



St John the Divine

Crib service

Christmas Eve

24th December 2022

WELCOME!

Welcome to our worship and community life at St John the Divine, and to our live-streamed service, linked from our parish website: www.stjohndivine.org.au

Ding dong merrily on high

George Radcliffe Woodward (1848-1934) alt. - tune: Branle De L'Official - © Kevin Mayhew Ltd, 2008, CCL No 632290

1. Ding dong merrily on high!
the Christmas bells are ringing.
Ding dong joyously reply
the angels all a-singing:
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!
2. Ding dong carol all the bells -
ring out the Christmas story.
Ding dong sound the glad noels:
God's Son has come in glory.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Mary had a baby

West Indian spiritual, alt. - © Kevin Mayhew Ltd, 2008, CCL No 632290

1. Mary had a baby - yes, Lord.
Mary had a baby - yes, my Lord.
Mary had a baby - yes, Lord,
the people came to Bethlehem to see her son.
2. What did she name him? Yes, Lord ...
3. Mary named him Jesus - yes, Lord ...
4. Where was he born? Yes, Lord ...
5. Born in a stable - yes, Lord ...
6. Where did she lay him? Yes, Lord ...
7. Laid him in a manger - yes, Lord ...

Away in a manger

William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921) - tune: Cradle Song
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1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

Go tell it on the mountain

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Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere -
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching
over wandering flocks by night,
behold from out of heaven
there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it ...
2. And lo, when they had seen it,
they all bowed down and prayed,
they travelled on together
to where the babe was laid.
Go tell it ...

Silent night

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) tr. John Freeman Young (1820-85)
alt. - tune: Silent night - © The Australian Hymn Book Company
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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.

We three kings

John Henry Hopkins (1820-91) alt. - tune: Kings Of Orient
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2nd verse: Rev'd John Webster

1. 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 the perfect Light.*
2. Gold we give, befitting a king;
Frankincense for worship, praising;
Myrrh is given, scent of heaven:
Jesus, our gifts we bring.
*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect Light.*

The Little Drummer Boy

Katherine K Davis (b.1962) - tune: Czech carol
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1. Come, they told me (*parum pum pum pum*),
a new-born king to see (*parum pum pum pum*).
Our finest gifts we bring (*parum pum pum pum*),
to lay before the king, (*parum pum pum pum*,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum)
so to honour him (*parum pum pum pum*),
when we come.

2. Baby Jesus (*parum pum pum pum*)
 I am a poor boy, too (*parum pum pum pum*).
 I have no gift to bring (*parum pum pum pum*)
 that's fit to give our king (*parum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum*).
 Shall I play for you (*parum pum pum pum*)
 on my drum?
3. Mary nodded (*parum pum pum pum*).
 The ox and lamb kept time (*parum pum pum pum*).
 I played my drum for him (*parum pum pum pum*) -
 I played my best for him (*parum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum*).
 Then he smiled at me (*parum pum pum pum*),
 me and my drum.

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Joy to the world

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt. - tune: Antioch
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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
 let earth receive 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 heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
 let us our songs employ;
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
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 of his love,
 and wonders - and wonders of his love.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 25th Dec Christmas Day
 9am Eucharist

Mon 26th Dec 10.30am AI Anon meeting

Tue 27th Dec 1pm AA meeting
 5.30pm community meal: TDRM

Wed 28th Dec no Wednesday Eucharist service -
 these resume on 1st February
 7.30pm NA meeting

Thu 29th Dec 10.30am AA meeting
 7.30pm AA meeting

Fri 30th Dec -

Sat 31st Dec 7am AA meeting

2023 - HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2023

Sun 1st Jan Epiphany Sunday
 9am Eucharist
 (the 8am & 10am Sunday services
 resume on 5th February)

NOTICES

TDRM Christmas carols - thanks

Thanks to all who provided the music and sang at our annual community carols with and for The Dining Room Mission guests and volunteers last Tuesday. It was greatly appreciated.

Food donation arranged by Coles

Thanks to the thoughtful initiative of the management at Coles, Croydon, and the overwhelming generosity of their customers, about five trolleys full of non-perishable food items have been given to St John's. These are being shared with the Tuesday and Wednesday community meals programs, and with Anglicare.

How wonderful that we at St John's are able to bless many others beyond our walls with these gifts arranged by our local Coles supermarket. Thanks to those managing the distribution. What a privilege to share in this blessing!

Community meals over Christmas/New Year

TDRM will continue to provide meals each Tuesday evening from 5.30pm.

The Wednesday evening community meals program is taking a break and will resume on Wednesday 18 January.

January Eucharist services

Sunday services for the whole of January will be combined as a single 9am service. The Wednesday services are pausing after Christmas Day and will resume on 1 February.

Fr John will be on leave from Thursday 5 to Wednesday 25 January. Rev'd Wendy Pullin will be locum during this time.