

# *Galston Parish Church*

## *Midnight at the Manger*

### *Christmas Eve, 2011 at 11.30 p.m.*

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

#### Hymn 306: 'O, come, all ye faithful'

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| <p>1. O come, all ye faithful,<br/>Joyful and triumphant,<br/>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,<br/>Come and behold Him<br/>Born the King of angels;<br/><i>O come, let us adore Him,<br/>O come, let us adore Him,<br/>O come, let us adore Him,<br/>Christ the Lord</i></p> <p>2. God of God,<br/>Light of Light,<br/>Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;<br/>Very God,<br/>Begotten, not created;<br/><i>O come, let us adore Him ...</i></p> | <p>3. Sing, choirs of angels,<br/>Sing in exultation,<br/>Sing all ye citizens of heaven above<br/>'Glory to God<br/>In the highest.'<br/><i>O come, let us adore Him ...</i></p> <p>4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,<br/>Born this happy morning,<br/>Jesus, to Thee be glory given;<br/>Word of the Father,<br/>Now in flesh appearing.<br/><i>O come, let us adore Him ...</i></p> |
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#### Benediction

*The Minister and Kirk Session  
wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas*



#### Hymn 315: 'Once in Royal David's City'

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| <p>1. Once in royal David's city<br/>Stood a lowly cattle shed,<br/>Where a mother laid her baby<br/>In a manger for His bed.<br/>Mary was that mother mild,<br/>Jesus Christ her little Child.</p> <p>2. He came down to earth from heaven<br/>Who is God and Lord of all,<br/>And His shelter was a stable,<br/>And His cradle was a stall.<br/>With the poor and mean and lowly<br/>Lived on earth our Saviour holy.</p> <p>3. And through all His wondrous childhood<br/>He would honour and obey,<br/>Love, and watch the lowly maiden<br/>In whose gentle arms He lay.<br/>Christian children all must be<br/>Mild, obedient, good as He.</p> | <p>4. For He is our childhood's pattern;<br/>Day by day like us He grew<br/>He was little, weak, and helpless;<br/>Tears and smiles like us He knew;<br/>And He feeleth for our sadness.<br/>And He shareth in our gladness.</p> <p>5. And our eyes at last shall see Him,<br/>Through His own redeeming love;<br/>For that Child so dear and gentle<br/>Is our Lord in heaven above;<br/>And He leads His children on<br/>To the place where He is gone.</p> <p>6. Not in that poor lowly stable,<br/>With the oxen standing by,<br/>We shall see Him, but in heaven,<br/>Set at God's right hand on high,<br/>Where his children gather round,<br/>Bright like stars, with glory crowned.</p> |
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#### Hymn 304: 'O little town of Bethlehem'

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| <p>1. O little town of Bethlehem,<br/>How still we see thee lie!<br/>Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep<br/>The silent stars go by;<br/>Yet in thy dark streets shineth<br/>The everlasting light;<br/>The hopes and fears of all the years<br/>Are met in thee tonight.</p> <p>2. O morning stars, together<br/>Proclaim the holy birth,<br/>And praises sing to God<br/>And peace to men on ear<br/>For Christ is born of Mar<br/>And, gathered all above,<br/>While mortals sleep, the<br/>Their watch of wondering</p> | <p>3. How silently, how silently,<br/>The wondrous gift is given!<br/>So God imparts to human hearts<br/>The blessings of His heaven.<br/>No ear may hear His coming;<br/>But in this world of sin,<br/>Where meek souls will receive Him, still<br/>The dear Christ enters in.</p> <p>4. O Holy Child of Bethlehem,<br/>Descend to us. we pray:</p> |
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**Reading: St. Luke Ch. 2: 1-20**

**Hymn 302: 'It was on a starry night'**

1. It was on a starry night  
When the hills were bright,  
Earth lay sleeping,  
Sleeping calm and still;  
Then in a cattle shed,  
In a manger bed,  
A boy was born,  
King of the entire world.

2. Soon the shepherds came that way,  
Where the baby lay,  
And were kneeling,  
Kneeling by His side,  
To celebrate his birth  
Bringing peace on earth;  
For a boy was born,  
King of all the world.

**CHORUS**

*And all the angels sang for Him,  
The bells of heaven rang for Him,  
For a boy was born, King of all the world.  
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**CHORUS**

**Reflection: 'King of all the world'**



**Hymn 309: 'Still the night, holy the night'**

- 1 Still the night, holy the night!  
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,  
Mary and Joseph in stable bare  
Watch o'er the Child beloved and fair  
*Sleeping in heavenly rest,  
Sleeping in heavenly rest,*
2. Still the night, holy the night!  
Shepherds first saw the light,  
Heard resounding clear and long,  
Far and near, the angel-song,  
*Christ the Redeemer is here!  
Christ the Redeemer is here!*
3. Still the night, holy the night!  
Son of God, O how bright  
Love is smiling from Thy face!  
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,  
*Saviour, since Thou art born!  
Saviour, since Thou art born!*

**The sharing of Christmas peace**

**Solo: 'O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion'  
from Handel's 'Messiah'**

**Linda Finnie**

**Hymn 301: 'Hark! the herald angels sing'**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.  
*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King'.*
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail, the Incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King'.*
3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

**Offering: for the work of**