

Introduction To Worship

Christmas Day 25th December 2020



Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones. I hope you are having a peaceful and happy day.

I hope you enjoy singing along to the Carols, the Christmas YouTube Videos and the Whitehorse Christmas Blessing Video. I hope the liturgy, prayers, Christmas Sermon bless you. Take your time enjoying this worship and if you can, share it and invite others to enjoy it with you. I hope the worship is a feast for you.

It's been a challenging year for us, yet a year when faith, love and hope have been central to our lives.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to worship this year, those who have taken part in the recordings and those who have read the readings and prepared prayers of the people, including: Tim Joyce, Peter Cox, Derek Moore, John Williams, John Gerrard, Geoffrey Willis, Margaret Cosstick, Heather Barnes, Trevor De Run, Margot Kemke, Margaret Swain, Jenny Balshaw, Rhonda Goodall, David Rowe, Colleen Rowe, Helen Jackson, Rob Jackson, Michael Plumridge, Daniel Jackson, Darren Cram, and especially Lynne Rosenthal who has read many readings and prayers of the people for those unable to participate. And to Lorraine Grant who created flower arrangements for our video-recordings, Aileen Youngs who set up our virtual communions, Geoffrey Willis who played the organ for the Blue Christmas Service, Margot Kemke who organised the banners, and especially Rob and Helen Jackson who spent hours setting up the worship materials, recording some of the services, and Helen for singing hymns and carols that Helen and Rob co-produced in partnership with another UCA congregation (who also benefit by using these same new music resources).

A wonderful ministry and contribution from everyone.

May the Light of Christ come into your homes and may your hearts be filled with joy this Christmas.

It certainly has been wonderful journeying with you through this year and I give thanks to God that we can be with our loved ones this Christmas.

Blessings
Rev Tina

Ed: This worship will be available as a video for you to watch on Christmas Day, including with family or friends, as it's packed with lots of carols (with the lyrics provided). The following link will become active shortly after our (gathered in-person) Christmas Eve Service has concluded: <https://youtu.be/OLk-x3aXNic>



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Afterwards, you might wish to watch and enjoy the *Whitehorse Christmas Special* (Blessing video), available on our channel and on the combined churches' website:

<https://www.whitehorsechristmas.com>

Another option, for those who wish to continue singing or just listening to carols, is to access our *Songs for Christmas* Playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5dbbdzyKBaj3-6VCSVh-zqM5p5YE-V0w>

Mountview Worship @ Home

Christmas Day 2020



Carol: Joy To The World! – Helen Jackson

[1:46]

<https://youtu.be/o1sJOzkgVE4>

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Joy To The World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive its 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 earth! the Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ;
while fields and streams,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

Welcome To Our Service

May you and your loved ones be blessed and enjoy the worship

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

Rejoice Always! Pray without ceasing
We give thanks in all circumstances
For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus

Advent Liturgy

Light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Minister The world is renewed through the birth of a small and helpless child. God gives up power to become a helpless child. The life of the world in the hands of a newborn baby. Unbelievable. Too radical. We struggle with this message. And yet, the prophet says: The world cannot be changed by power and might but through a helpless baby, innocent and vulnerable. God help us make this dream our dream and to be part of it in the way we live and act.

Peter A child is born today

All **to make a difference**

Peter A child is born today

All **for the peace of all**

Peter A child is born today

All **for the light of the World**

Peter Let us Celebrate Christmas

All **Let us celebrate God's all-embracing love in the baby born for us – named Jesus**

Light the Christ candle

Peter Rejoice always!

All **The Child, the Prince of Peace, is born this day. Alleluia!**



Hymn: Light One Candle (all verses)
– **Helen Jackson** [1:31]

<https://youtu.be/-XQB4zoLF9o>

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Prayers Of Adoration And Invocation

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Nativity

Incarnate Christ, be born in me this Christmas
 May my will be as Mary's, saying 'yes' to your ways
 My mind as Joseph's open to your unfolding revelation
 May my voice be as the angels, joyfully proclaiming Good News
 My knees as the animals, quietly bent in adoration
 May my feet be as the shepherds running eagerly to find you
 My hands as the wise men's offering up all that I have.
 May my heart be as the manger,
 Poor yet containing heaven's greatest treasure
 My life as the stable, hallowed and expanded by your presence
 Incarnate Christ be born again in me this Christmas.

Pat Bennett

Prayer

This is a copy of my prayer that has been inserted into the Whitehorse Christmas Blessing Video

Come Lord

always present
 Among us
 in the messiness and brokenness
 as we live through COVID-19
 in the darkness of an unknown future.

With you we overcome its darkness
 With you we find life.

This Christmas

Come Lord

bring new life and hope
 as we celebrate your coming into our lives
 remind us why you came
 Our Emmanuel
 to become one of us
 to draw us into the mystery of God's love

Come Lord Jesus

Into our lives
 Come and Bless us
 with light and life

Carol: Silent Night (including the above prayer!) – [Whitehorse Churches Care] [4:08]

<https://youtu.be/Vs56bHP3ZRQ>

Composer: Franz Xavier Gruber 1787-1863. Lyrics: Joseph Mohr 1792-1848; translated: John Freeman Young 1820-85 alt.
Produced by Whitehorse Churches Care (of which Mountview is a member church)
for everyone across the City of Whitehorse, for Christmas 2020, in this unfortunate COVID-19 year.
This lyric video also includes the prayer "Come Lord" recited by our current minister, Rev Tina Lyndon.
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Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv.1-2, 5, 7; Christmas Day) – Helen Jackson [3:12]

<https://youtu.be/uuPz7BKktss>

Music & Lyrics: John Francis Wade c.1711-1786; Some lyrics translated by Frederick Oakeley 1802-80, William Thomas Brooke 1848-1917 (vv.3-5) and others. Song: Public Domain.
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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52: 7-10 (Reader: Tina)

52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 52:8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 52:9 Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 52:10 The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.



Carol: Once In Royal David's City (vv.1-2, 4-5) – Helen Jackson [2:34]

https://youtu.be/rOQ0hso_WOc

Composer: Henry John Gauntlett 1805-76. Lyricist: Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95 alt. Song: Public Domain.
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Hebrews 1: 1-12 (Reader: Margaret)

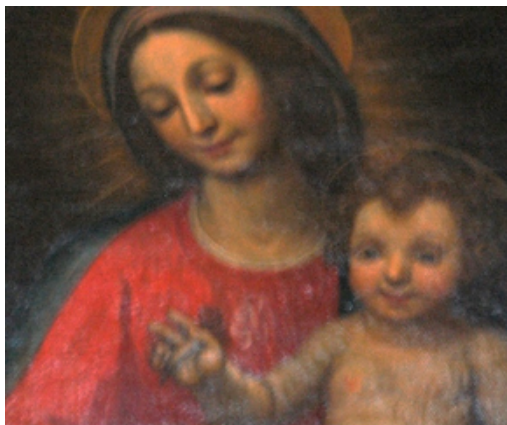
1:1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 1:3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? 1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 1:7 Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." 1:8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." 1:10 And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 1:11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; 1:12 like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."



Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Helen Jackson [3:54]

<https://youtu.be/zgjiXBqaiHM>

Music: Plainsong melody (15th cent.). Lyrics: Based on Antiphons from 9th cent. or earlier; Anon., Latin, 18th cent. or earlier; tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt. Song: Public Domain Video: © 2020 the Multimedia team. All Rights Reserved. Posted to YouTube by Mountview Uniting Church.



John 1: 1-14 (Reader: Peter)

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:2 He was in the beginning with God. 1:3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 1:4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 1:7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

1:8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 1:9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 1:10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 1:11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

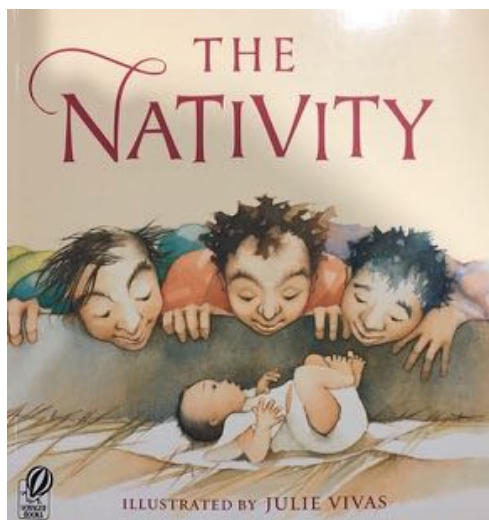
1:12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

1:13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

1:14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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For The Young At Heart



This is a story about the birth of Jesus that celebrates ordinary people. Mary hangs out the clothes and travels on a donkey when she is very pregnant. She gives birth in stable amongst the animals, with Joseph's help and the baby Jesus is laid in the animals feed trough. Angels tell shepherds in a field about the birth of Jesus. They are humble men, of low status in their time and are invited to be the first witnesses to the birth of Jesus. There are no favourites with Jesus. He came for all of us and all of us are equally loved and invited to be witness and celebrate the birth of Jesus. You are invited. Come celebrate his birth.

Song: Jingle Bells – Andrea Bocelli and The Muppets [5:06]

<https://youtu.be/2tk9wuADoxA>

by James Lord Pierpont 1822–93. Posted to YouTube by Andrea Bocelli

A Tribute to Families:

Kettlebell Christmas [2:55]

The Kettlebell Christmas Commercial went viral (this is the original). It will bring tears to your eyes. The edited Facebook version has been watched over 27 million times.

<https://youtu.be/REcZopXwOXo>

Take Care of Yourself. Produced by DocMorris of Germany. The short video follows a man who is deciding to do just that ... take care of himself. Posted to YouTube by Giryra Garage

Song: Fall On Me – Andrea Bocelli, Matteo Bocelli [4:24]

<https://youtu.be/ChcR2gKt5WM>

*Music: Ian Axel & Chad Vaccarino. Lyrics: Ian Axel, Chad Vaccarino, Matteo Bocelli, & Fortunato Zampaglione
Posted to YouTube by Andrea Bocelli*

Fall On Me (English translation)

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[Verse 1: Matteo Bocelli]

I thought sooner or later
The lights up above
Will come down in circles and guide me to love
But I don't know what's right for me
I cannot see straight
I've been here too long and I don't want to wait for
it
Fly like a cannonball
Straight to my soul
Tear me to pieces and make me feel whole
I'm willing to fight for it and carry this weight
But with every step
I keep questioning what is true

[Chorus: Matteo Bocelli]

Fall on me
With open arms
Fall on me
From where you are
Fall on me
With all your light
With all your light
With all your light

[Verse 2: Andrea Bocelli]

Soon you will find what your heart wants to know
Don't give up hope for I know you are close
And all you have ever dreamed, wished you could
ever be
Is waiting to find you wherever you go
Believe in yourself, ever step that you take
Know I am smiling with pride everyday
My love will forever be, stronger than stone
Don't be afraid you are never alone



Carol: Away In A Manger – Helen Jackson

[2:15]

<https://youtu.be/hy99tKDMNQY>

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Sermon

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



St Paul's Cathedral's doors were locked!

It's been a challenging year for all of us, where some of us may be feeling tired or have heavy hearts.

I made a quick visit to the CBD and it seemed as if there wasn't much life wasn't there.

Most people haven't returned to work yet, so it's not crowded.

The graffiti in the laneways seems dark and there are homeless people sitting around in lanes.

Some have their beds set up for the night in sheltered places, blankets and doonas nicely folded up on the footpaths. A man was busking, playing an assortment of metal bits and pieces. No one seemed to be smiling and there was a heaviness I can't describe, a lack of Christmas cheer. Perhaps I looked in the wrong places.

Perhaps there is a quiet despair in people's hearts, and they feel weighted down and burdened.

I've heard some young people have developed mental health issues. It's been hard on us all.

A year that began with bush fires and masks and moved into a pandemic with lockdown and more masks. There have been tragic losses of life due to COVID-19 and some families didn't get to say goodbye to their loved ones and this will be their first Christmas without them. It's been a year when many have felt isolated, limited, lonely and afraid and we still fear a third wave. This Christmas will be a challenge for many in the UK, USA, South America and Europe and so many other places. Thank God we are able to spend time with our loved ones in Victoria. Pray for those who can't be with loved ones.



We might ask: How do we find hope, with all this darkness happening in the world?

Where is the Christmas Spirit hiding? It's said that the remedy for despair is hope.

We may have had our freedoms restrained this year, but there is a greater freedom in God and in the freedom of our hearts. A freedom where we choose how we respond to this darkness and fear.

We remember Christ's light overcomes the darkness of the world. The prologue of John's gospel speaks of us being enlightened by the Light of the world. We may ponder on this and how our obedient faith has brought us through hardship, challenges and loss. Christians are a stubborn lot and don't give up easily. Doors to many churches may be locked this Christmas Day for the first time in many years, perhaps since the Spanish flu, but we're not locked out from God. God is bigger than a building. After thousands of years, God has returned to our homes. That is the miracle of this Christmas.

We will celebrate Christmas in our homes with our loved ones. It will be a Christmas where we're reminded of how we're fragile, vulnerable and humble, like Jesus was when he was a baby. It is amazing when we think about God coming to us in Jesus, as a tiny fragile and vulnerable baby and how he grew up to teach us and speak words of hope for us. When we receive those words and Jesus into our hearts and choose to believe in Jesus, we become God's children. When we open our hearts to God and choose to be open to God's grace, and wonder at all God does for us, Jesus is born into our hearts. That is when we find joy. In the midst of the darkness, we find joy. We can choose to be joyful in any situation.

It helps to look at the big picture. Today's three readings are about the big picture.

God as creator is the same always and we can wonder about how God spoke to create the universe and how thousands of years passed, and God spoke through the prophets.

Now God speaks to us through Jesus, Jesus who was with God before the beginning of creation. In Jesus is our life and that life is our light and this light shines into the darkness of the world and into passing moments such as bushfires and pandemics, into all circumstances and it reminds us our God reigns over all times and situations.

Consider how over two billion Christians will celebrate Christmas this year.

They will invite wonder and joy into their celebrations.

Imagine Jesus walking along the peaceful shores of Lake Galilee calling fishermen to be his disciples. That is how our faith began. Now Christianity has travelled to the ends of the earth offering people hope and love and blessing, so many people who have witnessed the glory of God in their lives.



Many thanks to Lorraine and Barney

God's word is powerful and life changing. Allow it to change your hearts this Christmas. Consider the readings and ponder on them. Take time out to pray and give thanks to God for bringing your loved ones and you through a tough year. Sing carols joyfully and invite others to join you. Phone people up and sing with them. Invite family, friends and neighbours over and sing with them and watch the inspirational YouTubes'. You will find your hearts being lifted. Do not allow the darkness of the world to overcome your joy and the life you find in Jesus. Ask God to lift up your hearts and fill them with joy.

This is not a normal Christmas. I've had a few abnormal Christmas days in my time. I'm sure you have too.

My dad built himself a brick home on a thirty-acre block when I was in my early twenties.

I'm the oldest of seven children. So, we're having Christmas lunch and all of a sudden, the dining room is full of blowflies and it's not easy to enjoy a meal in those circumstances. The problem was dad forgot to seal the chimney and that's where they were getting in. Meanwhile we are waiting for my little brother. He had decided to give dad a surprise present and had been delayed. He arrived with a van and opened it and out jumped a heifer and it ran straight into the orchard and headed for the fruit trees. Out ran dad and my sister and they started chasing it around and around the orchard, with its tail straight up. It was enjoying its freedom. Apparently, it took my brother over an hour to get it into the van. They finally got it into a paddock and sat down again amongst the blowflies and finished their Christmas lunch.

Why am I telling this story? It reminds me of the chaos of lockdown when my daughter took over my office to work from home, I got the library/family room and my granddaughter got the kitchen for home schooling and we all took turns teaching her. I'm sure many of our young families with school children and young adults at university can relate to this story. It was a year of family chaos and love.

A year of wonderful love where families supported one another, and our church families reached out to one another and pastorally cared for one another and we supported neighbours and friends and it seemed like the entire community was out there in our local parks greeting one another. It was a year when all the Whitehorse churches got together to care for the community and produce a Christmas video in partnership with Whitehorse Council, Victoria Police and Eastern Health's Box Hill Hospital.

A year when Centre 81 partnered with the Police, and supported by the generosity of Mountview and Blackburn North/Nunawading members, the police distributed our hampers / care packages to those doing it tough. Members of Whitehorse Police were smiling when they came to collect the hampers. It must have given them hope to distribute them when their jobs are so challenging at times. And more hampers went out to those connected with Centre 81 and care packages to some of our members. We may not see these days again. It's been a year when we have been sustained by love, hope and our faith. Jesus, the light of the world has been at work in our hearts and has born into our hearts and homes.

The miracle of this Christmas is Jesus is back in our homes, where the first Christmas's were celebrated. It is a moment in history



Link to Centre 81 Care Packages video: <https://youtu.be/i5SsmxR7RFc>

Rev Tina

Time of Silent Reflection



Song of the Angels by William Bouguereau



Carol: Angels From The Realms Of Glory – Helen Jackson [3:24]

<https://youtu.be/nh8dv1hTwf0>

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Inspiring Videos of Hope:

Hymn: Mary Did You Know – Clay Aiken [3:37]

<https://youtu.be/-Uki0dkthzl>

*Composer: Buddy Greene 1953–. Lyricist: Mark Alan Lowry in 1958–.
Posted to YouTube by MRLASTSONOFKRYPTON*

You Raise Me Up – Martin Hurkens [4:35]

<https://youtu.be/4RojlDwD07I>

Composer: Rolf Løvland. Lyricist: Brendan Graham. L1 TV, www.L1.nl. Posted to YouTube by L1

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**



‘Christmas Bowl’ Prayer

Unpredictable God, you come in surprising ways
 In ways so unexpected
 Who would have thought you would make your home amongst us
 Who would have guessed you would come in a tiny baby
 The world has never been the same since your coming
 Be born not only in a stable long ago
 But in our hearts today
 We thank you Lord
 for the opportunity to support the Christmas Bowl Appeal
 Use these gifts to bring your liberating love to the lives of many. Amen

(Consider making a donation this year)

This is their website address: <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate>

Prayers Of The People And The Lord’s Prayer

Geoffrey Willis has prepared the Prayers of the people for you today. Reader: Lynne Rosenthal.

At Christmas time, we rejoice that God’s gift of Jesus shows us what God’s love really means.
 At Christmas time, we rejoice that we can be with family and friends.
 At Christmas time, we rejoice that so much of the world can pause to share peace and love.
 But at this Christmas time, we realise how fragile our world is, and how tenuous our health can be.

Dear Lord, we pray for our world. Where conflict looms, please grant good sense and compassion. Where hunger and crop failures occur, please grant good agriculture and generosity. Where the pandemic threatens, especially in the Northern Hemisphere, grant safety and the development of an effective vaccine. Where trade wars threaten, please grant sensible compromise and openness. Lord, so much of our planet is beset with problems. Help us to recapture the beauty and harmony of your creation. May we and our leaders resolve to protect the world which you have entrusted to us. Please make us wise stewards of all animals and plants and play our part in the wise use of resources.

Dear Lord, we pray for the people of this world. We pray for the millions who celebrate Christmas today. May they, and we, be able to separate the commercialism of the season from the true meaning of your gift of Jesus. We pray too for the millions who will not celebrate today. Many come from different cultures and religions, and many have closed their minds to wonders of the Christmas story. May we, dear Lord, show our devotion to you by acts of kindness and love offered to all. As we reflect on the Christmas story, we are reminded of the plight of refugees. May those who flee their homelands be helped by welcoming governments and by generous aid agencies. As we remember how Mary and Joseph were homeless in Bethlehem, may we and our governments be supportive of those who are homeless in our country. Bless the work of the Mountview House Project which seeks to offer accommodation and care to those in need.

Dear Lord, Christmas is a time for family get-togethers. We pray for safety on the roads. We pray for precious moments of joy as people celebrate together. We pray for reconciliation where families have experienced conflict. May all our celebrations be done in responsible ways and with safety. We pray, Lord, for those with family members who are far away. May they be conscious of one another’s love.
 Lord, bless our acts of kindness to one another.

Dear Lord, we pray for our community. We especially pray for those who are the “first responders”, the police, paramedics, doctors and nurses. Lord, bless and protect them as they care for our community. There are many others who are vulnerable to harm or disease: schoolteachers, shop keepers, transport drivers, cooks, etc. Please Lord, may they be able to continue their essential work in safety and in good health.

In our local community, we pray, dear Lord, for the work of Centre 81, Whitehorse Churches Care, our friends at Blackburn North/Nunawading Uniting Church and our own youngsters and young adults. We thank you, dear Lord, that despite the pandemic, they were able to assemble a huge array of goodies to make up Christmas Hampers for distribution to the needy. We thank you, Lord, for the police who have helped with the distribution of these hampers. May those who receive a hamper be blessed as they share the generosity of so many of our local folk.

Lord, in our prayers for ourselves, we give you thanks for the ministry of Tina and for those who have supported her in the production of worship resources and videos. Dear Lord, please bless Tina and her family, and may they enjoy time together during this Christmas-New Year season. We pray for those of our number who are in special accommodation. May their needs be met with care and dignity. May their families be able to make contact with them. We especially pray for Joyce Suto as she has made her move to Tasmania to be near her daughter. We thank you, Lord for Joyce’s long and faithful service to this church and pray that her new accommodation will meet her needs.

Dear Lord, may this Christmas be a time where hope, joy, peace and love will be experienced by us all.

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 forever.
Amen.*



Carol: It's Christmas – [Whitehorse Churches Care] [4:09]

<https://youtu.be/PkOYPPiqZao>

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Whitehorse (Churches Care) Christmas Blessing (full version) [34:50]

<https://youtu.be/r-4wFWeJmU>

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Sending Out

Light of God

Lead us

Power of God

Hold us

Joy of God

Heal us

Laughter of God

Bless us

Love of God

Embrace us

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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



Carol: Hark The Herald Angels Sing – Helen Jackson [2:46]

https://youtu.be/KiMOV_YzGEE

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Carol: Coventry Carol – Elektra Women's Choir [3:56]

<https://youtu.be/acAD34MG7Qs>

Music: Anon c.1591. Lyricist: Robert Croo c.1534. Posted to YouTube by Elektra Women's Choir

Rev Tina, for Mountview Uniting Church



The following link is to all our 'Christmas' lyric-videos on our Channel,
from where any Carol may be played for singing along:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5dbbdzyKBaj3-6VCSVh-zqM5p5YE-V0w>

The following link is to the 'Worship' page on our website,
from where other worship resources may be accessed at anytime:

<https://www.mountviewuca.org/worship.html>

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