

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
 Bring me pine logs hither  
 Thou and I will see him dine  
 When we bear him thither."  
 Page and monarch forth they went  
 Forth they went together  
 Through the rude wind's wild lament  
 And the bitter weather

"Sire, the night is darker now  
 And the wind blows stronger  
 Fails my heart, I know not how,  
 I can go no longer."

"Mark my footsteps, my good page  
 Tread thou in them boldly  
 Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
 Freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod  
 Where the snow lay dinted  
 Heat was in the very sod  
 Which the Saint had printed  
 Therefore, Christian men, be sure  
 Wealth or rank possessing  
 Ye who now will bless the poor  
 Shall yourselves find blessing

#### Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
 the splendour, and the majesty;  
 for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
 and of your own do we give you.**

#### Closing Prayer and Blessing

#### Services Next Sunday

**10.30am** Family Worship  
**6.30pm** Evening Worship

#### Cummersdale

**10.30pm** Morning Worship

#### Preacher

Wendy Downey  
 Paul McVittie

Frank Tebbutt

#### Please Pray For:

Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially  
 Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Maureen  
 Richardson, Joyce Mason, Doreen Marrs and Peggy Yarker.

Pray also for Garth Grinham, a trustee of our Parish, who  
 is terminally ill.

# SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

**Family Worship**  
**10.30am, Sunday, 26th December, 2010**



*If you have a mobile telephone, please ensure that it is  
 turned off during the service. Thank you.*

*If you are new to St. James  
 please fill in one of the welcome cards on the pews.*

#### Welcome and Notices

#### Opening Sentence:

Look, Stephen said, I see heaven open and the Son of  
 Man standing at the right hand of God.

*Acts Chapter 7 verse 56*

#### Song

**See, amid the winter's snow,  
 Born for us on earth below,  
 See, the Lamb of God appears,  
 Promised from eternal years.**

*Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!  
 Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
 Sing through all Jerusalem:  
 Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

Lo, within a manger lies  
 He who built the starry skies,  
 He who throned in height sublime  
 Sits amid the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
 What your joyful news today;  
 Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
 On the lonely mountain steep?

'As we watched at dead of night,  
 Lo, we saw a wondrous light:  
 Angels singing, "Peace on earth"  
 Told us of the Saviour's birth.'

Sacred Infant, all divine,  
 What a tender love was Thine,  
 Thus to come from highest bliss  
 Down to such a world as this!

Teach, O teach us, holy Child,  
 By Thy face so meek and mild,  
 Teach us to resemble Thee  
 In Thy sweet humility.

*Edward Caswall.*

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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## **We say sorry to God**

Father God, we want to say sorry for all the times when we have not behaved as you want, and when we have let you down.

Father God, we are sorry for following our own desires and plans instead of yours. For the times when we have deliberately done things which we know you have forbidden, Lord God

**We are so sorry. Please forgive us.**

For the times when we knew the right thing to do, but decided not to do it, Lord God

**We are so sorry. Please forgive us.**

For the times when our words and actions have hurt those who love us, Lord God

**We are so sorry. Please forgive us.**

**By the power of your Spirit, draw us to each other and make us a close family through your love.**

**For we ask in Jesus' name. Amen**

## **Assurance of forgiveness**

Listen to God's promise to all who are truly sorry: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who respond to Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us.

### **Song**

**At this time of giving,**  
*Gladly now we bring  
Gifts of goodness and mercy  
From a heavenly King.*

Earth could not contain the treasures  
Heaven holds for you,  
Perfect joy and lasting pleasures,  
Love so strong and true.

May His tender love surround you  
At this Christmastime;  
May you see His smiling face  
That in the darkness shines.

But the many gifts He gives  
Are all poured out from one;  
Come receive the greatest gift,  
The gift of God's own Son.

Lai, lai, lai ... (etc.)

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### **Action Creed**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

**We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.**

**We declare**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

**We believe and trust in Jesus, God's only Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.**

**We declare**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Jesus known in the world.**

**We declare**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

## **Intercessions**

### **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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Reading:**

Acts Chapter 7 verses 51-60

(page 158 after the blue tag)

after the reading:

Reader : This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Song**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

You have come to us,  
You are one with us,  
Mary's son.

Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring Your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for You we sing,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have come to us,  
Born as one of us,  
Mary's son.

Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We would come to You,  
Live our lives for You,  
Son of God.

All Your commands we know are true,  
Your many gifts will make us new,  
Into our lives Your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

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### **Sermon**

Resolution and vision!

### **Song**

*(During this song the offering will be taken up to the front)*

**Good King Wenceslas looked out**

On the feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gath'ring winter fuel