



**St John's Malone**  
**The Church of St John the Evangelist**  
**Friday 25th December 2020 at 10.30am**



**A Service for Christmas Morning**

**Introduction and Greeting**

I bring you good news of great joy: A saviour has been born to you. Alleluia!

**Unto us a child is born, a son is given. Alleluia!**

Hear the words of St Luke:

When the angels and shepherds had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us'. So they hastened, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

**We worship and adore him. Alleluia!**

**Penitence**

As we kneel with the shepherds before the newborn Christ child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith:

You Lord, were born for our salvation.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**



You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace.

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

You came to bring light into the darkness of our lives

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, give you his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Lighting of the white candle on the Advent Wreath*

*Hymn 160*

Hark! the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new born King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all you 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.*

2 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 us to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel:

3 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 we no more may die;  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth:

**The Collect of Christmas Day**

Almighty God, you have given us your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Ministry of the Word**

### **Reading: Luke 2: 1-7**

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.

### **A Poetic Nativity by the members of St John's Sunday School**

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family  
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Hymn 149**

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head:  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you Lord Jesus; look down from on high,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

## **The Prayers**

We bring before God our needs and the needs of the world.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

Wonderful Counsellor, give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Mighty God, make the whole world know that the government is on your shoulders.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Everlasting Father, establish your reign of justice and righteousness for ever.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Prince of peace, bring in the endless kingdom of your peace.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Almighty Lord,

**Hear our prayer, and fulfil your purposes in us,**

**as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

United as members of the Lord's family, we pray with one heart and voice and say,

**Our Father...**



## **Notices**

### **A Thanksgiving**

Glory to Christ, Son of Mary; born a child, he shares our humanity:

**glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of David; born to rule, he receives gifts from the wise:

**glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of Man; born our Saviour, you are the light of the world:

**glory to God in the highest.**

We celebrate the coming of God with all the voices of heaven:  
**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.**

### **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 ..... **Amen**

### **Final Hymn 177**

Once in Royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, and mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.  
For he is our childhood's pattern,  
day by day, like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness,  
and he shareth in our gladness.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him; but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars his children  
all in white shall wait around.



**Christmas I St John's Day  
27th Dec. 10.30am Matins**

**Thursday 31st December  
St John Apostle &  
Evangelist (transferred)  
10.30am Eucharist with  
prayers for the new year.**

Dismissal: Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.  
**Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

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**A HAPPY PEACEFUL  
AND BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS TO YOU  
AND YOURS THIS  
CHRISTMASTIDE FROM  
ALL IN ST JOHN'S  
MALONE**



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