

## Final Hymn 158

I God rest ye merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray  
*Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy*

2 From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born,  
The Son of God by Name



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

First voice: Jesus is the Light of the world.

**All voices: A light no darkness can quench.**

*Central white candle representing Christ, is lit.*

Second voice: Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long: let every heart prepare a throne, and  
every voice a song

*The following is sung: (Tune Cradle Song 'Away in a manger')*

The world was in darkness and nobody knew  
The way to the Father as you and I do  
They needed a light to show them the way  
And the light it shone bright on that first Christmas day.



**26th Dec. St Stephen**

10.30am Eucharist

**27th Dec. St John the Evangelist**

10.30am Eucharist

**28th Dec. The Holy Innocents**

10.30 Eucharist

**Naming of Jesus. 1st Jan 2023 9.00**

**Eucharist; 10.30am Eucharist**

3 The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind:  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
The blessed babe to find.

4 And when they came to Bethlehem  
Where our dear Saviour lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His Mother Mary kneeling down,  
Unto the Lord did pray.

5 Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth efface.



# St John's Malone

## The Church of St John the Evangelist

Sunday 25th December 2022 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 - see back page for liturgy*

#### 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.

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.**

### The Prayers

### 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.

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

### Offertory Hymn 151

1 Child in the manger,  
infant of Mary;  
outcast and stranger,  
Lord of all!  
Child who inherits  
all our transgressions,  
all our demerits  
on him fall.

2 Once the most holy  
child of salvation,  
gentle and lowly,  
lived below;  
now, as our glorious  
mighty Redeemer,  
see him victorious  
o'er each foe.

3 Prophets foretold him,  
infant of wonder;  
angels behold him  
on his throne;  
worthy our Saviour  
of all their praises;  
happy for ever  
are his own.

## 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**