



CHRISTMAS DAY EUCCHARIST

25th December 2020

Welcome to St Mary's.
This morning's service is led by Fr Andrew Woodward, Vicar of St Mary's, and our organist is Darren Jameson.

If you are attending the service in person, please be sure to sign in on arrival, sanitise, wear a mask (unless

exempted), and observe social distancing. Please wait for directions to go up for communion, which we will be receiving in one kind only.

The readings for the service are printed on this sheet, and we will follow the order of service that is printed in the red booklets, but instead of the psalm mentioned on page 6 we will hear instead the hymn *Silent Night!* We regret that we are unable to sing hymns together this morning.

To join this service online, go to: <https://bit.ly/StMarysKT>.

You can also join the service by phone on **020 8080 6591**. When prompted, key in the **Meeting ID: 981 5467 9178** and **Password: 254560**.

This service will be recorded and posted online afterwards.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Isaiah 9, verses 2–7)

Reader: Becky Donoher

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
This is the word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated as we listen to the hymn: *Silent Night!*

THE EPISTLE (Titus 2, verses 11–14)

Reader: Jason Mannix

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL (Luke 2, verses 1–14)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

This is the Gospel of The Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The **HOMILY**, by Fr Andrew Woodward

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by The Revd Sarah Van den driessche

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

Recessional Music: Choral Prelude on *In Dulci Jubilo* – J.S. Bach

We wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas.

A free take-away Christmas lunch will be served from the Church Hall at 12 noon. All are welcome to share in the lunch, which has been kindly funded by donors to our Christmas Appeal and is offered in partnership with St Anne’s Day Centre.