

## **GPGM Service 13/12/2020**

### **Welcome**

**Psalm 8** -O Lord our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earthy! Who set your glory above the heavens ..... When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have ordained; What is man that you are mindful of him? Thank you for being mindful of us!

### **Carol 1**

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  
O holy child of **Bethlehem**! Decend 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

### **General Prayer**

Offer up to the Lord your own praise, especially at this time, for the coming to earth of our Lord and bring the needs of all of us, then Government, the missionaries, the sick and others you think of. Pray also for the future of GP.

### **Carol 2**

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 the 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 mean and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour Holy.

### **Communion**

Important places - we have mentioned Bethlehem already but **Jerusalem** is perhaps more important. '**The Holy City**', famous old hymn - presents 3 pictures of Jerusalem - the first in its early glory in Solomon's time, the second relates to 'where the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill' Look again at the words and sing it if you can:  
Last night I lay asleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old **Jerusalem** beside the temple there. I heard the children singing and ever as they sang, Me thought the voice of angels

from heaven in answer rang (repeat last line)

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem** - lift up your voice and sing Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King  
And then me thought my dream was changed, the streets no longer ran; Hushed were the glad  
Hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery the mourn was cold and chill  
**as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill** (rep=eat last line)

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem!** Hark how the angels sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King  
And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be, I saw the Holy city  
beside the tideless sea. The light of God was on its streets - the gates were open wide, and all  
who would might enter and no-one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to  
rule the day. It was the **new Jersualem** that would not pass away (repeat last line)

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem!** Sing for the night is o'er. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna for evermore  
1<sup>st</sup> - God chose Jerusalem to **put His name there** - see 2 Chron 6:- 1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Jesus wept over Jerusalem** and longed for its - see **Luke 19:-41 -44** and **Matt 23:-37**

3<sup>rd</sup> - We look for the **new Jerusalem** - see Rev

Take the emblems - bread and wine and remember Jesus had sour wine and we will drink with  
Him the royal wine of heaven.

### **Message by Laurie**

(I have trouble with the resurrection story - 'It is appointed once to die and after death the  
judgement' - I believe it was more of a vision the man received - close to death but not dead)

### **Carol 3 and benediction**

Who is He in yonder stall at whose feet the shepherds fall?

*Tis the Lord oh wondrous story! Tis the Lord, the King of Glory  
At His feet we humbly fall - **Crown Him! Crown Him Lord of all***

Who is He in deep distress, Fasting in the wilderness?

Who is He to whom they bring all the sick and sorrowing?

Who is He the gathering throng; greet with loud triumphant song?

Who is He on yonder tree; dies in grief and agony?

Who is He who from the grave; comes to succor, help and save?

Who is he who from His throne; rules through all the worlds alone