

Carols in lockdown 20/12/20

1) Welcome - advent wreath

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Love. We light it and the Candles of Hope and Peace again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

(A person lights the Candles of Hope, Peace, and Love)

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him.

From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

(A person lights the Fourth Candle the Candle of Joy)

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus

Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen.**

2) *Once in royal David's city*

3) The creation. **Genesis 1:1-5; 26-31**

4) *Joy has dawned upon the earth*

5) Sin comes into the world **Genesis 3:8-15** [?]

6) *Angels from the realms glory*

7) The prophet Isaiah tells of a future king

Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

8) The light of the world.

9) The future king is a king of peace **Isaiah 11:1-9**

10) *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

- 11) An unexpected visitor **Luke 1:26-38**
- 12) *Come, all you unfaithful.*
- 13) Jesus is born **Luke 2:1-7**
- 14) *Mary did you know?*
- 15) The Shepherds go to the manger **Luke 2:8-16**
- 16) *Silent Night*
- 17) Three wise men bring gifts **Matthew 2:1-11**
- 18) *Hark the herald.*
- 19) God's word becomes flesh **John 1:1-14**
- 20) Short talk - Tony

"Christmas Is..."

First, Christmas is... A TIME OF REMEMBERING

**Secondly, for me, Christmas is... A TIME OF
LOVING**

Thirdly, Christmas is... A TIME OF GIVING

Fourthly, Christmas is... A TIME OF FORGIVING
Fifthly, Christmas is... A TIME OF RESCUING
Sixthly, Christmas is... A TIME OF CHANGING
Finally, Christmas is... A TIME OF REJOICING

21) *Come All Ye Faithful*

22) Blessing [Tony]

May the eagerness of the shepherds,
the joy of the angels,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas.
And the blessing . . .