

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist

December 25, 2015
8:00 & 10AM ST PAUL'S, MANUKA
8:30AM ST DAVID'S, RED HILL



*for
unto
us a
child
is
born*

St Paul's, Manuka
and St David's, Red Hill
Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn



Welcome



A very happy Christmas to all!

TODAY WE CELEBRATE A MIRACLE. Like the angel, who heralded glad tidings to the shepherds, we meet this holy day to sing the joy of Jesus' birth. Eternity enters time with a child in Bethlehem. Yet this birth is not as we might expect, not a magisterial or glorious arrival but a simple and vulnerable coming. A tiny baby, swaddled in rags, makes God's glory known to us. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth."



Gathering in God's Name

HYMN

TIS 304

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
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!*
- 3 See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him, ...
- 6 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God, glory in the highest':
O come, let us adore him, ...
- 7 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,...

Words: John Francis Wade c.1711–1786 *tr.* Frederick Oakeley 1802–80, William Thomas Brooke 1848–1917 (vv.3–5) et al. Music: *Adeste Fideles*

- Celebrant* ✕ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People *Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.*
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

ALMIGHTY God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
✠in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH 52:7-10

Please be seated

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for

the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 98 (*Said by the congregation in alternate verses at 8am and 8.30am and sung by the choir at 10am*)

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;
- 2 **His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 **Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**
- 7 With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- 8 **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
- 10 **For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 1:1- 4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

1 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
listen well 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;
now you hear of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and you are blest 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,
calls you one and calls you all,
to gain his everlasting hall;
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save.

Words: John Mason Neale 1818-1866 *alt*
Music: *In Dulci Jubilo*

Please remain standing for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*at 10 am*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir: A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth

Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL — JOHN 1:1–14

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
✠*Glory to you, ✠Lord Jesus ✠Christ*

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 coming 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 and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON

At 8 & 10 am The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas, *Rector of St Paul's, Manuka*

At 8:30 am The Rev'd Canon John Campbell, *Associate Priest, Manuka*

THE NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church. *all stand*

WE believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. **We** believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. **We** acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. **We** look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this holy day in which we celebrate the birth of our Lord and his presence with us let us pray for the world and the Church. *(please kneel or sit as you are able)*

Almighty God, who by the glorious birth of your Son enlightened the darkness of the world: We pray that the light of his presence may shine brightly in our lives, that being filled with the spirit of goodwill, the nations may inherit the gift of peace which he came to bring.

God of all the nations

Hear our prayer.

Grant us, O God, such love and wonder that, with humble shepherds, wise men and pilgrims unknown, we may come and adore the holy Child, the Word made flesh, our heavenly King, and with our gifts, worship and serve him.

God of love

Hear our prayer.

God of peace, strengthen us in times of conflict and fear to be people of peace. Grant relief and protection to all who suffer from persecution, who live in places of oppression, or under threat of war. Give us your grace that we, by acts of kindness and words of goodwill, may spread the spirit of our infant Saviour.

God of peace

Hear our prayer.

God of healing, bring your grace to all who are sick or in special need, and strengthen us to come to their aid and comfort.

God of healing
Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, we remember those who have died and rejoice with us but upon another shore and in a greater light. Comfort those who mourn and send your peace to their hearts.

God of mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us, O God, the spirit of humility that we may never presume upon your mercy, but live as those who have been forgiven much. Make us tender and compassionate toward others; and grant that we may show in our lives your love which alone can triumph over the powers of evil.

God of forgiveness
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the light of your Incarnate Word
**Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts,
may shine forth in our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE *please stand*

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

OFFERTORY HYMN

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
Was born upon this day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

2 From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

3 The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessed Babe to find.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

4 But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this Infant lay,
They found him in a manger
Where oxen fed on hay;
His mother Mary, kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

5 Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace.
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth efface.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

Words: Words: English traditional carol
Music: arr. David Willcocks

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Celebrant Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer: fruit of the earth and work of human hands. It will become for us the bread of life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer: fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**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.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

The Deacon says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**✠Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing only, please put your hands behind you.

Please do not leave valuables in your seats as you come forward for the communion.

Please join in the singing of the following carols during communion

HYMN

TIS 316

**1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see you lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
yet, in thy dark streets shining
the everlasting light,
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.**

**2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and Peace to men on earth.**

**3 How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.**

**4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
their great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.**

The Sending out of God's People

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

God of Heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all people. **Amen**

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; And the ✠ blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

TIS 268

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| <p>1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive its king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.</p> <p>2 Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ;
while fields and streams, rocks, hills and
plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p> | <p>3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.</p> |
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- Words: Isaac Watts 1674–1748 *alt.* based on Psalm 98
Music: *Antioch*

DISMISSAL

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

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Sundays

7am Holy Eucharist (*Book of Common Prayer*)

8am Holy Eucharist with hymns (*APBA*)

10am Sung Eucharist (*APBA*)

6 pm Choral Evensong (third Sunday of the month, January to November)

Wednesdays

10am Holy Eucharist (*APBA*)

At St David's Red Hill

Sundays

8.30am Sung Eucharist (*APBA*)

Thursdays

10am Holy Eucharist (*APBA*)



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