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On This Day of Dedication

(Tune: Westminster Abbey)

On this day of dedication
praise we God with one accord,
whose dear Son for our salvation
on the cross his lifeblood poured.
*Ring, glad bells, proclaim his praises,
so that he may be adored.*

In this hallowed place we gather
God's great name to magnify.
Gifts of hand and mind we offer,
skills which he can beautify.
*Ring, glad bells, proclaim his praises,
all who hear to sanctify.*

By the anguish of his passion
and his death upon the tree,
Fallen people to refashion,
lift them up and set them free.
*Ring, glad bells, proclaim his praises:
Christ has conquered sin for me!*

Therefore on his love relying
we may claim a place on high
where the saints the mystery telling
live in him, no more to die.
*Ring, glad bells, proclaim his praises
Christ the Lord to glorify.*

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
while eternal ages run.
*Ring, glad bells, proclaim his praises,
ever Three and ever One.*

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
He hath opened heaven's door
And man is blessed forever more.
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave,
Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!

Reading: Isaiah 11. 1-9

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

(Tune: Infant Holy)

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle-stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
nowells ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new;
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.
Christ the babe was born for you.

Reading: Luke 2. 8-16

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Tune: Adeste Fideles)

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;
 O 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,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing:

Reading: John 1. 1-14

The Bishop

Ring, Bells, Ring

(Tune: Personent Hodie)

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all thing new,
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.
 Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
 Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
 When he comes, when he comes,
 who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Ring . . .

'Mary, hail!' Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.

Ring . . .

Journey ends: where afar
Bethle'm shines like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry.

Ring . . .

Consecration and Dedication of the Bells

Rector

Reverend Father in God, the two bells of this church were removed to ground level some years ago, having fallen into dangerous disrepair. They have been restored and re-hung to mark the celebration of the new millennium.

Funding for this work has been provided by the people of this church and village; they have also worked together to raise funds where they could not provide them directly. They have received kind assistance from the Pilgrim Trust, the Welsh Church Acts Fund, Cowbridge Parish Bellringers, Llanfair Community Council, and the All Churches Trust.

We ask you now to bless the bells for their use in calling God's people to worship in this place.

Church Warden

Initials inscribed on these bells identify them as the work of William Revel of London, dating from around 1350. They are known to be a matching pair, probably cast originally for this church; they may be calling the people of Liandough to worship for as many as 650 years.

Bishop

With joy and thanksgiving in our hearts
we bless these ancient bells.

May they sing the praises of the Lord our God
and witness to his glory and love. **Amen.**

O Lord, accept and hallow these bells,
re-hung to declare your glory,
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Grant that in every generation they may call your people
to praise, worship and witness. **Amen.**

The blessing of God almighty,
Creator, Redeemer and Life-giver,
be with all who hear these bells,
those who ring them
and all who share in the worship of this place
and his mission to the world. **Amen.**

The bells are rung for a short period.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ, who by taking our flesh, gathered into one all things earthly and
heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Ding-dong! Merrily on High

(Tune: Brantle de l'Official)

(The bells are rung while this carol is sung)

Ding-dong! Merrily on high
in heaven the bells are ringing.
Ding-dong! Verily the sky
is riven with angels singing:

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below below
let steeple below be swungen,
and io, lo, io
by priest and people sungen:

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
your Matin chime, ye ringers;
may you dutifully ryme
your Evetime-song, ye singers:

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

You are most welcome to our Christmas and New Year services:

Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist - 11.30 pm.

New Year's Eve Prayers - 11.00 am

New Year's Day Prayer and Ringing of the Bells - 12.00

*Our usual Sunday services resume on 9th January at 9.15 am;
we warmly encourage you to join us for worship.*

Please feel free to take this service sheet home.



The Parish of Cowbridge