

Christmas Day 25.12.2020



Welcome – Rev'd Andrew Dand

I bring you good news of great joy: a Saviour has been born to you.

Alleluia!

Unto us a Child is born, a Son is given.

Alleluia!

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

We worship and adore him. Alleluia!

With the Shepherds before the new-born Christ child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith as we keep a moment of silence and call to mind our sins.

You, Lord, were born for our salvation. Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You came to bring light into the darkness of our lives. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May Almighty God who sent his Son into the world to save sinners

forgive us our sins

and bring us his pardon and peace,

now and forever.

Amen.

Advent candle prayer

Today we light our final candle, the Christmas candle, to remind us that Jesus has brought light and hope into our world. No matter how dark the world may seem, that light still shines through.

We light this candle to celebrate that new life and light bring joy and hope to our world. In our relationship with Jesus everything is possible and that is why we have hope in Him.

Everything that was created received its life from Jesus, and his life gave light to everyone.
The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out.

Reading: *Luke 2: 1-20*

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.

Reflection

Prayers

The Peace

Unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called
the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Holy Communion

The Lord is here
His 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 give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but 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.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of the Father.**

Prayer after Communion:

**God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through
him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen**

Notices

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Mary and Joseph,
and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas time
And may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.