of hard labour and new birth,

Leader: we come today to worship You.

People: Open our eyes to Your glory,

Leader: open our ears to Your wisdom

People: open our hearts to Your love

Leader: as we come to worship

All: Jesus, the newborn king.

Advent Readings & Lighting of the Christmas Candle:

*Sis. Althea Bradford-Britton
& Family*

Gathering Hymn *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
let Earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and Heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns,
let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as sin's curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts, 1719

Prayer of Invocation

The day is here, when we remember
Your coming, Oh God. Amidst the wrap-
pings and boxes, the hurry and worry,
we pause. We come before You seeking
to remember the true meaning of the
day. We come to celebrate with thanks
and praise the wonderful works You
have done. We come to pray for Christ's
authority to grow continually, so there
will be endless peace. Draw us near to
you this day of days, our Wonderful
Counsellor, Everlasting Father, and
Prince of Peace.

Prayer of Confession

Responsive Reading **Psalm 97 (NRSV)**

Leader: The LORD is King! Let the earth
rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**People: Clouds and thick darkness
are all around Him; righteousness
and justice are the foundation of
His throne.**

Leader: Fire goes before Him and con-
sumes His adversaries on every side.

**People: His lightnings light up the
world; the earth sees and trembles.**

Leader: The mountains melt like wax
before the LORD, before the Lord of all
the earth.

**People: The heavens proclaim His
righteousness, and all the peoples
behold His glory.**

Leader: All servants of images are put
to shame, those who make their boast in
worthless idols; all gods bow down be-
fore Him

**People: Zion hears and is glad, and
the towns of Judah rejoice because
of Your judgments, O God.**

Leader: For You, O LORD, are most
high over all the earth; You are exalted
far above all gods.

**People: You who love the LORD,
hate evil; He guards the lives of
His faithful; He rescues them
from the hand of the wicked.**

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.

**All: Rejoice in the LORD, O
You righteous, and give thanks to
His holy name!**

Hymn *Angels From the Realm of Glory`*

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star.

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12
Sis. Matilda Arava

Hymn *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 tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring 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 giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
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 Emmanuel!

Phillips Brooks, 1868

2nd Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Bro. Paul Griffith, Snr.

Hymn *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 poor, and meek, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
through His own redeeming love;
for that Child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n 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.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848