

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS @ THE CATHEDRAL



CHRISTMAS EVE 2021

Gathering

Bishop Sarah welcomes everyone

The Christmas Story

An interactive telling of the story of Jesus' birth, including carols

Christmas Carol — Away in a manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.
2. The cattle are lowing, the babe awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Christmas Carol — Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night:
all is calm, all is bright
round the virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night:
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.'
3. Silent night, holy night:

wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born,
Christ our Saviour is born.

Decorating the Cathedral Christmas Tree

Christmas Carol — While Shepherds watched their flocks

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind),
glad tidings of great joy I bring you
and all humankind.
3. 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:
4. 'the heavenly babe you these shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid.'

Lighting the Christmas Candle

The White Christmas Candle in the centre of the Advent Wreath is lit.

Lord Jesus, Light of Light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light,
to shine as lights in your world.
Glory to God in the highest!

Prayers

Prayers are offered concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Christmas Blessing

Bishop Sarah gives a special blessing for Christmas.

We wish you all a very blessed and happy
Christmas season!



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