



THE CARMELITE

**Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
in the care of the Carmelites since 1882**

*We acknowledge the Yalukit Willam Clan, the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We pay our respects to them.
May we walk gently here.*

Christ The King

26 November 2017

My dear Parishioners,

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party will be held this Tuesday at 6:00pm in St Joseph's Hall. It's not too late to get a berth but we do need to know numbers for catering. Baby and 1st communion photos still welcome but only until Monday at 4:00pm!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Our Advent Reconciliation Services are as follows:
Thursday, 30 November at St Joseph's at 7:30pm
Monday, 4 December at OLMC at 7:30pm
All are most welcome.

ADVENT SEASON

Advent starts next Sunday, and it marks the beginning of the Church's New Year. In 2018, the Sunday Readings will be for Year B and Weekday Readings Year 2.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Because both Frs Januario and Paul Sireh will be away until January enjoying holidays in their respective countries, Fr Matthew, Michael and I will be holding the fort. Fr Paul Cahill has graciously agreed to assist with the Christmas Weekend Masses as Christmas falls on a Monday this year and it creates a long list of Masses from Saturday night to Monday morning. Don't expect any Masses on Tuesday 26th December – we will be sleeping in!

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

The following reflection was passed on to me by Sr Geraldine. I enclose it for your reflection or consideration:

CHRISTMAS is a strange season. When you're a child it is a season of presents. When you're young, it's a season of parties. When you get your own home, it's a season of preparations. But when you get older CHRISTMAS changes colour dramatically. Suddenly out from behind the advertisements and big dinners, through the haze of old carols and sumptuous crib scenes, we begin to see what CHRISTMAS is really all about. CHRISTMAS is about finding life where we did not expect life to be.

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Both our Churches are fitted with a hearing induction loop. Please use the 'T' or other appropriate switch on your hearing aid. Please tell us if you experience any difficulty.

OUR PARISH

Churches

St Joseph's
cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets
Port Melbourne

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
cnr Richardson & Wright Streets
Middle Park

Sunday Masses

6.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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(Monday/Tuesday & Weekend Mass)

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Telephone 03 9699 2928
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THIS WEEK

Monday 27 November

9.00am Mass, both churches
6.00pm Bible Study Group, SJ Hall
7.30pm St Vincent De Paul Meeting, Parish Office Rooms

Tuesday 28 November

9.00am Mass, both churches
6.00pm Parish Christmas Social, St Joseph's Hall

Wednesday 29 November - Parish Office Closed

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel
9.00am Morning Prayer, St Joseph's

Thursday 30 November

9.00am Mass both churches
7.00pm Meditation, Malone Room
7.30pm Advent Reconciliation, St Joseph's

Friday 1 December

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Joseph's
9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel
9.30am Lectio Divina, Lady Chapel, Mt Carmel

Saturday 2 December

9.00am Mass, both churches
6.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 3 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's
10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Dr Raymond Adams, Samah Al-Sayed, Michael Baine, Julian Baker, John Bassett, Wanda Brodie, Karin Brown, Maria Calderazzo, John Clement, Grace Cumming, Ron Dalton, Luka Dabovic, Doug Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Jelena Dokmarkovic, Jim Ellis, Elenita Estrella, David Flynn, Pada Ghicui, Ivy Hemenace, Mena Horsley, Kevin Maloney, Elishka Marvan, Fr Phelin McGowan, Anika Nagorcka, Czeslaw Podsiadly, Pat Pringle, Rafal Rafalski, Stephen Reilly, Sr Mary Rowan S.J, Joe Schembri, Joy Skeffington, Maurie Smith, Poppy Smith, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: John McCluskey.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Fred Elliott, Vera Conway, Carlo Stafanile, Emma Williams, and Carmelites, Thomas Kelly and Peter Davies.

IN OUR PARISH

Every year life waxes and wanes. Every stage of life comes and goes. Every facet of life is born and then dies. Every good moment is doomed to become only a memory. Every period of living slips through our fingers and disappears. Every hope dims and every possibility turns eventually to dry clay. Until CHRISTMAS comes again and we are called at the deepest, most subconscious, least cognizant level to begin to live again.

CHRISTMAS brings us all back to the crib of life to start over, aware of what has gone before, conscious that nothing can last, but full of hope that this time, finally, we can learn what it takes to live well, grow to full stature of soul and spirit, get it right.

There is a child in each of us waiting to be born again. It is those looking for life that the figure of Christ, a child, beckons. CHRISTMAS is not for children. It is for those who refuse to give up and grow old, for those to whom life comes newly and with purpose each and every day, for those who can let yesterday go so that life can be full of new possibility and ways, for those who are agitated with newness whatever their age. Life is for the living, for those in whom CHRISTMAS is a feast without finish, a celebration of the constancy of change, a call to being once more on the journey to human joy and holy meaning. (Anon)

Have a peace-filled week with the hope that summer is gentle.



World AIDS Day

CatholicCare HIV/AIDS Ministry invites you to the World AIDS Day Vigil Mass to REMEMBER those who have died from AIDS, to CELEBRATE the great inroads in treatment of HIV and to HOPE for a cure.

St Francis Church

corner Elizabeth & Lonsdale Sts Melbourne
at 5.30pm on Thursday November 30, 2017

MINISTERS

2/3 December
1st Sunday of Advent

6.00pm Mount Carmel

Commentator: Jina Mulligan
Reader: Terry Mulligan

Eucharistic Ministers: Kelly McEnhill, Terry Mulligan, Margaret Murphy

Communion to the Sick: John Molnar

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Marita Molloy

Readers: John Molloy

Eucharistic Ministers: Kelly McEnhill, Helen Warren & Frances Galvin

Counters: Jane Dee & Jim Power

Childrens' Liturgy: TBA

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Marlene Halim

Readers: Margaret Fagan

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Smith, Margaret Fagan, John Molnar

Childrens' Liturgy: Bernadette Hickey

Hospitality: Mary Mercuri

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday
St Joseph's

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$1,059.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$1,264.00

IN OUR PARISH



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

We are seeking new or "as-new" toys to distribute to the needy in the lead-up to Christmas. If you can help, please leave the toys at the back of either church at

weekends or at the Parish Office. Our conference meets next Monday evening, 27 November at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the Parish Office (above St Joseph's Hall). All welcome. If you would like to enquire about helping in our rewarding work please join us on Monday evening or call Gerhard Correa on 0400 640611 or Kathy Mount on 0437 588855.

"Christmas Floral Wreath Workshop"

Join Marlene in this class and she will introduce you to the basics of floral wreath making. All materials are provided. You can bring home the Christmas wreath you made to complement your Christmas decorations.

Sunday, 17 December at 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

O'Connor/Pilkington Room 214 Richardson St. Middle Park.

Cost : \$60 Book early to Parish Office at 9681 9600 as space is limited to maximum 8 people.



Christmas Cards for Sale

Sr Geraldine will be selling Christmas Cards on behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society after all the weekend masses for the next few weeks. There are 8 religious cards in each pack. \$7.00 per pack or \$12.00 for two packs.



This year we will also be selling a Christmas Card that the Parish has produced. These beautiful cards are available for \$1 each.

Parish Christmas Social

6.00pm - 8.30pm Tuesday 28 November - St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne

\$25.00 per person (includes Beer, Wine, Bubbles, Soft Drinks, Coffee/Tea, and prizes)

Don't forget to send in your baby or Communion Photo for our "Guess Who" competition.

For catering purposes, payment must be made by Sunday 26 November.

Please see Carmel after the 6.00pm Mass at Mt Carmel

or Marita after the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's

or Sr Geraldine after the 10.30am at Mt Carmel.

The Carmelite Centre is a joint venture of the Carmelites of Australia and East Timor and our Parish of Port Melbourne/Middle Park.

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T: (03) 9690 5430 Website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

T: 9690 5430 (leave message if unattended) or reregistration@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org
via website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

The Carmelite Library

The Carmelite Library, located in the Carmelite Hall next to the Church, is open on

Tuesdays from 12.00 to 8.00pm and Wednesday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.

t: (03) 9682 8553e: librarian@carmelitelibrary.org website: www.carmelitelibrary.org

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen until he was nearing the end. When he thought his death was imminent, and that he could probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received Holy Communion and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done. I think we should admit that this move has been a mixed blessing for the Church ever since.

On the positive side of the ledger it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. There is no question that Christianity moderated, cultivated and humanised some of the worst Roman excesses.

On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against Imperial Christianity in the 6th Century.

It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven.

The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.

That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.

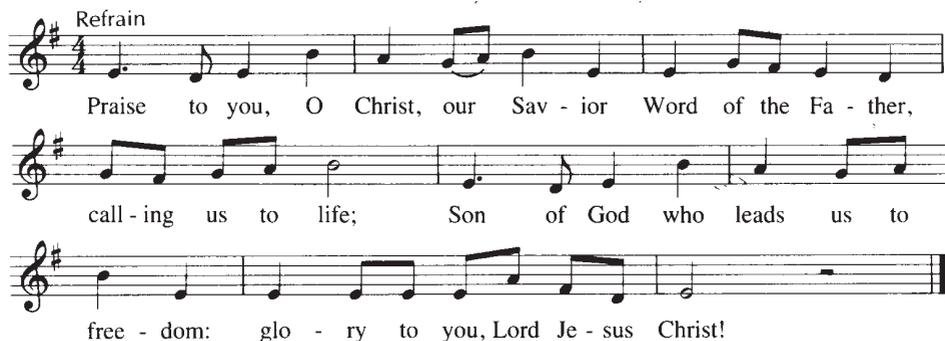
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OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

PRaise TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

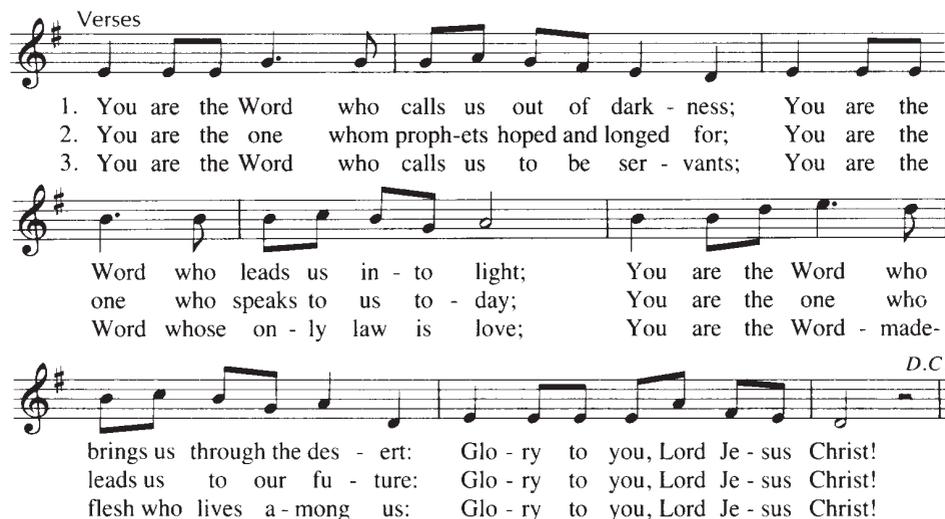
Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior Word of the Fa - ther,
call - ing us to life; Son of God who leads us to
free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verses

1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness; You are the
2. You are the one whom proph-ets hoped and longed for; You are the
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants; You are the



Word who leads us in - to light; You are the Word who
one who speaks to us to - day; You are the one who
Word whose on - ly law is love; You are the Word - made-

brings us through the des - ert: Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
leads us to our fu - ture: Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
flesh who lives a - mong us: Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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D.C.

"Mass of Light"
David Haas, 1987

PENITENTIAL RITE



All: Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. *All:* Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
All: Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

GLORIA

2
6 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good
10 will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy
14 you. We give you thanks for your great glor - ry, Lord God,
18 hea - ven - ly King, O God al - migh - ty Fa - ther.
22 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son,
26 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you
30 take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
34 us. You take a - way the sins of the world, re -
39 ceive our prayer; You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
45 Fath - er, have mer - cy on us.
49 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
53 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
57 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
61 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A men.

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 23 SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

REFRAIN:
Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life. _____
1,2,3,5 to Vss 1,2,3,5

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the

Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen.

Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**

Cel: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**

The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all sing:

HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts. Heav-en and earth are
 full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho -

Fine

Randall De Bruyn, Mass of the Resurrection

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Sav-our of the world, for by your cross and res-ur - rec-tion
 You have set us free. You have set us free.

James Chepponis:
 Jubilation Mass

Cel: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the World.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

LAMB OF GOD

1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
 2. Bread of Life, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

3. Word made flesh, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

4. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

THE HARVEST OF JUSTICE

David Haas

REFRAIN May we find rich - ness _____ in the
 1. Gath - er with pa - tience _____ for
 2. For to have mer - cy _____ on

har - vest of jus - tice _____
 those who have noth - ing _____
 those _____ for - got - ten,

which _____ Christ Je - sus _____ has
 Leave them your rich - es, _____ and
 this is my true law, _____ this

rip - ened for us, _____
 you will re - ceive, _____ (‡) Make
 is my com - mand: _____

Bread for the jour - ney, _____
 room for the poor ones, _____ (‡) make
 Clothe _____ the na - ked, _____ (‡) be

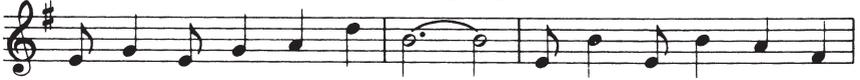
bread for the hun - gry, _____
 way for the stran - ger, _____ for
 home for the or - phan, _____ be

all for the glo - ry _____ and
 I am the Lord, _____ the
 hope for the wid - ow, _____ and

praise _____ of God, _____
 Lord your God, _____
 wel - come the lost, _____



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa-ther of all wis-dom,
2. Pow-er he has wield-ed, hon-or is his gar-ment,
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor-row,
4. Praise him with your sing-ing, praise him with the trump-et,



1. come to him and bless his name. ___ Mer-cy he has shown us,
2. ris-en from the snares of death. ___ His word he has spo-ken,
3. Spir-it of our God most high; ___ so-lace for the wear-y,
4. praise God with the lute and harp; ___ praise him with the cym-bals,



1. his love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days. ___
2. one bread he has bro-ken, new life he now gives to all. ___
3. par-don for the sin-ner, splen-dor of the liv-ing God. ___
4. praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days. ___



Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o-dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with



your mu-sic, wor-ship him and bless his name. ___

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