



# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24TH, 2021



This event is hosted by  
**Maitland Evangelical Church**



# O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the 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!  
Oh night divine! Oh night when Christ was born.  
Oh night divine! Oh night, Oh 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, Oh praise his name forever!  
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!  
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# Hark the Herald

Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n  
adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time, behold Him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead  
see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to  
dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## **BRIDGE**

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of  
Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild, He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may  
die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"  
Glory to the newborn King.

# Adoration

Loving Father, who sent your only Son into the world that we might have life through faith in him: grant that we who celebrate his birth on this most holy night may come at last to the fullness of life in your heavenly kingdom; where he now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. AMEN

# Confession

O eternal and gracious God, All year long we pursue power, money, and influence. Yet You come to us in the weakness of the manger. All season long we covet material gifts. Yet You alone offer us the only everlasting gift: Your Son, Jesus Christ, God with us. We confess to You our pride, our faithlessness, and our reluctance to accept Your grace. Through the work of the Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us, heal us, correct us, and transform us. Then enable us to be still, to know Your presence, and to praise You.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# Bible Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

# 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 from  
on high And cause Thy light on  
us to rise Disperse the gloomy  
clouds of night And death's  
dark shadow put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, O come, true prophet  
of the Lord And turn the key  
to heaven's door Be Thou our  
comforter and guide  
And lead us to the Father's  
side Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel  
Shall by His word our darkness  
dispel

O come, our great High Priest,  
and intercede Thy sacrifice, our  
only plea The judgment we no  
longer fear

Thy precious blood has  
brought us near Rejoice!  
Rejoice! Emmanuel Has  
banished every fear of hell

O Come, Thou King of nations  
bring An end to all our  
suffering Bid every pain and  
sorrow cease And reign now as  
our Prince of Peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
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Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to  
dwell

# Bible Reading

John 1:1-5 & John 1:14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Prayer

Father, you make this holy night radiant, With the splendour of Jesus Christ our light. We welcome his as Lord, the true light of the world. Bring us eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven, Where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

# I Cannot Tell

I cannot tell why He whom angels worship  
Should set His love upon the sons of men  
Or why as Shepherd He should seek the wanderers  
To bring them back they know not how or when  
But this I know that He was born of Mary  
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home  
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured  
And so the Saviour Saviour of the world is come

I cannot tell how silently He suffered  
As with His peace He graced this place of tears  
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years  
But this I know He heals the broken-hearted  
And stays our sin and calms our lurking fear  
And lifts the burden from the heavy-laden  
For yet the Saviour Saviour of the world is here

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship  
When at His bidding every storm is stilled  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men with love are filled  
But this I know the skies will thrill with rapture  
And myriad myriad human voices sing  
And earth to heaven and heaven to earth will answer  
At last the Saviour Saviour of the world is King

# Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

**REFRAIN:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

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Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.

## Benediction

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David"

Luke 1:68-69



# Upcoming Events

[www.maitlandchurch.org/events](http://www.maitlandchurch.org/events)

## WOMENS EVENT

A graphic for a 'Paint & Sip' event. The background is a textured, orange-brown color with abstract brushstrokes. On the left, the words 'PAINT & SIP' are written in a white, sans-serif font. On the right, a white rectangular box contains the event details in a dark orange-brown font.

**PAINT  
& SIP**

**LET'S GET CREATIVE!**

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6.30-8.30pm, Thurs 27th Jan

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## MENS EVENT

A graphic for a 'Make It Count' event. The background is a dark blue color with a lighter blue, cloudy sky and a small airplane flying across it. On the left, the words 'MAKE IT COUNT' are written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. On the right, a white rectangular box contains the event details in a dark teal font.

**MAKE IT  
COUNT**

**MAKE IT COUNT**

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6-8.30pm, Friday 21st Jan

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