

Introduction to Worship

Sunday 31st January 2021

Mountview Worship @ Home

This week's service has been sourced and packaged together by Rob Jackson utilising content primarily from, or else based upon, our live (in-person) Christmas Eve 2020 Worship service. And so the music is Carols.

This worship resource includes the worldwide internet premiere of Tina's Sermon as delivered on that evening, accompanied by selected bible scriptures relevant to her address. Thank you Tina.

Note: Being recorded at a live service, you may hear the joyful noises of children in the background 😊

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Sunday 31st January 2021 – Epiphany 4



Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv.1-3, 5-6)
(TIS version) – **Helen Jackson** [3:12]

https://youtu.be/mG8l_32Tr20

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

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:

Refrain

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

True God of true God, Light of light eternal,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created:

Refrain

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Refrain

Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God, glory in the highest':

Refrain

Welcome To Our Service

We hope you find today's worship a blessing

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge those who were here before us, the first inhabitants of this place.
We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.



Call To Worship

O Lord You have searched us and known us
You have formed our inward parts

We praise you Lord
Wonderful are your works



Hymn: O Little Town Of Bethlehem
– Whitehorse Churches Care [3:26]

<https://youtu.be/FyCsZ6bFpLY>

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Prayers Of Adoration

A suggestion for this is to make a personal prayer to God – giving thanks for ‘bringing us through’ a tough 2020

Scripture Readings

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Psalm 8: 1-3

- ¹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established

Revelation 22: 10-17

- ¹⁰ ‘Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.
¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy,
and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.’
¹² ‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work.
¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’
¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes,
so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.
¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters,
and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.
¹⁶ ‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches.
I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’
¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’
And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’
And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

- ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.
³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Sermon

*The sermon being provided for today was recorded at a live worship service held on 24th December 2020.
Apologies to those who may have already heard it on that evening.*

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, amen

Sermon 2020.12.24 – Rev Tina Lyndon [12:14]

<https://youtu.be/daOVA3U2abk>

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Rev Tina



Hymn: Silent Night
– **Whitehorse Churches Care [4:08]**

<https://youtu.be/Vs56bHP3ZRQ>

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Promo: Partners In Care / Centre 81 –
Whitehorse Churches Care [1:41]

<https://youtu.be/i5SsmxR7RFc>

Due to the pandemic of 2020, the need to provide aid was greater than usual, and this program included partnership with Victoria Police to undertake the deliveries of Care Packages in time for Christmas. Thanks to the producers of this video, including Ian Bunstan, Community Connector, Box Hill Centre. Posted to YouTube by Mountview Uniting Church

Offering Prayer

about offering up ourselves and giving thanks to God for all we have

**Lord and giver of every good thing,
we bring to you our lives and gifts for your kingdom,
all for transformation through your grace and love,
made known in Jesus Christ our Saviour, amen**



Prayers Of The People And The Lord's Prayer

Geoffrey Willis has prepared the Prayers Of The People for you today

In our prayers for the world we focus on the North African nations of Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara and Tunisia.

These countries have suffered from the invasion of cultural and military forces from elsewhere, but we give thanks that they have withstood these incursions.

Nevertheless, political violence and threats from dominating powers are still being experienced.

We pray, Lord, that peace and understanding may prevail.

In the midst of continuing political violence we pray for wise and compassionate governments.

Many who travel through these nations suffer exploitation and mistreatment and so we pray not only for their safety but for changed attitudes and a respect for human rights. Lord, we pray for the churches of these countries.

The majority of people are Muslims but there is a tiny remnant of Christians and some of other faiths.

Lord, please uphold those who bear witness to their faith and bless all people of good will.



Migrant children take a walk outside a detention centre in Libya, 2017.

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We share in a prayer from one of the heroes of this region:

Prayer On The Road Of Life

God of life, there are days

when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down,

when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies grey and threatening,

when our lives have no music in them,

our hearts lonely,

our souls losing their courage.

Flood the path with light.

Turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;

tune our hearts to brave music;

give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age.

So quicken our spirits

that we may be able to encourage the souls of all,

who journey with us on the road of life,

to your honour and glory.

(attributed to Augustine of Hippo and posted on the World Council of Churches website)

In our prayers for other local churches we ask for your blessing on the Engage Community Church in Ringwood. May their online services and their Sunday Prayer meetings on Zoom be a blessing to their members and to the community which they serve.

In our Presbytery we pray for the Koonung Heights and North Balwyn Congregations. Lord, bless the ministry at Koonung Heights of Heather Hon who is in her first ministry placement. North Balwyn's 'new' minister is the Rev Dr Avril Hannah-Jones who was inducted last September. We pray, dear Lord, for these ministers and for their congregations that they may bring joy and comfort to their communities.

At Mountview we pray for those who need your comfort and healing. We particularly pray for those who are in permanent care. May the support they receive from staff and family be beneficial to their well-being. We remember too Margaret and John Williams as they face medical difficulties. Bless those who care for them. And we name in our hearts those for whom we have concerns. May they know your love and be blessed with the care which they need.

Lord we pray for our minister, Tina, as she holidays with her family. May all that she does to serve us be blessed by your Spirit.

Finally dear Lord, we pray for the Joint Nominating Committee as they interview prospective ministers for our Cluster. May their decisions be blessed with wisdom and discernment.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus our Lord in the words which he taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go out into the world in the power of the spirit and in all things at all times remember Christ is with you. Make your life your worship to the praise and glory of God. Amen



Hymn: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

– Helen Jackson [2:46]

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Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful, all you nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

Refrain

Hark the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb:

veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased in human flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings:
mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more need die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

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