

Carols in the Carpark: Joy to Boronia Park

Boronia Park Uniting Church (93a Pittwater Road, Boronia Park NSW 2110) Wednesday 8 December 2021, 6:30pm

Special Song One Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Vocal: Mirvana Mouawad Piano: Grace Song

Acknowledgement for the First Peoples

We acknowledge the Walloo-metta-gal people of the Eora Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the Country we are meeting on today. We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters, and thank them for protecting this coastline and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations people if present today.

WelcomeRosemary BrookGreetingSeung Jae Yeon

Lesson One

The Gospel of Luke 2:10-11 (New International Version)

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Carol One

The First Noel

Song leader: Seung Jae Yeon Piano: Bianca Lee Keyboard: Grace Song

The First Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night. *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went. *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the northwest,

O'er Bethlehem it took it rest, And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay.

> Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Lesson Two

Alan Keast

The Gospel of Luke 2:1-7 (New Living Translation)

The Birth of Jesus

2 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Prayer for Carols in the Carpark Alan Keast

Dear loving heavenly Father,

Just as Joseph and Mary travelled those long 150km from Nazareth to Bethlehem and the shepherds travelled to see the newborn baby Jesus, so we travel on our path in life.

At times we follow well used tracks, walking in the footsteps of those who have gone before, and at other times we make new tracks, leaving behind a small trail for others to follow. Dear Lord God, may our journey not end at the celebration of Jesus' birth but may continue, going from strength to strength as we follow in the directions and plans God has for each of us.

Let us remember that we can go out into the darkness and put our hand in the hand of God and that will be better than a light and safer than a known way. May we worship not only Jesus as the baby born in Bethlehem but as God's Son and our Saviour this coming season.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Carol Two Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 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 hosts 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 the incarnate Deity Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son 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!"

Talk"Joy to Boronia Park"

Speaker: Seung Jae Yeon

Carol Three

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord has come Let earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns Let men their songs employ While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found Far as, far as the curse is found

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, wonders of His love

Lesson Three Daisy Hsu

The Gospel of Luke 2:8-14 (New King James Version)

Glory in the Highest

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Carol Four

Silent Night Holy 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 Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night Son of God, oh, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord at Thy birth Jesus, Lord at Thy birth Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

Silent Night Holy Night | Franz Xaver Gruber / Joseph Mohr

Lesson Four

Margaret Treble

Luke 2:15-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Margaret: Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Special Song Two Mary, Did You Know?

Vocal: Zachary Lee Piano: Grace Song **Special Song Three**

O Holy Night

Vocal: Mirvana Mouawad Piano: Grace Song

Blessing

Seung Jae Yeon

Dear God, thank you for the Plan that you prepared to send your one and only son Jesus for us. As we are awaiting the coming of Christ Child, Lord, give us a heart that looks for Your coming through Jesus in our daily life.

Help us to live our lives where we are constantly seeking Your presence.

Our offering to You today in singing carols is all Yours. Thank you, Lord.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

Carol Five

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas We wish you a merry Christmas We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year Good tidings we bring to you and your kin We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

Traditional

Thanks to all members and guests who participated in this event! Special thanks to all for keeping our event Covid-19 safe. With our sincere heart, we wish you a merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2022.