

Blue Christmas

Thursday 16th December 2021, 7:30pm

*Welcome to worship at Brunswick Uniting Church this evening.
A quiet service for remembering, reflecting, praying
For lighting a candle and naming sorrow*

Luke 2:6

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.



Mary & Elizabeth, Soo Lai Yin (Ann)

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Gathering & Greeting

The God of all grace, mercy,
peace and compassion be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Song: Gabriel's message, TiS 302

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

2. 'for known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

4. of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'most highly favoured lady'. Gloria!

Introduction

Gospel: Luke 2:1-7

Honouring Reality



Horizon, Michael Rigby

Advent candle prayer

We light this candle for hope.

God of hope give us your strength for the days to come.

Song: Silent Night, TiS 311

1. Silent night, holy night: all is calm, all is bright
round the 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: wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born, Christ our Saviour is born.

Gospel: Luke 2:8-11

Lament - Practicing Honesty



Affinity, Michael Rigby

Advent candle prayer

We light this candle for peace.

God of peace may we offer your mercy on the way to peace

SONG: Infant Holy (TIS 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, head 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.

Gospel: Luke 2:12-14

Embracing Paradox



Alongside, Michael Rigby

Advent candle prayer

We light this candle for joy.

God of joy let us rejoice

as we reach out to each other with gentleness.

Invitation

SONG: Born in the night (TIS 323)

1. Born in the night, Mary's child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's child,
born in a borrowed room.
2. Clear shining light, Mary's child,
your face lights up our way;
light of the world, Mary's child,
dawn on our darkened day.

3. Truth of our life, Mary's child,
you tell us God is good;
prove it is true, Mary's child,
go to your cross of wood.

4. Hope of the world, Mary's child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's child,
walk in our streets again.

Advent candle prayer

We light this candle for love.

God of love guide us as we seek to reshape the world with love.

Eucharist

Borrowing Hope



The Birth of Jesus, (Christina Berkman)

Song: Flame of Love, Julie Perrin

1. Flame of love come
Holy Spirit
Make in us your
Cradle home
For the Christ child
Who will meet and
Walk with us til
We are grown

Flame of love
Holy Spirit
Make in us
Your cradle home

2. Light of laughter
Balm in sorrow
You have been our
Cradle home
Called our names in
to the Silence
Flame of love by
You we're known

Flame of love
Holy Spirit
Make in us
Your cradle home

Blessing & Sending

Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours.”

**Christmas Eve
Pageant, 7:00pm**
Finding your voice

Holy Communion, 11:30pm
with carols and candlelight

Christmas Day, 9:30am
We celebrate the birth of Christ in person on-site

Sunday 26th December, no formal service offered

Thankyous

Liturgists:
Saide Cameron
Ian Ferguson
Jenne Perlstein

Musicians:
James Balsillie
Glenice Cook
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