

OFFERING UPLIFTED FOR ALZHEIMER'S (ANGUS)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

THE MISSING CHARACTERS?

Closing Carol : "Joy to the world"

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| 1. Joy to The world! the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing. | 2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. |
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3. 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.

**Dismissal & Benediction
(said AMEN)**

*Service conducted by Rev Dr Roderick Grahame
Music: Brechin City Brass Band*



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Stracathro Parish Church

Friday 18th December 2015 at 7 pm
SERVICE OF CAROLS & REFLECTION 2015
WITH BRECHIN CITY BAND
"A crib scene for today's world?"

ORDER OF SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister : A child comes to save us

PEOPLE : SING FOR JOY!

Minister : A child comes to challenge us

PEOPLE : PRAISE THE GOD OF CREATION!

Minister : A child becomes one of us

PEOPLE : CHRIST EMMANUEL. ALLELUIA!

Opening Carol: "O little town of Bethlehem"

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| 1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in your dark streets shining
the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight. | 3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous Gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His Heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in. |
| 2. O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!
For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep,
the angels keep
their watch of wondering love. | 4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel! |

Opening Prayer & THE LORD'S PRAYER.



***And there were shepherds abiding in the fields.....THE WORKING PER-
SON'S VIEWPOINT***

Carol : “While humble shepherds watched their flocks”

1 While humble shepherds watched their flocks
in Bethlehem's plains by night,
an angel sent from heaven appeared,
and filled the plains with light.

2 'Fear not' he said, for sudden dread
had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

3 '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.

4 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling-bands,
and in a manger laid.'

5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God; and thus
addressed their joyful song.

6 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will is shown by heaven to men
and never more shall cease.'

***Behold, Wise men came from the east.....THE SCHOLAR'S
VIEWPOINT***

Carol: “The first Nowell” Vs.1-5

1. The First Nowel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowel, Nowel, Nwoel, Nowel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

2. 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.

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

5. Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankin-
cense.



***When Herod realised he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was fur-
ious.....VIOLENCE'S VIEWPOINT***

Carol : “The first Nowell” Vs.6

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Nowel, Nowel, Nwoel, Nowel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

And she gave birth to a son.....THE MOTHER'S VIEWPOINT

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 baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
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.

