



A Service of the Word
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**All Saints', St Augustine of Canterbury, &
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and
Christ Church (Anglican), Colchester
St Andrews' Anglican Church, Harrow

The Eve of the Nativity of the Lord December 24th, 2021

Opening Responary & Gathering of the Community

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All And also with you.

Welcome & Advent Wreath Lighting

One Joy to the world!

All The Lord has come!

One The central candle is lit and this response is used Jesus is the light of the world.

All A light no darkness can ever put out.

Sing Advent candles tell their story / on this Christmas Day. / Those who waited for God's glory: / they prepared the way. / Christ is with us: loving, giving, / in us living, / here today!

Opening Hymn CP 123 Once in Royal David's City

Confession and Absolution

One Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to worship. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

One Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Act of Praise CP 153 Good Christians All, Rejoice

Collect of the Day

One Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 95

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

Gradual Hymn CP 128 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20

Sermon

The Venerable Jane Humphreys

Archdeacon of Essex

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Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess our faith as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition ending "Shine upon them ..." with "... and give them peace."

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP 330

O Praise Ye the Lord

One Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All 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 those who 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.

Doxology

One Glory to God

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

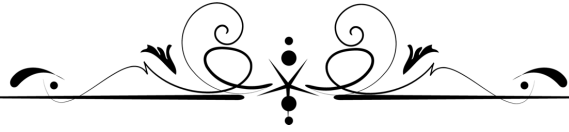
Closing Hymn CP 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Dismissal

One Go into the night, glorifying and praising God for all you have seen and heard.

All Thanks be to God.



Announcements

Join us to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Also, we have begun to offer onsite worship in each of the sites listed – please contact your parish for information about how to participate.

Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each parish will communicate changes as we move through this time.

Please be in touch with your priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time.

Your continued financial support remains needed so that the church can continue its ministry in the wider world. Please mail your contributions to the church, get signed up for pre-authorized giving, or visit the Canada Helps Page for your parish:

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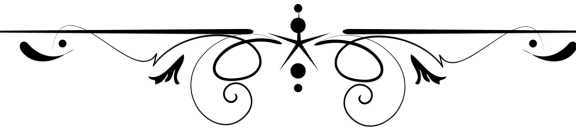
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First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In
his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The
sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let
us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you
would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at
Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said,
'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.'

Therefore in my anger I swore, 'They shall not enter my rest.'

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

For 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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **All: Thanks be to God**

The Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy 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!'

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.

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 123

Once in Royal David's City

1 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.

2 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.

3 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,
when, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall gather round.

Act of Praise CP 153

Good Christians All, Rejoice

1 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!

Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!

Gradual Hymn CP 128

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name was Jesus.

Refrain

He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes! believer!
Oh, yes! believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.

2 The angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
and they say that his name was Jesus.

Refrain

3 The wise men saw where the baby
born,
the wise men saw where the baby born,
the wise men went where the baby born,
and they say that his name was Jesus.
Refrain

Offertory Hymn CP 330

O Praise Ye the Lord

1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the
height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were
made,
and worship before him, in brightness
arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon
earth,
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new
birth;
praise God who hath brought you all
grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you the
pathways of love.

3 O praise ye the Lord! all things that
give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in
deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God
hath done.

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and
song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,

for grace of salvation, O praise ye the
Lord!

Closing Song CP 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

5 Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.