



the **Church**  
of **St Peter** and  
**St Simon-the-Apostle**

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**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2022**

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*“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.”*  
*St. John 1.14.*

The Clergy, Churchwardens and staff of  
The Church of St. Peter & St. Simon-the-Apostle and San Lorenzo Ruiz  
wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Blessing of the Crib & Festal Eucharist at 10.00 pm.**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine  
Assisting: The Reverend Christopher Dangpilen (San Lorenzo Ruiz)  
Servers: Fen Nanton, Vincent Wong, Celine Wong, Cynthia Wong

Director of Music: Robin Davis    Organist: Johan van ‘t Hof  
Mass Setting: *Missa ad Praesepe (Mass at the Crib)* – GEORGE MALCOLM

*The flowers at the altar are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving  
for the ministry of the wardens, choir and clergy and the many who serve at St. Peter and  
St. Simon’s and San Lorenzo Ruiz, by Duncan and Barbara Towe.*

*Other Christmas flowers and decorations throughout the Church are given  
to the honour and glory of Almighty God by*

*Daphne Harris in memory of Rosaleen Sherrard,  
Ena Ford in memory of family and friends,  
Jean Ponter in memory of loved ones,  
Joyce Brighty in memory of her husband Derrick,  
Marc Cote in memory of Vera Grace Doddridal & Christina Pugsley,  
Paul Faulkner in memory of absent friends and family,  
Peggy Needham in memory of her parents Frances and Spencer Reeder  
Robert O’Keefe in memory of Reginald & Dorothy Fleming,  
Ted & Isabella Robinson in memory of their parents Albert. Augel, Bill & Doris,  
Geoffry Sangwine in memory of his father Anthony  
also by Christopher Ashby, Joy Quan-Lee, and an anonymous donor*

**Prelude** *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BWV 604*  
*In Dulci Jubilo, BuxW 197*  
*In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729*

J.S. BACH  
 DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE  
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## **Entrance Procession and Blessing of the Crib**

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*The choir, servers and clergy enter at the west end of the Church.*

*Celebrant* Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given;  
*All* **And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor  
 the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in Peace Alleluia, alleluia!  
*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia Alleluia!**

**Processional Hymn 118** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

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: *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
 glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

### **The Blessing of the Christmas Crib**

*At the pulpit*

*Celebrant* The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.  
*All* **And we beheld his glory.**

*Celebrant* Lord of hosts, sanctify and bless this manger, that all who look upon it may be reminded of the humble birth of Jesus and be blessed evermore by him who is God

with us and the Saviour of all, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

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*

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and  
with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt  
love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and  
the prophets.

*All* **Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws  
in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

*Choir* *Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

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

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## **The Collect**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon  
him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate,  
and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy  
Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee  
and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

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### First Lesson *Isaiah 9:2-7*

*Read by Paul Faulkner*

*Reader* The first lesson is written in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse.

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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96** *Sung by all. You are invited to remain seated.*

Ivor Atkins

- <sup>1</sup> O sing unto the ' Lord a · new ' song; /  
sing unto the Lord, ' all the ' whole ' earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing unto the Lord, and ' praise his ' Name; /  
be telling of his sal'vation from ' day to ' day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his honour a'mong the ' nations, /  
and his ' wonders a'mong all ' peoples.

- <sup>4</sup> For the Lord is great, and cannot ' worthily be ' praised; /  
 he is more to be ' feared than ' all ' gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the peoples, ' they are · but ' idols; /  
 but it is the ' Lord that ' made the ' heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Honour and majesty ' are be'fore him: /  
 strength and ' beauty are ' in his ' sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye ' kindreds · of the ' peoples, /  
 ascribe unto the ' Lord ' glory and ' power.
- <sup>8</sup> Give unto the Lord the honour ' due un·to his ' Name; /  
 bring presents and ' come in'to his ' courts.
- <sup>2<sup>nd</sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the ' beauty of ' holiness; /  
 let the whole earth ' stand in ' awe of ' him.
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations that the ' Lord is ' King; /  
 he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;  
 he shall ' judge the ' peoples ' righteously.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice and let the ' earth be ' glad; /  
 let the sea make a noise, and ' all that ' is there'in.
- <sup>12</sup> Let the field be joyful, and ' all · that is ' in it; /  
 then shall all the trees of the wood re'joice be'fore the ' Lord;
- <sup>13</sup> For he cometh, for he cometh to ' judge the ' earth, /  
 and with righteousness to judge the world, and the ' peoples ' with his ' truth.

## **Second Lesson** *Titus 2:11-14*

*Read by Paul Faulkner*

*Reader* The Epistle is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Letter of Paul to Titus, beginning at the 11<sup>th</sup> verse.

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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 141** *It came upon the Midnight Clear*

NOEL

It came upon the midnight clear,  
 That glorious song of old,  
 From angels bending near the earth  
 To touch their harps of gold!  
 Peace on the earth, to all good will,  
 From heaven's all gracious King!  
 The world in solemn stillness lay  
 To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
 With peaceful wings unfurled  
 And still their heavenly music floats  
 O'er all the weary world;  
 Above its sad and lowly plains  
 They bend on hovering wing.  
 And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
 The blessed angels sing.

**The Holy Gospel** *Luke 2:1-20*

*Please remain standing. All turn to face the Gospel as it is read in the centre aisle.*

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Leader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*All* **Glory be to thee, 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.

*Leader* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Hymn 141** *It came upon the Midnight Clear*

NOEL

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
 The world hath suffered long;  
 Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
 Two thousand years of wrong;  
 And we, amid our wars hear not  
 The love song which they bring:  
 O listen now, and still your strife,  
 And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on  
 by prophets seen of old,  
 when with the ever-circling years  
 shall come the time foretold:  
 when the new heaven and earth shall own  
 the Prince of Peace their King,  
 and the whole world send back the song  
 which now the angels sing.

**Homily** *Please be seated*

**Anthem** *O Holy Night*

Duet - Maria Milenic and Jamie Coole-Stevenson

ADOLPHE ADAM  
(arr. Stephen DeCesare)

**Nicene Creed** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* I believe in one God,

*All* **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 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.**

**Prayers of the People** *Please kneel or stand.*

*Led by Dr Ted Robinson*



## Confession, and Absolution

*The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession  
Silence is kept. Please kneel or be seated.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people:  
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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Dear friends, you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8. 9.*

## Celebration of the Eucharist

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**Hymn 132** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*All* **Of the Father's Love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.**

- Men* At his Word the worlds were framed. He commanded, it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun,  
evermore and evermore.
- Women* 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.
- Men* 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.
- Women* 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.
- All* **Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,  
honour, glory, and dominion and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore.**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* 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.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Merbecke; Common Praise 682*

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**All**      **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* 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:

*Choir*      *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. 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.*

*Please kneel or be seated.*

*Celebrant* 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:

*All*        **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,  
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**Lord's Prayer – said together**

*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 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 Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* We do not presume

*All*        **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.**

**Agnus Dei** – *Please kneel or be seated.*

*Choir Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

## **Holy Communion**

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*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion which is being administered in one kind only, bread.*

*If you would like a blessing instead, please indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*Gluten-free communion wafers are available.*

**Hymn 136** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

WINCHESTER OLD

While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind,  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind."

To you, in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:

the heavenly babe you there shall find  
 to human view displayed,  
 all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
 and in a manger laid.

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
 appeared a shining throng  
 of angels praising God, who thus  
 addressed their joyful song.

"All glory be to God on high,  
 and to the world be peace;  
 good will henceforth from heaven to earth  
 begin, and never cease."

**Hymn 126** *Away in a Manger*

CRADLE SONG

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
 The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
 I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from on high,  
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
 Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
 And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**Anthem** *O Nata Lux*

MORTEN LAURIDSEN

*O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.*

*O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.*

**Hymn 119** *Silent Night (please remain seated)*

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, All is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ the Saviour, is born! Christ the Saviour, is born!

Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, Love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand*

*Celebrant* Father of all, tonight earth and heaven are united  
in sending thy Son to take our human nature.  
May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Doxology**

*Celebrant* 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**

**The Gospel of the Incarnation:** *St John 1.1-14*     *Read at the Crib*

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 overcame 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 one 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.

*Please extinguish hand candles.*

**Hymn 138** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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!"

*Refrain:*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*



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 each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

### Dismissal

*Priest* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Paeon on Divinum Mysterium.*

Robin Davis - Organist

JOHN COOK

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 25 *Christmas Day* – 10.30 am Sung Eucharist.

Wednesday, December 28 *Feast of the Holy Innocents* – 11 m Sung Eucharist.

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – *Naming of Jesus* Services at 9.15 and 10.30 am.

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Sunday 9.15 am	Holy Eucharist – <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> (BCP)
1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays	Choral Eucharist - Traditional
2nd Sunday	Choral Matins - BCP
4th Sunday	Choral Eucharist - Contemporary
Sunday Evensong	As Announced