



Christmas Day 2021
Christmas Festival of Readings & Music
St Paul's, Lindsay

Prelude

A Greeting for Christmas

Officiant My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship through music and readings.

Reading One John 1.1-14

Music # 123 – Once in Royal David's City

Reading Two "A Christmas Carol Poem"
by G. K. Chesterton

Hand bells – Still, Still, Still

Reading Three Luke 2:1-20

Music #128 – The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Reading Four The Littlest Angel

Solo – Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Reading Five Isaiah 11:1- 10

Hymn # 117 – Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Reading Six "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"
Excerpt from Dr. Seuss Book

Hymn #146 – Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Reading Seven Hebrews 1.1-12

Music – "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Chorus: Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

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Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn
(Repeat Chorus)

Collect for Christmas Day

All: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

CLOSING & BLESSING

God sent his angels from glory to bring to shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

You have heard his story, the story of God's own Son.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

May he fill you with joy to bring this good news to others today.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and those you love this holy day and everyday.

Music – "We Wish You A Merry Christmas"

Postlude