

We join together, both those at St Luke's, and those at home using the internet or telephone

If you are at home, find somewhere comfortable, light a candle, and connect to our service via Zoom on the internet (<https://zoom.us/j/7210725462>) or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the Parish Office for the password. Follow the order of service below.

Gathering as God's people

Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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.

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.

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.

John Mason Neale

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Because Jesus himself was tested by what he
suffered, he is able to help those who are being
tested.

Hebrews 2.18

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

Almighty God, who wonderfully created, and yet
more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human

nature: in your mercy, bring us to share the divine
life of Jesus Christ, who came to share our human
life, and who now lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen

Children's ministry

Prayer before the reading of scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation
through faith in your Son.

We ask you now to teach and encourage us
through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 63.7-9

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
or he commanded and they were made.

⁶ He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

⁷ O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

⁹ Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:**
creeping things and winged birds;

¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;

¹² Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.

¹⁴ His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him.
Praise the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

Hymn: Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us,
revealed in us –
His name is called Emmanuel

Bob McGee

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Gospel reading: Matthew 2:13-23

The Sermon

Music for reflection:

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Ministry of Prayer

We pray for the church and the world.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us 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.

Confession of sin

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

A pause for reflection

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

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please say hello to everyone!

The Offertory

Hymn: What child is this

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring Him praise,
the babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King.....

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King.....

William Chatterton Dix

Thanksgiving for offered gifts

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.
Blessed be God for ever

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

...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

...for the sins of the whole world.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...in songs of never-ending praise:

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

The Breaking of 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.

The gifts of God for the people of God...

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.

Communion is shared

Post Communion Prayer

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

The sending out of God's people

Notices

Hymn: Go tell it on the mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus is His name.*

The shepherds from the hillside
gave worship and adored;
they saw the Babe of Bethlehem
was Jesus Christ the Lord:

Go tell it on the mountain,

The men from eastern countries
came later there to bring
their gifts of loving homage
to Jesus Christ the King:

Go tell it on the mountain,

A road that Jews and Gentiles,

both rich and poor have trod –
it led them all to Bethl'em,
to Christ, the Son of God:

Go tell it on the mountain,

The learned and the simple
come to the manger-stall;
he joins us in his family,
the saviour of us all!\

Go tell it on the mountain,

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 ...

Amen

Dismissal

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

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