



Carols
IN THE
Park

A Christmas Celebration

Featuring

The Kaiapoi Brass Band

A KAIAPOI COMBINED CHURCHES EVENT

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Every year, as the year draws to a close it seems that we race head long towards Christmas and we get caught up in the tinsel, the lights and how many people are coming for dinner.

Yet in the midst of all that, there is a simple message that calls us back to the true meaning of Christmas. Emmanuel, the humble birth of a baby more than 2000 years ago calls us, comforts us and challenges us.

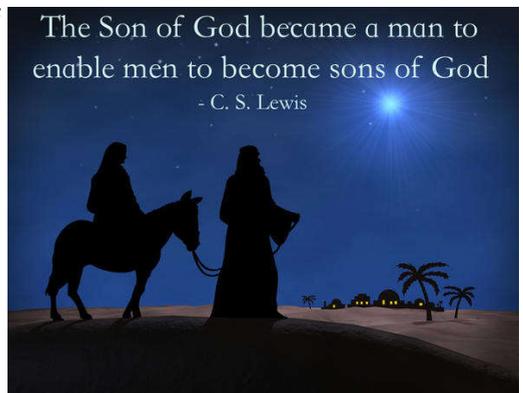
So tonight we come to celebrate and contemplate the coming of Jesus Christ as a baby all those years ago. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

The birth of Jesus calls us back into a relationship with God himself. The birth of Jesus shows us that it was God's initiative, not ours that restored our relationship with God the Father. It is the same today, God still calls us to him, through Jesus Christ.

The birth of Jesus comforts us with the sure knowledge that God in his love sent His Son to dwell among us. That in Jesus, his birth, life and resurrection we see the wildly extravagant love of God poured out for us!

The birth of Jesus challenges us to look beyond the things of this world. To see more than what is seen. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are empowered to love this world, just as God loves it. To live lives that declare the goodness that God has poured out upon us and exhort others to join us in this journey of following Jesus Christ - Emmanuel.

May you know the peace and joy of God's presence as you celebrate Christmas with family and friends this year.



AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'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 You there.

FELIZ NAVIDAD

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Prospero ano y felicidad

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I want to wish you a Merry Christmas
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas
From the bottom of my heart



GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

"Fear not then," said the Angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King*

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 Emmanuel

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n 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

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

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

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

John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

MARY'S BOY CHILD

Long time ago in Bethlehem
So the Holy Bible say
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ
Was born on Christmas Day!

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
They saw a bright new shining star
And heard a choir from heaven sing
The music came from afar

Hark! Now hear the angels sing:
"New King's born today
And man will live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day!"

Now Joseph and his wife Mary
Came to Bethlehem that night.
They found no place to bear her child,
Not a single room was in sight.

Hark! Now hear the angels sing:
"New King's born today
And man will live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day!"

By and by they found a little nook
In a stable all forlorn.
And in a manger cold and dark
Mary's little boy was born

Hark! Now hear the angels sing:
"New King's born today
And man will live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day!"
Trumpets sound and angels sing,
Listen to what they say!
That man will live forevermore
Because of Christmas Day!

Luke 2:8-12

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you:

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
“Glory to God, in the highest”

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels

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
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour 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



Gerard Van Honthorst - Adoration of the Shepherds 1622

TE HARINUI

Not on a snowy night
By star or candlelight
Nor by an angel band
There came to our dear land

Te Harinui
Te Harinui
Te Hari-nu-i
Glad tidings of great joy

But on a summer day
Within a quiet bay
The Maori people heard
The great and glorious word

The people gathered round
Upon the grassy ground
And heard the preacher say
I bring to you this day

Now in this blessed land
United heart and hand
We praise the glorious birth
And sing to all the earth



Marsden's' Cross
Bay of Islands, NZ

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell 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

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
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

Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently on bended knee
And offered there, in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh and frankincense

Then let us with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought
And with His blood mankind hath bought

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

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

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year



Govert Flinck - Angels Announcing Christ's Birth 1639

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled minds
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind."

"To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid."

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
to those on whom his favour rests
goodwill shall never cease."

Many thanks to the Kaiapoi Brass Band for their wonderful musical accompaniment this evening.



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We wish everyone a blessed Christmas
and wonderful God Filled New Year.

Isaiah 9:6

*"For to us a child is born,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace."*