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O Holy Night (Hear the Gospel Story)

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O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior'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, O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night when Christ was born!



Humbly He lay, Creator come as creature,

Born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall.

True Son of God, yet bearing human feature,

He entered earth to reverse Adam's fall.



In towering grace, He laid aside His glory, And in our place, was sacrificed for sin.



Fall on your knees! O hear the gospel story!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night when Christ was born!



Come then to Him Who lies within the manger,

With joyful shepherds, proclaim Him as Lord.

Let not the Promised Son remain a stranger;

In reverent worship, make Christ your

Adored.



Eternal life is theirs who would receive Him; With grace and peace, their lives He will adorn.



Fall on your knees! Receive the Gift of heaven!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O holy night when Christ was born





You alone can Rescue

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Who, oh Lord, could save themselves,

Their own soul could heal?

Our shame was deeper than the sea

Your grace is deeper still



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You alone can rescue, You alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

You came down to find us, led us out of death

To You alone belongs the highest praise



You, oh Lord, have made a way

The great divide You healed

For when our hearts were far away

Your love went further still

Yes, your love goes further still



You alone can rescue, You alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

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To You alone belongs the highest praise



We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes You're the Giver of Life (x4)



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The First Noel

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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!



They 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

Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel!



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 has bought

Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel!



THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic meal of remembrance, participated in by Christians to remember and celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection for us.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you're not a Christian, please do not take the bread or cup, but consider taking Jesus' offer to you of forgiveness and eternal life.

Please eat the bread as you receive it

Please hold the cup till the end – we will drink it together





PARTNERSHIP IN GIVING

Giving financially (at church or by EFT) is an opportunity for Christians to generously support the needs and outreach of the church.

If you are not a Christian, please simply pass the bags along.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Day service, 9 and 11 am



PRAYING TOGETHER

Kids' Talk

Loving the Saviour who is strong to save and who strengthens the saved

Why are some reasons why you love someone?

For example...







Why did David love God?



God is strong to save



When David cried out to God for help, God answered his prayer



God is strong to save

God has incredible strength and power!

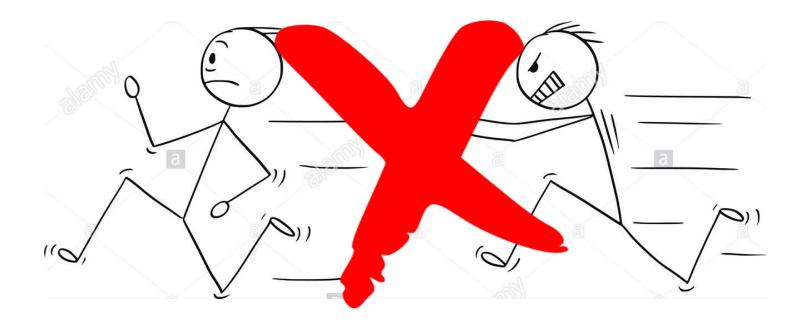




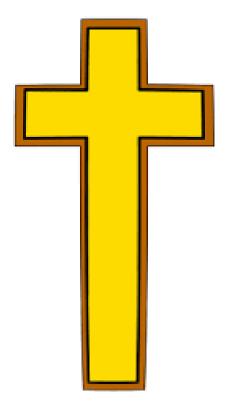
God strengthens the saved













BIBLE READING

Psalm 18





Strong to Save, Strengthens to Save PSALM 18



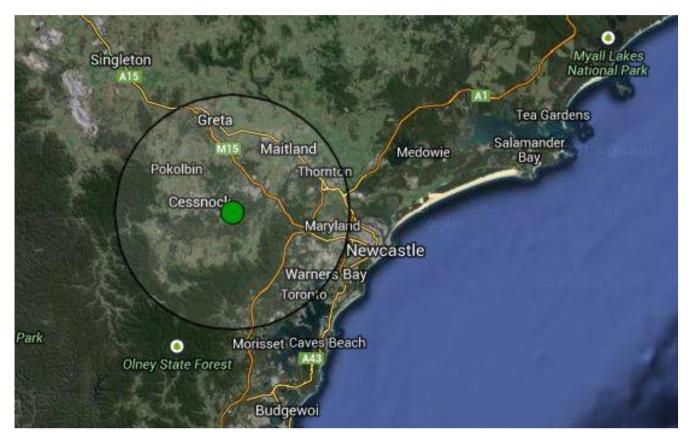




Earthquake shakes Newcastle

MATT CARR Local News







12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2 Samuel 7:12-13

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:10-13



Rock of Ages

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

hide me now, my refuge be;



Let the water and the blood,

from your wounded side which flowed,

be for sin the double cure;

Cleanse me from its guilt, and power.



Not the labours of my hands can fulfil your law's demands;



Could my zeal no respite know,

could my tears forever flow,

all for sin could not atone;

You must save, and you alone.



Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to your cross I cling;



Naked, come to you for dress,

helpless look to you for grace,

stained by sin, to you I cry,

Wash me, Saviour, or I die.



While I draw this fleeting breath,

When my eyelids close in death,



When I soar through realms unknown,

Bow before your judgement throne,

Hide me there, my refuge be,

Rock of ages, cleft for me.



Choose one or more of the following to discuss:

- How would you explain to a friend what it means for God to be your strength as well as the one who strengthens you?
- Have you come to personally know and experience the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ? How so?
- Have you responded with love and praise because of his strength? Why/why not?