

# The Cadbury Pastorate

## Sunday 26 December 2021 The Sunday after Christmas

*Sing or listen to some carols you love as part of your worship. Some suggestions are included.*

*You may also enjoy listening to the URC Daily Devotions service at 10 AM on: <https://soundcloud.com/andy-braunston/urc-daily-devotions-sunday-service-for-26th-december-2021-the-revd-james-church?si=b580218acf9b44bb8f7632857788a96e>*

**Opening Prayer:** Light of life, you came in flesh,  
born into human pain and joy,  
and gave us power to be your children.  
Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence  
among us,  
so that all of creation may sing new songs of  
gladness  
and walk in the way of peace. Amen.

*See in yonder manger low (R&S 157)*

**Reading:** Luke 2.25-38, Simeon & Anna

The Lectionary readings for today are 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

*What child is this (R&S 170)*

**Intercessions:** Nurturing God,  
remembering the exile of the holy family

and Herod's slaughter of the children,  
we remember all who need our sustaining love.

Hear our prayers for the church and the  
community in the world.

*Add current prayer concerns.*

Grant that all people may hear together the song  
of joy,

and find their homes in the garden of justice and  
hope,

that we may experience the fullness of life,

which is your will for all,

in the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Child in the manger (R&S 150)*

**Offertory prayer:** Living God

We thank You for the gift of Jesus

You have held nothing back from us

But have given us Your only Son

You lavish good gifts on us

Many of which we simply take for granted

Help us, in giving these gifts to You

To count our blessings

Be good stewards of what is entrusted to us

And live lives to Your glory

For Jesus' sake

Amen

*Unto us a boy is born (R&S 169)*

Blessing: O Holy One,

heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds  
and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem.

Through the telling of the Christmas story,

let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal  
in that same child,

that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host  
in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
Amen.

or God our Father,

whose Word has come among us

in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:

may the light of faith illumine our hearts

and shine in our words and deeds;

through him who is Christ the  
Lord.

And you could finish with *Good king  
Wenceslas*, since it's St Stephen's day.

