



CHRISTMAS 1948 BUAM
QM-ORI APO 246

Future years shall recall to you a Christmas morn spent far from home and love ones. Memory shall then help to re-echo the hymns sung in QM Chapel #2 or in the CRD Chapel #3 of this island. Names of those who joined you on this occasion shall be forgotten. Yet there will continue to live in your soul the hope of meeting them once again in happy reunion in the everlasting abode of heaven, where 'The Word made flesh and dwelling among men' shall have become your eternal reward for the love where with you have answered His own infinite love.

"This is the month and this the happy morn
Wherein the Son of Heaven's Eternal King
Of wedded maid and virgin mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring".
Come let us adore Him, since He with the Father
has 'worked for us a perpetual peace'.

Congregation please join with choir in the
singing of Christmas hymns.

Before holy mass: 'Silent Night'

1: Si-lent night! Ho-ly 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 Heav'n afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Allelujah;

3: Silent night! Holy night! Son of God
love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy
face

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy
birth. At the Introit: 'Joy to the World!'

1: Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-
ceive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature
sing, And heav'n and nature sing.

- 2: Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat-Repeat--
- 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--And wonders--

After the Holy Gospel: ^{****} 'The First ^{****} Nowell'

- 1: The first Now-ell the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Now-ell, Now-ell, Now-ell, Now-ell, Born is the King of Israel.
- 2: They look-ed up and saw a Star Shining in the East be-yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continu-ed both day and night. Now-ell etc.
- 3: This Star drew nigh to the North West, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay Now-ell etc.

After The Consecration: ^{*****} 'Come All Ye Faithful'

- 1: O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, 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
- 2: See how the shepherds, Summoned to His cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear. We too will thither, Bend our joyful footsteps. O come let us etc.
- 3: Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to Thee be ever glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing, O come let us etc.
- 4: Lo, star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring, Offer Him incense, gold and myrrh: We to the Christ Child bring our heart's oblations. O come let us etc.

After Holy Communion: ^{*****} '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 th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Chorus: Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

- 2: Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord. Late in time behold Him come, Off spring of the Virgin's womb. Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th' Incarnate Deity. Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Chorus.
- 3: Mild he lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Ris'n with healing in His wings, Light and Life to all He brings. Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace. Chorus.

After the Holy Mass: Angels, We have Heard on High'

- 1: Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply, Echo still their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis
- 2: Shepherds why this jubilee, Why your gladsome strain prolong? Say, what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo. (repeat Gloria)
- 3: Come to Bethl'hem, come and see Him whose birth the angels sing. Come adore on bended knee, Th' Infant Christ, the New-born King. Gloria in excelsis Deo. (repeat)

Note to be filled in by each member for personal recall:
On Christmas day 1948 I attended holy mass at _____ hours
in the _____ Chapel #____, A-O 246. My thoughts were the
following:

.(Your signature)

Chaplain Fr Paul J Schmid, who said the above holy mass extends to you and your dear ones at home best wishes for God's blessing during this holy season and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

PAUL J SCHMID