GOWRIE COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

6:30pm

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2017

**While Shepherds Watched**

While shepherds watched

Their flocks by night

All seated on the ground

The angel of the Lord came down

And glory shone around

Fear not, he said

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

The Saviour who is Christ the Lord

And this shall be the sign

The heavenly Babe

You there shall find

To human view displayed

And meanly wrapped in swathing bands

And in a manger laid

All glory be

To God on high

And to the earth be peace

Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men

Begin and never cease

**Hark The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."   
*Refrain:* *Hark! the herald angels sing,*

*"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored:  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the favoured one.  
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;  
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:  
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *refrain*  
  
Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!  
Hail! the Son 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. *refrain*

**Angels From the Realms of Glory**

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

*Refrain:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star.

Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear.

Though an Infant now we view Him,  
He shall fill His Father’s throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Every knee shall then bow down:

All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th’eternal Three in One.

**Once in Royal David’s City**

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 that 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.  
  
For He is our childhood's pattern;  
Day by day, like us, He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles, like us He knew;  
And He cares when we are sad,  
And he shares when we are glad.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle,  
Is our Lord in heaven above:  
And He leads His children on,  
To the place where He is gone.

**Joy To The World**

Joy to The world! the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing  
  
Joy to the world! the Savior 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, wonders of His love

**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.  
  
Good tidings to you,  
And all of your kin,  
Good tidings for Christmas,  
And a Happy New Year.  
  
We all know that Santa's coming,  
We all know that Santa's coming,  
We all know that Santa's coming,  
And soon will be here.  
  
Good tidings to you,  
And all of your kin,  
Good tidings for Christmas,  
And a Happy New Year.  
  
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*We wish everyone the joy of the season; peace in our homes, love in our hearts and may you never be too old to search the skies on Christmas Eve!*