

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: Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people;
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us Your living voice.

Christ, be our light . . .

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making Your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light . . .

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory
of the lord has risen upon you

Isaiah 60:1

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of
your glory rising in splendour: may the brightness of
your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers
the earth, signal the dawn of justice and peace, and
beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We
ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made

flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever
and 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 60.1-6

Hymn: Born in the night

Born in the night, Mary's child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's child,
born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's child,
your face lights up our way;
light of the world, Mary's child,
dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's child,
You tell us God is good;
prove it is true, Mary's child,
go to your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's child,
walk in our streets again.

Geoffrey Ainger

Gospel reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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 Son of God has been revealed as a light to
the nations.

A pause for reflection

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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: Angels from the realms of glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er 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 over flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light!
Come and worship Christ.....

Wise men, leave your contemplations!
brighter visions beams afar;
seek the great Desire of nations,
you have seen His natal star:
Come and worship Christ.....

Though an infant now we view Him,
He will fill His Father's throne,
gather all the nations to Him;
every knee shall then bow down:
Come and worship Christ.....

James Montgomery

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.

Loving God...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that when we turned away...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that on the cross...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that you anointed him...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

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: We three kings

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we travel 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 the perfect light.*

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

O star of wonder.....

Frankincense for Jesus have I,
God on earth yet Priest on high;
prayer and praising all men raising:
worship is earth's reply.

O star of wonder.....

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
tells of His death and Calvary's gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

O star of wonder.....

Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heaven sings out, 'Alleluia!'
'Amen!' the earth replies.

O star of wonder.....

Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that
your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing...

Amen

Dismissal

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

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