Canberra International Church
Presents

Christmas

CAROLS

SONG BOOK

A Christmas Message

As we come to the end of another year, Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on the year that has been. It is also a time to slow down, reconnect with family and friends, and make room for the things that truly matter.

Life can be busy, and the year may not have unfolded quite as we had hoped. Some of us may look back with gratitude at the blessings and joys we've experienced, while others may have walked through challenges, disappointments or difficult seasons. Whatever this year has looked like for you, I hope Christmas brings an opportunity to pause, reflect and find renewed hope.

At the heart of Christmas is the greatest gift God has given us, His Son, Jesus Christ. In a world that can often feel uncertain and unsettled, Jesus reminds us that true peace is not found in having everything figured out, but in knowing Him. He is our hope, our peace and the reason we celebrate.

My hope is that as we gather tonight, enjoy the carols and share fellowship together, we will not only enjoy the Christmas season but also be reminded of the love of God and the peace that Jesus offers each of us.

May you and your family experience the joy, hope and peace of Christ this Christmas, and may His presence go with you into the year ahead.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas!

Pastor Ben
Canberra International Church

MARY'S BOY CHILD

1. Long time ago in Bethlehem
   So the Holy Bible say
   Mary's boy child Jesus Christ
   Was born on Christmas day

2. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
   They saw a bright new shining star
   They heard a choir sing a song
   The music seemed to come from afar

   Hark, now hear the angels sing
   A new King born today
   And man will live forever more
   Because of Christmas day

3. Now Joseph and his wife Mary
   Came to Bethlehem that night
   She found no place to bear her child
   Not a single room was in sight

4. By and by they found a little nook
   In a stable all forlorn
   And in a manger, cold and dark
   Mary's little boy child was born

   Trumpets sound and angels sing
   Listen to what they say
   That man will live forever more
   Because of Christmas day

THE FIRST NOEL

1. The first Noel, the angels did say
   Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
   In fields where 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

2. The shepherds 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

3. Then let us all with one accord
   Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
   That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
   And with His blood mankind hath bought

JOY TO THE WORLD

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 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

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

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1. Angels we have heard on high
   sweetly singing o'er the plains.
   And the mountains in reply
   echoing their joyous strains.

   Gloria in excelsis Deo!
   Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

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

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

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. 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

2. Christ by highest heav'n adored
   Christ the everlasting Lord!
   Late in time behold Him come
   Offspring of the 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!"

3. 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 new born King

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

1. O come O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
   that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
   Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

2. O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer.
   Our spirits by thine advent here.
   Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
   and death's dark shadows put to fight.
   Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

3. O come Thou wisdom from on high
   and order all things far and high
   to us the path of knowledge show
   and cause us in her ways to go.
   Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

4. O come desire of nations bind
   all peoples in one heart and mind
   bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease.
   Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
   Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

1. God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
   Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day
   To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

   Chorus: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. In Bethlehem in Jewry this blessed Babe was born
   And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn
   The which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn

3. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
   And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
   How that in Bethlehem was born, the Son of God by name

4. Fear not, then said the angel, let nothing you affright
   This day is born a Saviour of a pure virgin bright
   To free all those who trust in Him form Satan's pow'r and might

5. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind
   And left their flocks a feeding in tempest, storm and wind
   And went to Bethlehem straightway the blessed Babe to find

6. And when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Saviour lay
   They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay
   His mother Mary kneeling down unto the Lord did pray

7. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place
   And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
   This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. O little town of Bethlehem
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

SILENT NIGHT

1. 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

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
   Son of God, 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

O HOLY NIGHT

1. O holy night, the stars are brightly shining
   It is the night of our 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
   O night divine, O night when Christ was born
   O night divine, O night, O night divine

2. 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, O praise His name forever
   His power and glory ever more proclaim
   His power and glory ever more proclaim

COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O come all ye faithful
   Joyful and triumphant
   O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
   Come and behold Him
   Born the King of angels

   Chorus:
   O come, let us adore Him
   O come, let us adore Him
   O come, let us adore Him
   Christ the Lord

2. Sing, choirs of angels
   Sing in exultation
   Sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n above
   Glory to God
   Glory in the highest

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
   Born this happy morning
   Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
   Word of the Father
   Now in flesh appearing

   For He alone is worthy
   For He alone is worthy
   For He alone is worthy
   Christ the Lord

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

1. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
   Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. X2

2. While shepherds kept their watching, over silent flocks by night
   behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light.

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

4. Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born
   And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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

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

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

1. We wish you a Merry Christmas
   We wish you a Merry Christmas
   We wish you a Merry Christmas
   And a Happy New Year

2. Good tidings we bring
   To you and your kin
   We wish you a Merry Christmas
   And a Happy New Year

FELIZ NAVIDAD – WE WANNA WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

1. Feliz Navidad
   Feliz Navidad
   Feliz Navidad
   Próspero año y felicidad

2. We wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
   we wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
   we wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
   from the bottom of our hearts

WELCOME TO CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

A Church Family. A Place to Belong. A Faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for celebrating Christmas with us!

Canberra International Church (CIC) is a welcoming, multicultural church family in the heart of Canberra, where people from many nations and backgrounds come together to worship Jesus, grow in faith and share God's love. With roots in the Finnish community, our church has grown into a diverse family while continuing to honour our heritage. We celebrate our multicultural community through both English and Finnish services, united by our love for God and His Word.

OUR HEART AND MISSION

Our heart at CIC is to share the good news of Jesus Christ, encourage people to grow in their relationship with God, and equip believers to live out their faith. We believe that the Bible is God's Word and our guide for life, and that through Jesus we can experience forgiveness, hope, love and new life. We are passionate about making disciples, supporting missions locally and around the world, and building a church where everyone has the opportunity to belong, grow and serve.

A PLACE FOR EVERY GENERATION

Whether you are exploring Christianity, looking for a church to call home, or simply wanting to know more about Jesus, we would love to meet you. You don't need to have everything figured out to come along. There is a place for you here!

Sunday Services

English Service – 10:00 am
Finnish Service – 12:00 pm