



MIDNIGHT MASS of the NATIVITY

24th December 2020
Christmas Eve

Welcome to St Mary's.
This evening's service is led by Fr Andrew Woodward, Vicar of St Mary's, and the preacher is our Assistant Curate, The Revd Sarah Van den driessche.
Our organist is Darren Jameson.

If you are attending the service in person, please 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 evening.

Online worship

This service is live-streamed using Zoom software.

To join 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 52, verses 7–10)

Reader: Philip Davis

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'You God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

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

THE EPISTLE (Hebrews 1, verses 1–4)

Reader: Kaye Inglis

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

THE GOSPEL (John 1, verses 1–14)

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

The **HOMILY**, by **Revd Sarah Van den driessche**

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by **Fr Andrew Woodward**

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

Recessional Music: Vom Himmel Hoch – Buxtehude

*We wish everyone
a safe and peaceful Christmas.*

Friday, 25th December 2020, 10 am
CHRISTMAS DAY – Said Eucharist

A free take-away Christmas lunch will be served from the Church Hall at 12 noon.