



# Christmas Eve 2021

## Corrimal Community Church

Welcome & Intro

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



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*“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.”*





*<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the*





# Bible Reading: Micah 5:2-4



*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

Sleep in heavenly peace



Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake, at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Saviour is born  
Christ the Saviour is born



Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, loves pure light  
Radiant beams from thy Holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth





**Facilitator:**

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 mourns 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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Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace



# Facilitator:

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<sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?”*





*We saw his star when it rose and  
have come to worship him.”*

*<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he  
was disturbed, and all Jerusalem  
with him. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in  
Judea,” they replied, “for this is  
what the prophet has written:  
<sup>6</sup> “But you, Bethlehem, in the land  
of Judah, are by no means least  
among the rulers of Judah;*



*for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people  
Israel.”*



# 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 ..







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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



# Facilitator:

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.**





# Facilitator:

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.**



# Facilitator:

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,



# Facilitator:

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,





# Facilitator:

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,



# Facilitator:

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.





**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



Truly He taught us to love one  
another, His law is love and  
His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break  
For the slave is our brother  
And in His name,  
All oppression shall cease.





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



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## Facilitator:

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:

Thank you for choosing to BE HOPE  
@ Christmas for our world and for  
helping Us help Baptist World Aid.

Your generosity will be life changing  
– from our family to some of the most  
needy families on our planet.





# Communion



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



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







## Facilitator:

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



All:

**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.**



**Facilitator:** (Light the Christ Candle)

Go with renewed hope, revealed promise, guaranteed victory, the strength of the Lord's joy and be Christ's peace as you serve the king of kings.

**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



