



Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary
Christmas Eve – 4.00pm

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!

A Christmas Liturgy for Children



i. 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 thee, 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.

2. Hark! the herald angels sing

1. 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 the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Hark! the herald-angels sing glory to the newborn King.

3. Little Donkey

1. Little donkey, little donkey, on a dusty road,
got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load.
Been a long time little donkey, through the winter's night;
don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight.

*Ring out those bells tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
follow that star tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.*

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day,
little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way.

4. While shepherds watched their flocks

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.
2. "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:
3. The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."
4. "All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace,
good will henceforth from heaven to all begin and never cease."

5. Silent Night

1. 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.

2. Silent night, holy night.
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ, the Saviour, is born.
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6. We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar;
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God most High.

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

7. O little town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
the Southern Cross looks down,
as once a star shone bright and clear
above an Eastern town.
The hearts of Bethlehem are cold,
the streets are hushed with snow.
The doors are locked, there is no room,
dear Lord, where will you go?

2. Oh, come sweet Jesus, come to us,
New Zealand's shores are warm,
and here are loving hearts enough
to shield you from the storm.
Come we will give you all we have,
each bird and flower and tree,
the breeze that stirs the mountain tops,
the music of the sea.

8. Carol our Christmas

1. Carol our Christmas,
an upside-down Christmas;
snow is not falling
and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer,
and welcome the Christ Child,
warm in our sunshine
and sweetness of air.

3. Shepherds and mustersers
move over hillsides,
finding, not angels,
but sheep to be shorn;
wise ones make journeys
whatever the season,
searching for signs
of the truth to be born.

2. Sing of the gold
and the green and the sparkle,
water and river
and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness
of open spaces,
sing a nativity
summer can reach!

4. Right side up Christmas
belongs to the universe,
made in a moment
a women gives birth;
hope is the Jesus gift,
love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere,
here on earth.



Christmas Services at Taranaki Interim Cathedral In the Peace Hall | 40 Vivian Street, New Plymouth



Christmas Eve
11.00pm – Carol Singing
11.30pm – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am – Holy Communion with Carols
10.00am – Family Eucharist with Carols

