

*ST MAGNUS CATHEDRAL
KIRKWALL EAST CHURCH
WATCHNIGHT SERVICE 2019*



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This year's retiring offering goes to the Thyolo Presbytery Malawi, Christmas Appeal.

A warm welcome is extended to you all this night.
Those of you who may be worshipping
at St Magnus for the first time,
and those who have returned to celebrate this special season with family or
friends.

Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.

Please refrain from photography during the service. Thanks.

WELCOME

CAROL The candle of hope [tune Hanover]

The candle of hope we light in this hour
proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,
when Christ in his glory will make all things new.

The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
the wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
will give way to gardens that heal and restore.

The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
for God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.

The candle of love tells what we are worth:
God loves us so much, God came to the earth!
An angel brought news of a child who would be the one
who would save us and set us all free.

THE CHRISTMAS READING. From Luke Chapter 2

PRAYER

CAROL See him lying on a bed of straw

See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.
O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world!

O now carry me...

Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be the saviour of us all.

O now carry me...

Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

O now carry me...

ADDRESS

CHOIR SING 'SILENT NIGHT' AS LIGHTS GO OUT

BELLS RING

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

SENDING OUT

CAROL O Come all you faithful vs 1-3

O come, all you faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come now, O come now,
to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels;
Come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of Light,
He who abhors
not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten, not created;
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 with the citizens
of heaven above!
Glory to God,
all glory in the highest;
Come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

BENEDICTION

CAROL O Come all you faithful vs 4

Yes, Lord, we greet You,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to You be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing.

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