

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24 December 2022

4:00pm *Children's Crib & Carol Service*

11:00pm *Carols*

11:30pm *Solemn Mass of Christmas Night*
Procession of the Christ Child to the Crib

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25 December 2022

8:00am *Mass of the Dawn*

10:00am *Mass of the Day*
Procession & Crib Devotions



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Nine Lessons and Carols

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Celebrant: Fr Bosco Peters **Organ:** Paul Ellis

Organ Prelude: In dulci jubilo BWV 729 JS Bach

Processional Hymn: Once in Royal David's city (Verses 1 and 2 Choir only)

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed: Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.	For he is our childhood's pattern Day by day like us he grew, He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.
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He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall: With the poor and mean and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.	And our eyes at last shall see him Through his own redeeming love, For that Child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heaven above: And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.
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And through all his wondrous childhood He would honour and obey, Love, and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms he lay; Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as he.	Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see him: but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high, Where like stars his children crowned, All in white shall wait around.
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The Bidding Prayer:

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this province of Canterbury and city of Christchurch. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, singing:

Blessing:

May Jesus, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly fill you with the delight of inward peace and goodwill.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the son, ✠ and the Holy spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever.

Choir: Amen (Smith of Durham)

Final 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, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

See how the Shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw night with
lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Organ Voluntary: Unto us a child is born (from the Messiah)

GF Handel arr Henry Smart

Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14

Fr Bosco Peters

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to John. **Praise and glory to God.**

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 come 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 (genuflect) 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 Christ. **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

Choir: Three Kings Peter Cornelius arr. Ivor Atkins
Soloist: Matthew Harris

Responsory:

Your salvation is near to those who fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land.

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that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

That glory may dwell in our land.

Glory to God: Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:

Your salvation is near to those who fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land.

Collect:

God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.

Collect:

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 3: 8–18 Alex Johnston (Senior Pupil SMCS)
God's promise of future redemption.

Hymn: Of the Father's heart begotten

Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic close,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy Ghost conceived;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, In
her loving arms received.
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Second Reading: Genesis 22: 15–19 Joshua Black Wilson
God's promise to Abraham.

Choir: E'en so Lord Jesus Paul Manz

Third Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6–7 Jo Eason (Staff member SMCS)
The prophecy of Christ's birth and kingdom.

Young Voices: Ave Maria Simon Lindley

Fourth Reading: Micah 5: 2–5a Simon Green
The ruler of peace shall come from Bethlehem.

Hymn: A great and mighty wonder

A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the Infant
With virgin-honour pure.
Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth. Amen!'

While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
Ye oceans clap your hands.
Repeat the hymn again!
To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth. Amen!'

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high!
And Cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.
Repeat the hymn again!
To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth. Amen!'

Since all he comes to ransom,
By all be he adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em,
The Saviour and the Lord.
Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth. Amen!'

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1: 26-35, 38 Jane Ellis
The angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary.

Choir: Magnificat Melchior Robledo
Cantor: Craig Knowles

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7 Jack Barrie
The birth of Jesus.

Choir: The Linden Tree carol Malcolm Archer
Soloist: Craig Knowles

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16 Johann Williams
The shepherds go to the manger.

Hymn: What child is this?

What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise
Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's son is here,
His love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Saviour comes,
The Babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
All tongues and peoples own him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let every heart enthrone him:
Raise, raise your song on high
While Mary sings a lullaby,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the son of Mary.

Choir and Young Voices: The Sussex Carol English Traditional arr. David Willcocks

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11 Fr Ron Smith
The wise men are led by a star to Jesus.

Hymn: The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
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:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it
went:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
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:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
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 naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.