

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH



Christmas Day
2022

From the Interim Priest-In-Charge....

Right Side Up Christmas

Some people are surprised that we do not know the year that Jesus was born, let alone the day of the year. There are different theories about how we landed on 25 December to celebrate Christmas.

We, in Aotearoa New Zealand, are still growing into a Southern-Hemisphere way of celebrating the Incarnation – God becoming as we are in order that we might become as God is.

This is our summer feast. Birth is all around us. There is newness and re-creation. The Pōhutukawa, our Christmas tree, flowers, as does the Rātā. Families get together, and there are summer holidays. These things, not just the Northern winter words and traditions, need to ripen in our images.

God comes to us at every time and in every place – into our joys, our difficulties, our elation, and our tragedies. May, through this celebration, Christ be born again in us today.

We celebrate Christ's coming with the sacrament of consecrated Bread and Wine. A sacrament brings about what it symbolises.

May this celebration help us to see God's presence at work in God's world, may we point to God's action, may we ourselves be a sacrament – an efficacious sign – of God's love for everything.

May God bless us all this Christmastide.



Fr Bosco Peters

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Christmas Day

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Celebrant:	Fr Bosco Peters	Organ:	Paul Ellis
Mass Setting:	A Festive Eucharist		Noel Rawsthorne
Organ Voluntary:	Sinfonia from the Christmas Oratorio		JS Bach

Introit Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels sing

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem:
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give them second birth.
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!*

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

The people are invited to call to mind their sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison, Christe, eleison, Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.**

Through the cross of Christ, ✠ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Isaiah 52: 7–10

Fr Ron Smith

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, "Your 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 98

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvellous things. With your own right hand, O Lord, and with your holy arm you have gained for yourself the victory. **R.**
2. You have made known your victory, you have displayed your saving power to all the nations. You have remembered your faithfulness, and your love for the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen your victory. **R.**
3. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth, sing and rejoice with the sound of melody. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **R.**

Second Reading: (*sit*) Hebrews 1: 1–4

Thomas Visakan

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.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, today a great light has shone upon the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
A reading from the Holy Gospel

**The Lord bless you
Praise and Glory to God**

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Praise and Glory to God**

Gospel: Luke 2: 1–20

Fr Peter Williams

Praise and glory to God. 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 Judæa, 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 first-born 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!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon:

Fr Bosco Peters

Affirmation of Faith: *(stand)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*).

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions:

Margaret Maclagan

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

Devotions before the Crib:

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**
Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me according to your Word.** Hail Mary...

And the Word became flesh: **And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary... Pray for us,

O Holy Mother of God, **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.** We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ☩ cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer a sign of peace to those around us.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn: O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come..

Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come..

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come..

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God In the highest:
O come..

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with
lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come..

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come..

Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit you sanctified the mother of your Son; make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son.

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Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father.

Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth; your resurrection we
proclaim; your coming we await. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvellous things.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The bell is rung for Holy Communion, to which all baptised Christians are invited.

Choir: Away in a manger

W.J. Kirkpatrick

Choir: Ding dong merrily on high

arr. Woodward

Communion Hymn: 387

Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle child of gentle mother,
In a stable born our brother,
Give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to us the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!

Prayer after Communion:

Father of all, the child born for us today is the Saviour of the world. He made us your children. May he welcome us into your kingdom, where he lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing:

When he came as a little child, the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world, and filled this holy day with his glory. May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness. **Amen.**

God sent his angels to shepherds to herald the great joy of our Saviour’s birth. May he fill you with joy and make you heralds of his Gospel. **Amen.**

When the Word became fully human, earth was joined to heaven. May he give you his peace and goodwill, and fellowship with all the heavenly host. **Amen.**

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: Joy to the world!

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come;
let earth receive her king;
let every heart
prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world!
The Saviour reigns;
let us our song employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world
with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of
his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Organ Voluntary: Toccata

Theodore Dubois

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

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Today	Christmas Day
8:00 am	Mass
10:00 pm	Solemn Mass
Monday	S. Stephen, the First Christian Martyr
Tuesday	S. John the Evangelist
Wednesday	Holy Innocents
Thursday	Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop, Martyr, 1170
Friday	Josephine Butler, Worker among Women, 1905
Saturday	John Wycliffe, Theologian and Reformer, 1384
Next Sunday	The Holy Family/The Naming of Jesus
8:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Margaret Weaver.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Mary Lazarus, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Amelia Seymour, Marcia Gray, Jessica Pasea, John Flavell—Priest
(Tues) Marie Ellis (Thurs) Isabel Tuck.