THE SURPRISE OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday 31 December 2023

## **WELCOME**

#### SONG

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder; thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art! (repeat)

And when I think that God his son not sparing, sent him to die I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:

When burdens press, and seem beyond endurance, Bowed down with grief, to Him I lift my face; And then in love He brings me sweet assurance: 'My child! for thee sufficient is my grace.'

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

If you'd like to think a bit more about what you've heard, why not come to Emmanuel some other time?

We meet **every Sunday at 10.30am** here in Bramcote College.

We'd love to see you there!

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# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

#### **ACTIVITY**

## **SONG**

In the darkness God will keep me; He will stay and never sleep. In the darkness God is brighter; Though the night is long and deep. All this day Your hand has held me; God of Heaven, by my side. Thank You, Father, for Your goodness; You will hold me through the night.

In the shadows You are with me; And You know my every fear. In the shadows none can harm me; For the mighty King is here. All this day Your hand has held me; God of Heaven, by my side. Thank You, Father, for Your goodness; You will hold me through the night.

So I find my rest in Jesus;
He who came to rescue me.
Jesus saved me from the darkness;
I will rise to life with Him.
All this day Your hand has held me;
God of Heaven, by my side.
Thank You, Father, for Your goodness.
You will hold me through the night.

### **PRAYERS**

### SONG

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last!

#### BIBLE READING Isaiah 40:21-31

## **BIBLE TALK**

### **SONGS**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. (repeat)

Our God, you reign forever. Our hope, our strong deliverer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint, you won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak, you comfort those in need, you lift us up on wings like eagles. I'm going to trust in God I'm going to trust in Jesus without shame and without fear. I'm going to fix my eyes on the hope of glory for his day is drawing near.

How great is the love of God, how steady is his hand to guide me through this world. And though I'm weak in him I stand and you will hear me say today in faith, "I'm going to trust in God."

Now when the cares of life seem overwhelming and my heart is sinking down I'm going to lift my hands to the One who'll help me, to the One who holds my crown.