

St Leonard's & St Mary's *Connect*



Rejoice the Lord is here!

*A Christmas Special Edition
Covering Sunday 20th, 27th Dec & 3rd January*

Carols at the Stable

Although we cannot gather in the church at this time we are glad that our outdoor nativity scene has been well received by those who have come for a look or notice them as they walk by.



On Christmas Eve we plan to have a few Carols playing at both Nativity Scenes and for their to be reading of the Christmas Story and a blessing for all who are walking by or chose to stop and ponder the wonderful story of Christmas.



**Carols will play at 4pm at St Leonard's
And at 6pm at St Mary's
Remember others may be there to
ponder too so please keep a safe
distance and your mask on as we listen
to the carols and wonder at the gift God.**



A Rector's Muse

Peace on Earth is a phrase that we often use in our prayers as we seek for there to be a global peace between all nations.

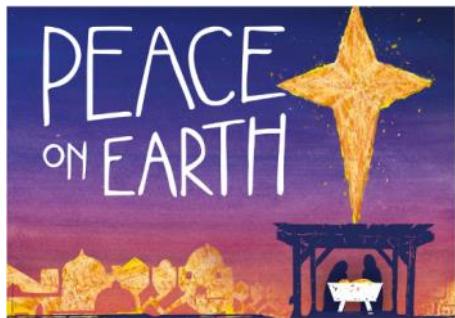
It is also the phrase used by the Angels as they gather in praise at the birth of Christ around the bewildered shepherds on the hillside outside of Bethlehem. The Angels proclaimed "Glory to God in the highest and peace and good will to all."

We may be forgiven for wondering where is this peace on earth as we look around the world as conflicts and breakdowns in relationships between nations and within nations continues to dominate our news.

Where is this peace that the Angels sang of?

To understand the peace of the Angels we need to remember once more why this babe in Bethlehem's stable was born. The Bible teaches us that in the beginning there was a wonderful relationship between us and God. God walked with humanity in the garden, the two were together, entwined in a beautiful relationship at peace with each other. However, that peaceful union was shattered as humanity listened to the lies and deceit of our old enemy and was led astray into an act of disobedience. This new state brought enmity between us and God for although God is loving, God is also holy and therefore our sin and transgressions needed to be forgiven and our hearts renewed. Although we may try to better ourselves and this is to be commended without the help of God we still remain in the rags of a broken relationship.

God however in the gift of his son, Jesus, provides a way for us to become reunited with the God of Holiness and love. Jesus, who is a holy and righteous man, a man without sin, becomes on our behalf our ransom, our Passover lamb. As a gift to us Jesus takes it upon himself to pay the price and cost of love. In loving us so much he lays down his life for us, his friends, to help restore our relationship with God. Like all gifts should be this is freely given, the question is how will we respond? Jesus is for life not just for Christmas.



*Yours with love and joy this Christmas Season
Peter*

Coffee at Mary's



We will be taking a wee Christmas break from our weekly Coffee at St Mary's Zoom Cuppas and will resume our Coffee Mornings on Saturday 2nd January.

Start the new year with Coffee and Chat by joining with us on Zoom from 10:30 am until 12 Noon on Saturday mornings. Bring your own coffee, cake and join in with the weekly chat or exhibitions.

For details of how to join the Zoom Coffee Morning please contact Andrew Watt andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk

Story Time with Santa

Join us on our Facebook or our Youtube Channel to hear some festive stories from Santa. Each day from Monday 21st to Thursday 24th December we will release a short Story for you to enjoy with your family at 6pm each night.



CHRISTMAS EVE at the Nativity Scene

If you're passing St Leonard's and St Mary's look out for our new Nativity Scene that will be erected outside the church. Then join us for short outdoor Christmas Eve Service. St Leonard's at 4pm and St Mary's at 6pm.



We give thanks again for all that our Pastoral Group undertakes on behalf of the church family. Please do contact us if you would like a chat or are in need of any help at this time. We know that sometimes a little chat over the phone can lift our spirits and offer this service to you with love for all our church family and friends.

St Leonard's Pastoral Co-ordinator is Joy Mooney 663 0889

St Mary's Pastoral Co-Ordinator is Noreen Grieve 6634817

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IZZY'S NEWS

Woof, woof, woof - I think I would be a great guard dog, even though Mum and Dad get a little annoyed and say that I bark at every gust of wind. This week as I sensed someone coming up our driveway I barked to let them know I was here protecting the front door. Then this glowing figure in white and red entered the house. It was St Nicholas whom many of us call Santa. What delight to have Santa visit the house. Dad muttered something about COVID rules but supposedly St Nic has some special dispensation.



But wait a minute its not Christmas Eve so why was Santa coming to my house. I know I have been good but I didn't think I had been that good to get a special visit! As I thought, it was not just a special visit for me but Santa bringing a gift for all of us at St Leonard's and St Mary's. His gift was a gift of wonderful stories about Christmas and why he gives presents. We filmed him telling the stories. Mum will upload them to Facebook and YouTube for you to watch each evening from Monday 21st up to Christmas Eve. Before leaving he gave me a special cuddle and told me to keep being a good dog because good dogs also get Christmas treats. I will try and be good but when Mum and Dad keep zooming with other people I get so excited that I just want to join in and say hello to everyone on the screen. Sorry!

I had another wonderful surprise this week too as we traveled up to Dundee to collect Sam from university. He is all clear of COVID and although a little exhausted he is feeling a lot better and looking forward to plenty of Izzy cuddles and spending Christmas with the family.

So it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and I hope you will stay safe but also enjoy the celebrations and remember that God's gift of Jesus is for all of us. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year and hopefully it will be one of new beginnings and new hope for all.

With love and licks from Izzy



Weekly Worship Online

Sunday @ 10am with Eucharist Celebration

Wednesday @ 10am Informal Worship

Join us on ZOOM for Worship and Fellowship

ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 157 5203 at 10am

Or watch our Facebook group at

"St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family"

Or phone in



Telephone Worship Service

join in with your church family by dialling into worship

(0131) 460 1196

Aware that some people in our congregations do not have access to a smart phone or computer, or are not comfortable using Facebook or Zoom we have decided to try a Dial in Service. By dialling **a local rate number** you will be able to listen to the weekly worship services both on a Sunday and a Wednesday and be able to speak and contribute to a time of fellowship with other church members after the service. We invite you to give it a try:

Step 1: At 9.55am just before the Worship Starts dial **460 1196**

Step 2: You will be asked for a Meeting ID

type in **656 157 5203**

Step 3: then press the # key

Step 4: There is no additional Password

so press the # key again

you will then be connected to the Service

*Please note that depending on your Phone Contract
you may be charged for using this service at a local rate call.*

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Sun 20th Dec

The Welcome *Elizabeth*

As we light our four candles of Advent we proclaim

Rejoice in the Lord

for he brings hope to his people

Rejoice in the Lord

for his love offers us freedom from sin and death

Rejoice in the Lord

for he is the joy of our salvation

Rejoice in the Lord

For he leads his people into the Kingdom of Peace.

Hymn **O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL,**
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.
Therefore, let us confess our sins in penitence and with faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry.

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Collect

**Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
now fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may embrace your will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

A Reading from Luke 1 v 26-38 read by Alison Bruce

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord according Luke
Glory to Christ our Saviour**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, to a virgin called Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, of the house of David, a carpenter. The angel said to Mary, "Rejoice, highly favoured one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

But when Mary saw the angel, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and you shall call Him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, the Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Even now, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was once barren.

For with God nothing is impossible."

Then Mary said, "Behold I am the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection Mike

Song **LORD JESUS CHRIST,** You have come to us,
 You are one with us, Mary's son.
 Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
 Pouring Your love and goodness in;
 Jesus, our love for You we sing, Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
Born as one of us, Mary's son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, We would come to You,
Live our lives for You, Son of God.
All Your commands we know are true,
Your many gifts will make us new,
Into our lives Your power breaks through, Living Lord.

Intercessions for Today *led by Sandiann*

The Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer *Peter*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Dawn and evening celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son, the life of heaven and earth were joined,
sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness
look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who await the coming of your Son,
we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.
In Jesus you showed us yourself.
Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one.
Obedient, even to accepting death,
he opened the gate of glory
and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
alight with the vision of a feast
that heralded a kingdom yet to come,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup,
and offered you thanks
and gave it to them, saying:
“Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

**We now obey your Son’s command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last,
in your new creation, we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

Breaking the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us so 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.**

Distribution of Communion

You may say this prayer as the presiding Priest takes bread and wine on our behalf:

*God of hope, love, joy and peace
We thank you that although we may not partake
of your bread and wine this day
We may receive the blessings of your faithfulness and love
As we await the Advent of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
May we, like Mary and Joseph, be obedient to your will
and trust you in all things until our journeys end.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness
shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Hymn WHO IS HE IN YONDER STALL at whose feet the shepherds fall?
Who is he in deep distress, fasting in the wilderness

*'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!
At His feet we humbly fall. Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!*

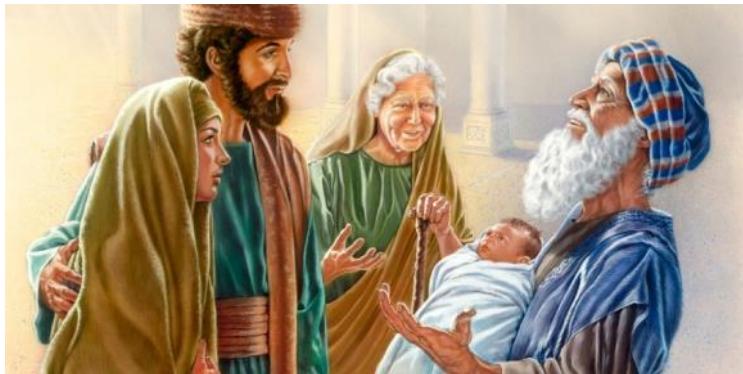
Lo! At midnight, who is he prays in dark Gethsemane
Who us He on yonder tree dies in grief and agony?

Who is He who from the grave comes to heal, and help, and save?
Who is He that from His throne Rules through all the world alone?

Dismissal Elizabeth

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

The First Sunday after Christmas Sun 27th Dec



The Welcome Peter

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad

Hymn ***COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION,***
It's a very special day;
Come and share our jubilation,
there's a new King born today!

See the shepherds
hurry down to Bethlehem;
Gaze in wonder
at the Son of God who lay before them.

Wise men journey,
led to worship by a star,
Kneel in homage,
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

'God is with us,'
'round the world the message bring;
He is with us,
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are pealing.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
Born in a stable so that we who believe in him
Could be born again as citizens of heaven.
Therefore, let us confess our sins in penitence and with faith.

**Loving God, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry.

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*God, who has given us the gift of his son in love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Reading from Luke 2: 22-40 read by Jennie Godfrey

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord according Luke
Glory to Christ our Saviour**

When the time came for Mary's purification they went up to the Temple in Jerusalem. That day a man named Simeon, was in the Temple. He was a good and devout man, the Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen God's anointed King. That day led by the Holy Spirit he entered the Temple; and when Mary and Joseph arrived to present the baby Jesus to the Lord, Simeon was there and took the child in his arms, praising God.

“Now, Lord, you have kept your promise,
and you may let your servant go in peace.
With my own eyes I have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples:
A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles
and bring glory to your people Israel.”

Joseph and Mary were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

Anna the prophet also came up to them and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection *Peter*

Song **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**, You step down into darkness.
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you
hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created.
All for love's sake became poor.

I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
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Intercessions for Today *led by Vicki Clark*

The Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer *Jacqui*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

In Jesus born of Mary, the Word became flesh,
God the Son humbled himself, to become like us,
That through his incarnation and passion
we might come to share in his divine nature.

Therefore as children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise with the angels and archangels and the
whole company of heaven saying
Glory to God in the highest
and peace and goodwill to all people
For Christ was born for us.

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.

We remember that Christ who was born for us
came to redeem his people
And therefore on the night
before he was given up to suffering and death,
He gathered with his disciples
and took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

Afterwards, he took the cup, and offered you thanks
and gave it to them, saying:

"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

We recall his wondrous birth, his life, passion and death,
And celebrate his glorious resurrection and ascension;
as we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last,
in your new creation, we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

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**Our Father in heaven,
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your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
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Forgive us our sins
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and deliver us from evil.
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are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

You may say this prayer as the presiding Priest takes bread and wine on our behalf:

*God of hope, love, joy and peace
We thank you for the gift of your Son born of Mary.
Although we may not partake of the blessed meal
of bread and wine this day
we receive the blessings of the gift of your Son
and rejoice that Christ was born for us. Amen*

Prayer after Communion

**Source of truth and joy,
may we who have received the gift of divine life
always follow the way of your Son.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

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 almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING:

Glory to the new-born 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 as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

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 men no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth.

Dismissal Peter

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





SUNDAY 3rd 2021

A Celebration of the Epiphany

The Welcome Jacqui

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad

Hymn **WE THREE KINGS** of orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain following yonder star

*O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain gold I bring to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising, Worship Him, God most high

Myrrh is mine, Its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia Heaven to earth replies

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
To be our new born king so that we
Could be born again as citizens of heaven.
Therefore, let us confess our sins in penitence and with faith.

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and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
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Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*God, who has given us the gift of his son in love,
forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Collect

Eternal God,
who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son,
guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A Reading from Matthew 2:1-12 read by Martin Johnson

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Reflection *Mike*

Song **COME AND PRAISE HIM, ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,**
Come and worship, holy nation.
Worship Jesus, our Redeemer,
He is precious, King of glory.

Intercessions for Today *led by Neil Stewart*

The Peace

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Eucharistic Prayer Peter

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

In Jesus, the light of the world
was revealed to all creation.

By the guiding of a star,
the Wise men were led to worship at his feet
and to proclaim him as the son of David,
the king of Israel, the King of Kings;
that in following him,
we too might be led from darkness of sin and death
into his marvellous light of love and peace.

Therefore as children of his redeeming purpose
we offer our praise with the angels
and archangels and the whole company of heaven 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.

As King and shepherd of his people
we remember that Christ laid down his life for us.

Yet before he was given up to suffering and death,
He gathered his disciples around a table
and took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my Body:
it is broken for you.”

Afterwards, he took the cup of wine,
and offered you thanks
and gave it to them, saying:
“Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.
We recall his wondrous birth,
his life, passion and death,
And celebrate his glorious resurrection and ascension;
as we look for the coming of the King of Kings.
Made one with him,
we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ’s Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last,
in your new creation, we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us so 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.**

Distribution of Communion

You may say this prayer as the presiding Priest takes bread and wine on our behalf:

*Lord we thank you for the gift of your Son born of Mary
Who was revealed to the nations as the King of Kings.
Although we may not partake of the blessed meal
of bread and wine this day
we receive the blessings of your Son
and hail him as our Lord and King. Amen*

Prayer after Communion

**God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light.
Help us to recognise Christ as he dwells with us
and with our neighbours.
May we welcome him with love,
for he is the Lord now and for ever.**

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn **ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY,**
wing your flight through all the earth;
heralds of creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth!

Come and worship
Christ, the new-born king;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born king.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching by your flocks at night,
God with us is now residing:
see, there shines the infant light!

Wise men, leave your contemplations!
brighter visions shine afar;
seek in him the hope of nations,
you have seen his rising star:

Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

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



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