

St Mary's



St Mary's North Melbourne

Sunday 22 December 2024, 2pm



PROCESSION

Everyone gathers at the back of the church & moves into the sanctuary while singing.

CAROL: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS

1. 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.

2. 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*

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

The Lord be with you:

All: And also with you.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CAROL: AWAY IN A MANGER

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.

I love You, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

STORY TIME

CAROL: SILENT NIGHT

1. Silent night, holy night:
all is calm, all is bright.
round the 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 heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.'

3. Silent night, holy night:
wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born.
Christ our Saviour is born.

PRAYERS

For the beauty of each new day, Lord of all,

All: We thank you.

For the light of the sun, warming and bringing life, Lord of all,

All: We thank you.

For the light of love in our families and friends, Lord of all,

All: We thank you.

For the light of goodness for all who are kind to those who need help,
Lord of all,

All: We thank you.

For the light of Jesus Christ, shining across our land, across the world
and into our hearts, Lord of all,

All: We thank you.

We pray for all who are in special need at this time:

for those, especially children, who are sick, hungry or homeless,
Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray those who have died in this past year whom we loved
now present in the light of God's love, Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the joy of the angels
the faith of the shepherds
the obedience of Joseph and Mary
and the peace of the Christ Child
be with you this Christmas
and throughout the coming year.

Amen.

We wish you all a merry Christmas!