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**Christmas Day 25 December 2022** Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

\*: Congregation stands

# APPROACH

**WELCOME** LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

- \* CALL TO WORSHIP
- \* OPENING HYMN "O Come All Ye Faithful"

- Composer: J. F. Wade, Translation: F. Oakley

\* OPENING PRAYER

KUC SINGERS "Christmas Song of Joy"

# THE WORD OF GOD

**MUSICAL** – Martin the Cobbler

**UCCP-HK** – Liturgical Dance (O Holy Night)

Harambe Choir & Named For God Choir – "Mbotama ya Yesu"

**HYMN** "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

– Music: Mendelssohn, Words: C. Wesley

# **SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 2:1-14**

**HYMN** "Silent Night"

– Music: F. X. Gruber, Words: J. Mohr, Translation: J. F. Young

**HYMN** "He Came Down"

- Translated: J. Bell & A. Adam

Music by Caden – "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

**KUC SINGERS** – "Christmas Canon of Peace"

#### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

#### \* A CREED FOR CHRISTMAS

#### THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**ALL RESPOND** "O Lord Hear Our Prayer" — Taize Community

**OFFERING** 

(Song "In the Bleak Midwinter" we sing as the offering is collected)

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE PEACE

\* **HYMN** "You Are Holy, You Are Whole" – Music: Trad; Words: Per Harling PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**SANCTUS** 

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- \* COMMISSION
- \* **CLOSING HYMN** "Joy To The World" Music: G. F. Handel Words: I. Watts

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# **Sing-a-long Carols**

# Away In A Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed;

The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.

The stars in the 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 Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky;

And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay; Close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care; And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

#### **Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child; Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia. Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.



## **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, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

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

#### The First Noel

The first Noel, The angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds, In fields as they lay; In fields where they Lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night That was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three Full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

## **Love Came Down Christmas**

Love came down at Christmas Love all lovely, love divine Love was born at Christmas Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead Love incarnate, love divine Worship we our Jesus But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token Love shall be yours and love be mine Love to God and to all men Love for plea and gift and sign...

#### See Him Lying On A Bed Of Straw

1. See him lying on a bed of straw: a draughty stable with an open door; Mary cradling the babe she bore the prince of glory is his name.

O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord of love again: just as poor as was the stable then, the prince of glory when he came.

2. Mine are riches, from your poverty, from your innocence, eternity; mine, forgiveness by your death for me, child of sorrow for my joy.

#### O now carry me...

#### **Ding Dong Merrily On High**

Ding dong merrily on high, In heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen, And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

#### **TODAY**

# **Christmas Day – 25 December**

Liturgist / Preacher: Revd Phyllis Wong

Celebrant: Revd Maggie Mathieson

Co-Celebrants: Revd Grace Bok and Sr. Analiza Divina

Pianist: Lucy Lim

Intercessor: Kenneth Ku

Lector: Venus Cheng

I.T. Team: Tong Chong Sze and Katie Ho

Offering: Elvie Monis, YoYo Chow, Kevin Ng

Greeter: Jane Olod, Joy Prim, Bright and David

Drama: Brothers and Sisters from KUC and OBIC

Music: KUC Singers, Harambe Choir, Named For God Choir,

UCCP Choir, Caden Lam (violin)

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!