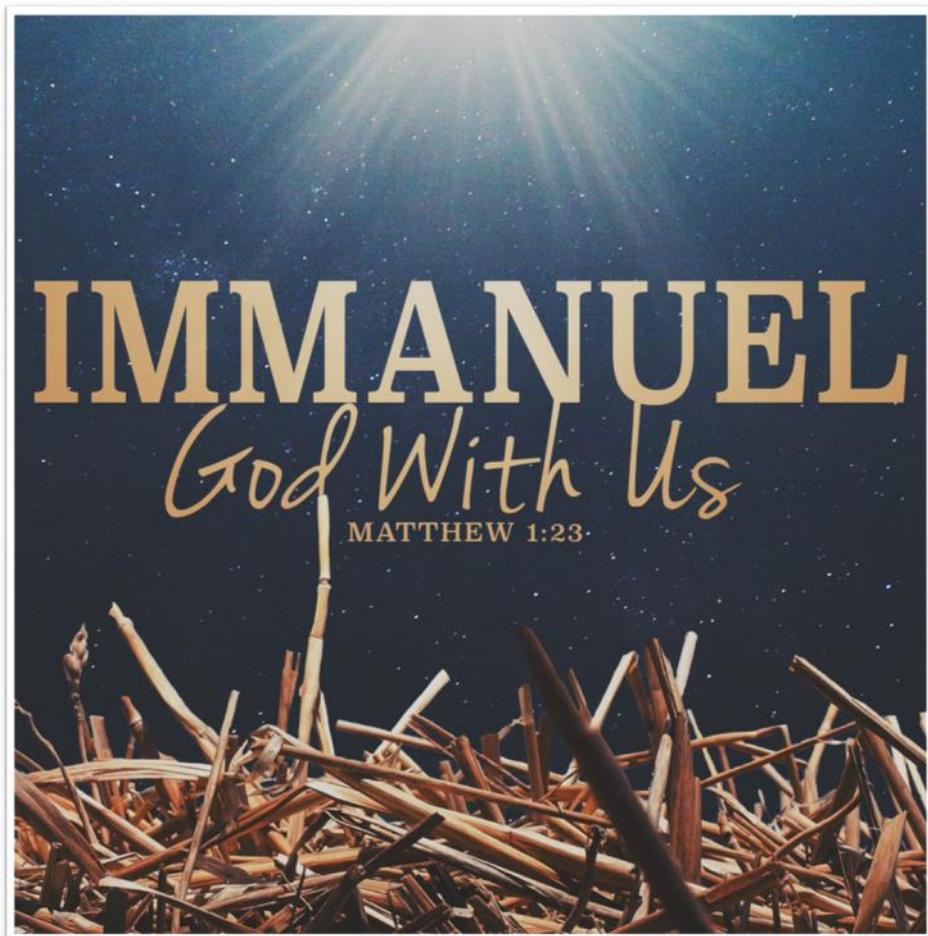


St George's Church



Christmas Day Service

Welcome Call to Worship

Come, and sing a new song to God!
For God has done wonderful things!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come

God brings justice and salvation,
God's faithful love is for everyone.

Let earth receive her king

Tell everyone to sing songs of joy in praise of God!
Make music and celebrate!

Let every heart prepare a room

For to us a child is born:

Jesus, the light of the world.

We light the Christ's Candle

Hark The Herald Angels

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'
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born 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 in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Son 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 shall die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born king.

**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,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;**



through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Hear the teaching of Christ:

you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.

And a second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear the teaching of Christ: a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name,

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Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The **word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

Sentence of the Day

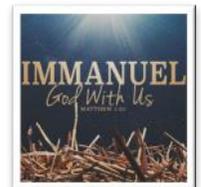
I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11

Collect of the Day

**Son of God, light that shines in the dark,
child of joy and peace, help us to come to you
and be born anew this holy night.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

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 Counselor, 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

Psalm 96

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the

forest sing for joy before the LORD;

for he is coming, to judge the earth. He will judge all the people with his truth.

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.

Gradual Carol: Silent Night

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 dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-14

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.

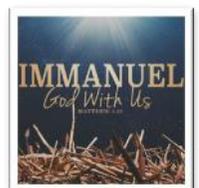
In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great 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!”

The Affirmation of Faith

**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 fully 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
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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
and 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**

**Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness**

Prayers of the People

(please remain seated)

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with You

And also with you

Offertory Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

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

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.

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
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's 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 offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,
almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word you have created all things from the
beginning

and formed us in your own image;

male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away

you called us back to yourself

and gave your Son to share our human nature.

By his death on the cross,

he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world

and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death;

you exalted him in glory.

In him you have made us a holy people

by sending upon us your holy and life giving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,

with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

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.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.



Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and every where, now and for ever. Amen

As Christ teaches us we 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.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Most merciful Lord Your love compels us to come in.

Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared: we were not fit, even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But your Lord, are the God of our Salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son , that he may live in us and we in him: and that the, with the company of Christ, may sit and eat in you Kingdom. Amen

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us (x2)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

Grant us your peace

The Invitation

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour
Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.

Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of
glory.

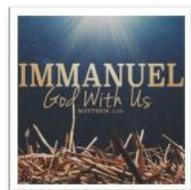
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup
bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your
children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name**

Closing Hymn

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 (x3)
Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God in the Highest;



O come, let us adore Him (x3)

Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,

Born for our salvation

Jesu, to Thee be glory given;

Word of the Father,

Now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore Him (x3)

Christ the Lord.

Go now to love and serve the Lord, go now in peace

Amen, we go in the name of Christ



Happy Christmas!!