

# Connect

Sunday 29th December



## The Welcome

May the Lord our Emmanuel be with you  
**and also with you**

This is the day of the Lord  
**let us worship the Name above all names**

**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 our wisdom from on high  
who ordered all things mightily .  
To us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in her ways to go

O come, the branch of Jesse, tree  
free them from Satan's tyranny;  
that trust your mighty power to save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, O 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 desire of nations bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind  
O bid our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace

## Prayer of Confession

As we meet in Jesus name let us confess our sin:

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved as you would  
have us love. We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,  
forgive us and renew us through 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

**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.**

**Hymn**     **JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES,**  
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord;  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessèd Redeemer, Living Word.

### **Gospel Reading from Luke 2v41-52**

When it is announced we say: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## *Sermon*

### Intercessions

#### **Hymn: BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD**

the Holy One is here

Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

### **Eucharistic Prayer for Christmas**

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 Christ, your Word became flesh, born of the Virgin Mary.

He emptied himself, taking on our human form, so that through his incarnation and passion we might come to share in his divine nature.

As children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the birth 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 our Emmanuel you have come to us,  
and lived for a time among us,  
that we might for ever live with you.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world,  
we remember 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, he 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 of the Bread**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our saviour 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Distribution of Communion**

*Everyone is welcomed to receive the gift of bread and wine this evening*

## **Prayer after communion**

**God our Father, you have made known to us again the incarnation  
of your Son our Lord Jesus: strengthen our faith and fix our eyes  
on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our  
hearts. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen**

## **The Blessing**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

**HYMN      JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD HAS COME;**

Let earth receive her King,  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ.  
While fields and streams and hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found  
far as, far the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
The wonders of His love,  
The wonders of His love,  
The wonders, the wonders of His love.

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**in the name Christ Amen**

***Next Sunday 5th January  
Celebrate the Epiphany with us at St Mary's 10am***



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We look forward to the start of a new year and a year of Messy Activities offering opportunities for family and friends to gather and explore some familiar Bible Stories through arts, crafts, song and story. Finishing off with a family meal together at no cost.

**Last Saturday of each Month from 4pm at St Mary's.**

January 25th - It's all about Grace and Mercy

February 22nd - Forgive one another

March 29th - Rescued and Saved

*Everybody's Welcome, anyone can come.*



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