



*Calling all Angels!*

*Nativity Service*  
ADVENT 3

**Brougham Place Uniting Church**

December 14, 2025

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***Kardlayirdi Karnungga***

*A Light on the Hill*

Welcome to Brougham Place Uniting Church.

We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional carers of the land on  
which our church is built.

*As you wait for worship to begin, please turn your phone to silent.*

Prelude

## Welcome

Naa marni? *(Are you all good?)*

**Marni Ai!** *(Good I am)*

*(Please remain seated)*

**Welcome everybody, it's good to see you here,  
Welcome everybody, it's good to see you here,  
Welcome everybody, it's good to see you here,  
Gathered in this space.**

## Acknowledgment of Country

We care for Kurna land,  
**We care for Kurna sky.**  
**We care for Kurna waters,**  
**We touch our hearts and say,**  
**thank you Kurna people.**

## Call to Worship

In this time of Advent,  
in this time of waiting,  
in this time of preparation,  
may we listen for the signs,  
may we be ready to hear from prophets,  
may we prepare our hearts with hope and love.

### Opening Prayer

Creator God,  
as we come together in worship,  
may we let go of all that has gone wrong in the last week,  
may we invite in the hope, peace and love  
that you sing over all of us.  
**Amen.**

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

## We sing: *Angels from God*

1. Angels bringing, Angels giving  
joy to us from our God who cares.  
Angels bringing, Angels giving  
joy to us from our God who cares.

*Angels are around us -  
Let us be aware  
Angels sent to comfort  
from a God who cares.*

2. Angels bringing, Angels giving  
joy to us from our God who cares.  
Angels bringing, Angels giving  
joy to us from our God who cares.

**Angels From God**

Doris Henderson

*Lively*



An-gels bring-ing, An-gels gi-ving love to us from our God who cares. An-gels bring ing, joy love

An-gels gi-ving peace to us from our God who cares. God who cares! An-gels are a-  
hope  
peace

-round us Let us be a - ware An-gels sent to com - fort from a God who

cares.

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## Prayer of Confession

## Words of Grace

God's love is boundless,  
and God's gift of grace is abundant.  
May we live more fully in this love and grace,  
awake to the joy God brings in our lives.  
**Amen.**

We sing: *Joyful, Joyful*

*Together in Song 152*

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain  
call to praise you joyfully.
3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest.  
You our Father, Christ our brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to your joy above.

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Community News and Notices



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## We sing: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

*Together in Song 292*

1. Infant holy,  
infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing,  
little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all;  
swift are winging  
angels singing,  
nowells ringing,  
tidings bringing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping,  
shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory,  
heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true;  
thus rejoicing,  
free from sorrow,  
praises voicing,  
greet the morrow,  
Christ the babe was born for you,  
Christ the babe was born for you.

Scripture Reading: *Luke 2:1-20.*

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrolment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom. Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world.

**Thanks be to God**

We sing: *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.

*Refrain:*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

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

*Refrain:*

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

*Refrain:*

The Nativity: *A Very Ray Martin Christmas*

## Nativity Part 1

We sing: *Mary said Yes!*

### *Refrain*

*Mary said, "Yes, yes, yes!  
My Lord, Your way is best."  
Mary said, "Yes, yes, yes!  
Your way is best!"*

1. Gabriel appeared,  
A message to proclaim:  
"Do not be afraid,  
For you are blessed today!"

### *Refrain*

2. "You will have a child,  
He's the Chosen One,  
Jesus is His name  
And He will be God's Son!"

### *Refrain*

3. Mary wondered how,  
"How can this be true?"  
Gabriel explained,  
"There's nothing God can't do!"

### *Refrain*

4. Mary trusted God,  
She always obeyed.  
We must do the same,  
So just like her we say -

*Oh we say, "Yes, yes, yes!  
My Lord, Your way is best!  
Oh we say, "Yes, yes, yes!  
Your way is best!"*

## Nativity Part 2

We sing: *While Shepherds Watched*

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around.
2. 'To you in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:
3. 'the heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and in a manger laid.'
4. 'All glory be to God on high,  
and to the world be peace;  
goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth  
begin and never cease.'

## Nativity Part 3

We sing: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

1. Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all you nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

## Nativity Part 4

We sing: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

1. We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*

## Nativity Part 5

We sing: *Angels from the realms of Glory*

*Together in Song 309*

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth:  
heralds of creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain:*

*come and worship Christ, the new-born King,  
come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching over flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant Light:

*Refrain*

3. Wise men, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations,  
you have seen his natal star:

*Refrain*

4. Though an infant now we view him,  
he shall fill his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him:  
every knee shall then bow down:

*Refrain*

Commissioning of the Christmas Angels

## Prayers of the People

### 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.**

### Offering



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### Offering Prayer

God of peace and possibility,  
we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news  
for the sake of the world.  
Amen.

## We Sing: *Doxology*

*Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## Doxology for "Angels Among Us"

Sung to the Tune of VENI EMMANUEL ("O Come, O Come Emmanuel")

Traditional  
Words Adapted by Dr. McFee

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four lines of music, each with lyrics underneath. The first line starts with a common time signature 'C'. The second line begins with a measure rest marked '6'. The third line begins with a measure rest marked '11'. The fourth line begins with a measure rest marked '17'. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all Spirit messengers below. Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all Spirit  
mes-sen-gers be-low. Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise  
Je-sus Christ, whose po-wer up-lifts! Re-joice! Re-joice! E-  
man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.

## Sending Forth and Final Benediction

As you go into this week, remember:  
When you feel anxious or afraid,  
may you look for God's spirit,  
may you reach for each other's hands,  
may you choose courage whenever you can.  
And in all things, may you remember  
that good news is louder than fear.

In the name of the one who calls,  
the one who sends,  
and the one who journeys with—  
go in peace and  
be not afraid.  
Amen.

## Extroit

*#BPUCChristmas #CallingAllAngels #morejoy*

*Come and share morning tea together, in the basement. There  
are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church  
and the car park. All are welcome!*

*Thank you for joining us for worship!  
If you would like to get in touch or request a prayer, please  
make use of the Contact Cards in the pews and next to the  
Offering Bowl. Alternately, you can email our Minister, Rev  
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