



Welcome & Intro

Bible Reading: Micah 5:2-4 (Alex)







"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."







³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. 4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the





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strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.





Let's pray as Jesus taught us to pray Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.







Give us this day our daily bread and

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.





And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, The power, and the glory Forever and ever. Amen.







Facilitator:

Hope of the world, Word of life.

All:

Joy to the world, Word of power and might.

Carol: 'Silent Night'



Silent Night

Silent night, holy night

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin, mother and child

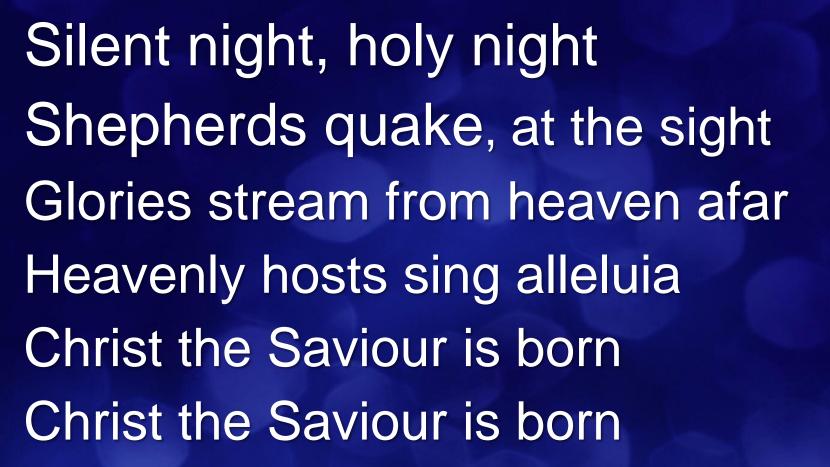
Holy infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace

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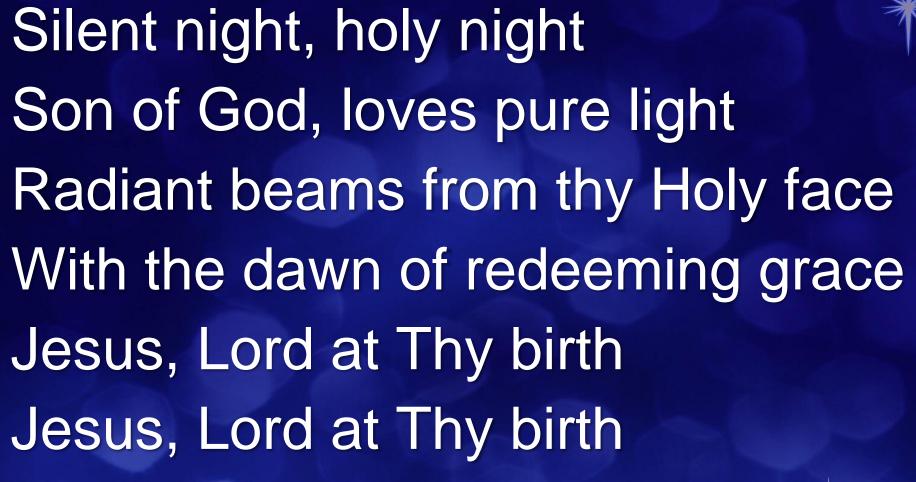


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Facilitator:

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Victory of God, Word of love.

All: Promise of redemption, Word of salvation.

Facilitator: Come to us this day.
We wait for your bright dawning,
O Emmanuel, God with us.



O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That morns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear







O come, thou Dayspring Come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here Disperse the gloomy Clouds of night, And death's dark Shadows put to flight







Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel





O come, Desire of nations, bind All people in one heart and mind Bid envy, strife, And quarrels cease Fill all the world With heaven's peace







Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel







Facilitator:

Hope of the world, Word of light O Lord, we walk in a darkness of our creating, through a world filled with obstacles and fear.







All:

Send your great light to shine on us. Lead us to clear paths. Our hope is in you, O God. Renew our hope and give us life. Amen.





Bible Reading: Isaiah 9: 6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.







Unto Us

For unto us a child is born Unto us a Son is given And the government shall Be upon His shoulders







And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God The everlasting Father And the prince of peace is He







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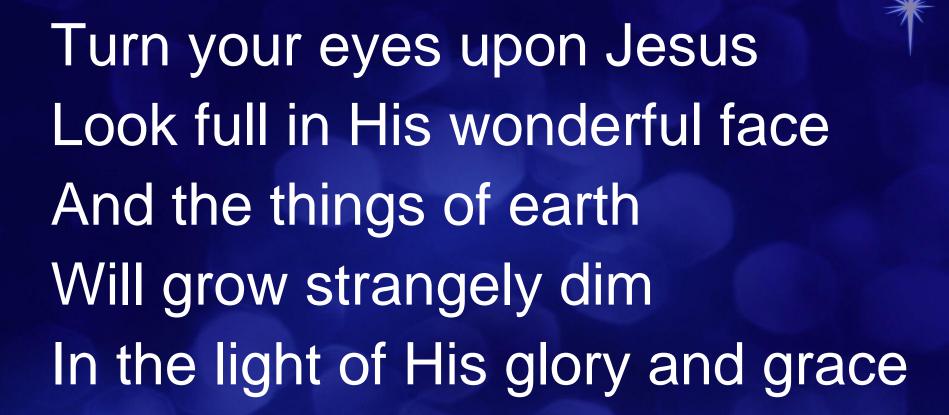






Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face And the things of earth Will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace









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Jesus our redeemer, Word of salvation. Our lives are filled with failures large and small, all of which separate us from you and from each other.







All:

We look to you, O Lord, for forgiveness, for understanding and redemption.

The promised guidance is you, O God. Renew your promise and bring us salvation. Amen.





Bible Reading: Matthew 2: 1-6

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? MARIA AND AT We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law,

he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; * AHAR AHA A









We Three Kings

(arr. Karen Hush)

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.







Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.







O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect Light.







Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh. Prayer and praising All men raising, Worship Him, God on high.







O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect Light.







Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice. Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to the heav'ns reply Reply ..







O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect Light.







'Being THE Peace'

Isaiah 9:6-7

Luke 2:1-7

Micah 5:2-4

Matthew 2:1-6

(Message by Graeme Hush)



O Little Town



O little town of Bethlehem

How still we see thee lie

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,

The silent stars go by







Yet in thy dark streets shineth,
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee tonight







How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n







No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin Where meek souls will Receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in







O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born to us today







We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel







Victory of God, Word of love, O God, we give you thanks for the Word of Love, your son, Jesus, whom you sent to live with us, as one of us, coming to us as a helpless child to be the child of our triumph.





All:



May we always remember that you becoming fully human is your gift to us. Without that gift we would be lost forever. Amen.





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Joy of the world,
Word of power and might
You have loved us, blessed us,
and saved us!







All:

Your glory is over all the earth! Your strength is boundless. We praise you for the wonder of your generosity in sharing yourself with us.







All:

We shout aloud your marvellous acts of love. May we ever remember to praise your holy name. May we ever sing with all creation the song of your love. Amen.





God calls us to be at peace (pause) with God, with other nations, other races, others of all kinds, with each other. Tonight we ask dear God that as you sent your son to be an instrument of peace that you might send us, TO HOR DIO



your son's body, your called out representatives of the gospel of your kingdom, that wherever we are and go, you might pour through us your love and understanding to our troubled world, to the so called terrorist hotspots, MARIA ATTA



to the places where there continues so many conflicts between ancient peoples, to the ghettos of our urban existence, to places ravaged by pandemia and to our neighbours, work places, community involvements,







extended families and our homes; that there may be peace, the peace which is beyond all human understanding; not walls but love, not injustice nor inequity but increasing holiness, oneness, fullness and completion, everywhere. THE PROPERTY



All:

Amen, Yes Lord, don't just give us peace, let us be your peace.

Carol: 'O Holy Night'





'O Holy Night'



O Holy night, the stars

Are brightly shining

It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth

Long lay the world

In sin and error pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth







A thrill of hope
The weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks,
A new and glorious morn







Fall on your knees,

Oh hear the angel voices

O night divine,

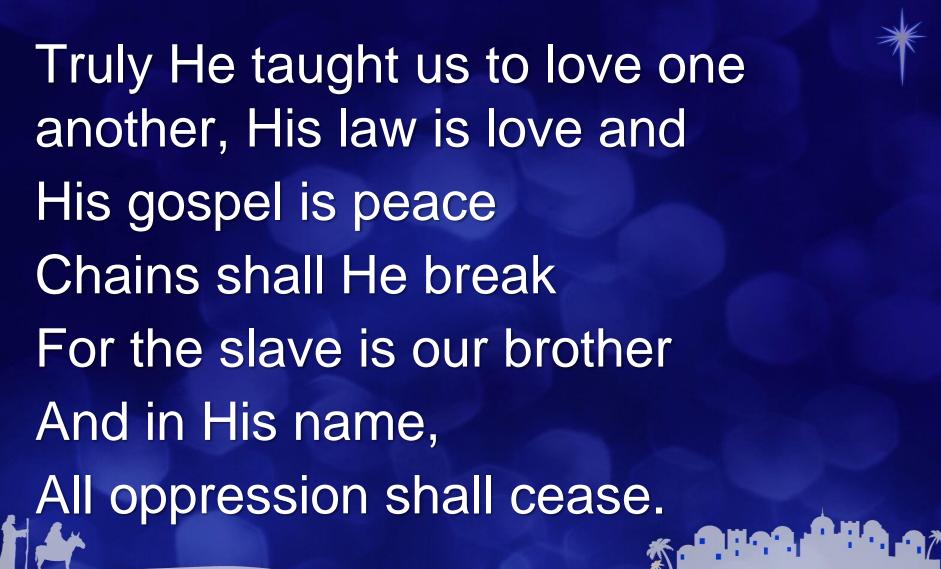
O night, when Christ was born

O night divine,

O night, O night divine











Sweet hymns of joy
In grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us
Praise His holy name!







Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever His power and glory, Evermore proclaim His power and glory, Evermore proclaim







Fall on your knees,
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Let's use this quiet time, to silently pray that the peace, love and forgiveness we've been reflecting upon would be experienced by those whose names are coming into our minds and hearts right now.





(after a time of SILENT PRAYER meditation)



As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.







O come let us adore him O come let us adore him O come let us adore him Christ the Lord







For he alone is worthy
For he alone is worthy
For he alone is worthy
Christ the Lord





Offering:



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needy families on our planet.













O come let us adore him O come let us adore him O come let us adore him Christ the Lord







Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation Sing all ye citizens Of Heav'n above. Glory to God, In the Highest







O come let us adore him O come let us adore him O come let us adore him Christ the Lord







Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, we exalt you!









Son of God, You have given us everything: our family, our friends, our communities; our food, our clothing, our homes; our bodies, our minds, our souls, our very being.





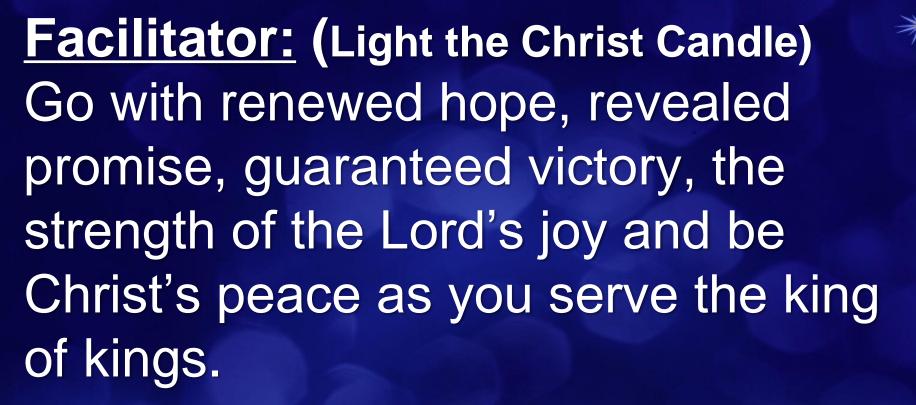
All:



Light of the world, You have fed us with the food of everlasting life, filling us with your never ending radiance. Illumine our lives so that we may be your light in our world as we work, play and live. Amen.







All: Thanks and praise to Jesus

Christ our Lord. Amen.



Yea Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing







O come let us adore him O come let us adore him O come let us adore him Christ the Lord





