

# Christmas Eve

*Sung Mass at 3:00 pm*



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS**  
**ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR: The Nativity of our Lord, and for His coming again.  
For the Intercessions of the Saints, in particular the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Thomas our Patron, for God's faithfulness and provision, for family, parents friends, loved ones, for the birth of a child, for birthdays, for St. Thomas's parishioners, clergy, friends & associates, and in memory of those known only to God.

**AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

John Bulicz  
Jozef & Romana Bulicz  
Warren Heaslip  
Murray Kingsburgh

L. Bigford  
R. Corbie  
The Hendrickson Family  
Pearl Phillips

Teresa Tice-Mei Nee

Ernie & Betty Jesshope  
Jean & Geo Cushing

Mary Suddon  
Patricia Goss  
Lilian Wei-Chee Goh

Francis Burk Sutton  
Dr. Audrey Noreen Crocker  
John Gardham  
Katherine Barber  
Doreen Stanton  
Dr. Celia Viets  
Irene Sheridan  
John Paul Napier  
Ruth Mallett  
Jack Hamilton Bush  
John Lawson  
Marjorie Rhodes Willis  
Leslie Birmingham  
Susan Clarke

Parents, family and friends,  
and those known only to God.

**Celebrant & Homilist:** Fr Humphrey  
**Cantor:** Jennifer McCallum  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

*1. Given recent research, cloth masks on their own, unless worn with two disposable masks, provide insufficient protection. At all times, therefore, everyone in the church must wear an N95, KN95, or an acceptable equivalent mask. If you do not have one of these qualifying masks, the minimum acceptable coverage is two disposable medical face masks properly fitted. If you do not have an acceptable mask, two disposable masks will be issued to you at the door.*

*2. Congregational singing is still allowed, but we strongly recommend that you do so softly, if at all. Tuneful humming, such as when we are enjoying a piece of music on the radio, is fine; we want you to enjoy the music and to participate in it, but with this new variant that is several times more contagious than others, we can't encourage anything more than gentle singing behind your mask(s).*

*All stand at the ringing of the bell for the entrance of the ministers.*

**HYMN 75 - O come, all ye faithful**

- 1 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!*
- 2 God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created;  
*Refrain.*
- 3 Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
Glory to GOD  
In the Highest;  
*Refrain*
- 4 See how the Shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps:  
*Refrain*

*ADESTE FIDELES*  
*Melody probably by J.F. Wade 1711-86*  
*Please kneel.*

*Latin 18 century*  
*Tr Frederick Oakeley 1802-80 and others*

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please stand.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*Celebrant:* Glory be to God on high,  
*People:* **and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## EPISTLE – Hebrews 1.1-12

The Epistle is written in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the first verse.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time,

Thou art my Son,  
This day have I begotten thee?  
And again,  
I will be to him a Father,  
And he shall be to me a Son?

And again, when he bringeth the first-born into the world, he saith,  
And let all the angels of God worship him.

And of the angels he saith,  
Who maketh his angels spirits,  
And his ministers a flame of fire.

But unto the Son he saith,  
Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever;  
A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom:  
Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;  
Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee  
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

And again he saith,  
Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid  
the foundation of the earth;  
And the heavens are the works of thine hands:  
They shall perish, but thou remainest;  
And they all shall wax old as doth a garment;  
And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up,  
And they shall be changed;  
But thou art the same,  
And thy years shall not fail.

Here endeth the Epistle.

*To be sung by the Cantor:*

#### **GRADUAL**

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks. Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving. With trumpets also and the sound of the horn, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King. Alleluia *Psalms 98.5-7*

*Please stand.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 1.1-14**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the first verse.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them

that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

#### SERMON

*Please stand.*

#### NICENE CREED

*Celebrant:* I believe in one God,

*People:* **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### OFFERTORY

**HYMN 79**—Of the Father's love begotten

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten,  
Ere the world worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the Source, the Ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that the future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 O that birth for ever blessed!  
When the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bare the Saviour of our race,  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore.

3 This is he whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord;  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord,  
Evermore and evermore.

4 O ye heights of heaven, adore him;  
Angel-hosts, his praises sing;  
All dominions, bow before him,  
And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore.

*DIVINUM MYSTERIUM*

*Melody from Piæ Cantiones Theoderici Petri Nylandensis 1582*

*Latin, Prudentius 348-413*

*Tr R.F. Davis 1866-1937*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, accept these our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation; and grant that by our communion with God made man we may be found in the likeness of him in whom our substance is united unto thee; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please kneel.*

### INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant:* Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light. Let us pray for the church and for the world.

*Intercessor:* On this holy night, Christ came among us in great humility. We pray for the Church, for Andrew our bishop, for \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and for all the clergy and laity who serve God's people, especially in this parish; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and Linda our Primate.

Lord in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* On this holy night, the angels sang "on earth peace, good will toward men." We pray for the Queen and all in authority in this country, province, and city, that they may work for peace and promote the well-being of all.

Lord in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* On this holy night, the shepherds found the Christ Child lying in a manger, and Blessed Virgin Mary and Blessed Joseph: bless our homes and families, and all those we love. We give thanks for all that God has given us that we now name, silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May we be guided by angels to God's abundant love for us all.

Lord in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* The darkness of this night is scattered with the light of Christ's presence: bring comfort to all who suffer, who grieve, who are alone, who are ill, who are poor or homeless, and who are oppressed. We pray for the sick, especially for \_\_\_\_\_, and we pray for those whom we have been asked to pray, especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord in thy mercy  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* In the Word made flesh, you have joined heaven and earth. We pray for those who have died in recent days, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and for those others whose years mind is at this time \_\_\_\_\_. Keep in safety all those who have died that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in the joys of heaven.

Lord in thy mercy  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

#### INVITATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*All Say:*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded. And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And we pray that by the power of thy

Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE**

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

*The consecrated Bread is broken.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
**And with thy spirit.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:*

We do not presume

**to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

*All Say:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

#### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING**

**My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.**

## ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me.  
And bid me come to thee,  
That with thy saints I may praise thee,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

*Please kneel.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, whose blessed Son didst humble himself to share our birth and our death, and who ever permittest us in these holy mysteries to draw near with gladness unto his holy Nativity: Bring us with the shepherds and wise men to kneel before his lowly cradle, that we may come to sing with thine angels his glorious praises in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is alive, and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## PROCESSION TO THE CRÈCHE

### HYMN 77 - Hark! The herald angels sing

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| 1 Hark! the herald angels sing,<br>Glory to the new-born King,<br>Peace on earth, and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled.<br>Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br>Join the triumph of the skies;<br>With the angelic host proclaim,<br>'Christ is born in Bethlehem.' | 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,<br>Christ, the everlasting Lord,<br>Late in time behold him come,<br>Offspring of a Virgin's womb.<br>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!<br>Hail, the Incarnate Deity!<br>Pleased as Man with man to dwell,<br>Jesus, our Emmanuel. |
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*Refrain:*

*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

*Refrain.*

## BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Almighty and everlasting God, who for our salvation didst cause thine only-begotten Son to come down from heaven, and to be born of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary: Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to bless and hallow this crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all we who behold it shall ponder and adore the mystery of his holy Incarnation, and be fulfilled with thy heavenly benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL OF THE CONGREGATION

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- 3 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 man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. *Refrain.*

*MENDELSSOHN*  
*From a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809-47*

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*  
*and others*