

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Melbourne

St Bartholomew's Church

Parish of Burnley

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Worship Bulletin



Welcome to St Bart's!

We are an inner-city church in the progressive Catholic tradition of Anglicanism that welcomes all people of any race, language, culture, gender or sexuality. We hope that your time with us in worship and prayer is both inspiring and encouraging.

24 December, 2022 – Christmas Eve

11pm Carols, Blessing of the Crib & Midnight Mass

St Bartholomew's Church, Burnley

Our Vision

To live as citizens of, and invite others into, God's Kingdom.

Our Mission

The Mission of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley, is to be a community who values the blessings and trust in the promises of God's Kingdom within the cultural and social context of Richmond, Melbourne:

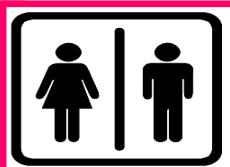
- To live humbly before God and with all people
- To be dependent on God's comfort
- To be gentle with people and all Creation
- To hunger and thirst for the right ways of God
- To show mercy and compassion toward others
- To live with purity in motive and deed
- To be passionate for peace
- To persevere in the face of opposition

Based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) Adopted by the 2015 Annual Meeting

CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENT

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley commits to meeting all of the standards of the Child Safety Code of Conduct of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, and the Victorian Government's mandatory Child Safe Standards (Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Act 2015, Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Oversight and Enforcement of Child Safe Standards) Act 2016). The parish community seeks to promote the cultural safety of all children, including Aboriginal children, who come to us from a culturally or linguistically diverse background. We also seek to ensure the safety of any child with a disability. The parish community affirms that all children who come to St Bartholomew's have a right to feel and be safe. We are committed to ensuring that children's best interests are met within our parish. We have zero tolerance towards child abuse. The parish community actively works to listen to and empower children within our community.

Facilities including disabled and baby change room are located in the front entrance of the main hall. Enter via the main door of the hall. For all able access see welcomer.



If you want to ensure regular giving to St Bart's, but find you never have the right amount in cash, or are sometimes unable to attend on Sundays, then

St Bart's Direct Transfer may work for you.

Account Name: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church Burnley

BSB: 703 122

Account Number: 05009430

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Carols, Blessing of the Crib & Midnight Mass

Presiding & Preaching:	Bishop Alison Taylor
Celebrant:	Fr Graeme Brennan
Deacon:	Fr Jim Brady
Sub Deacon:	Trevor Blake
Organist:	Linda Kent
Mass Setting:	Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias

Gathering

Organ Prelude

Bidding Prayer

Christ has brought us out of darkness:
to live in his marvellous light.

Beloved in Christ, welcome tonight to St Bartholomew's. Let it be our joy and delight to come together in the presence of God our Father to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the light of the world, to hear and receive the story and message of the coming of Christ, and to offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

Carol

God rest you merry, people all

**God rest you merry, people all, let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this 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.**

**From God our heav'nly 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:**

***Refrain:* O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind
and left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,
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.**

**But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay,
they found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray:**

**Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**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 others doth deface:**

**Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

English traditional, arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015) and Mark Sirett (1952-)

Reading [*Isaiah 9: 2 – 4, 6 - 7*]

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol

It came upon a midnight clear

**It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
from heav'n's all gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing;
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, and cease your strife,
and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
by prophet-bards foretold
when, with the ever-circling years,
comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.**

Blessing of the Crib

When the procession has reached the crib, the priest places the Christ child in the crib and says:

Heavenly Father, this night we celebrate the birth of your only begotten Son of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary for our salvation. Hallow and bless this crib, where we see shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all who see it will think deeply and adore the mystery of his Holy Incarnation. May they be filled with your heavenly blessing in this life and the life to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who fills this night with heavenly splendour by the birth of your incarnate Word: grant that we who on earth behold the light that has shone out of darkness, may at length attain to the light of eternal glory; through the same, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carol

O little town of Bethlehem

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

Text by Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), English traditional melody, arr. by R. Vaughan Williams

Preparation for Midnight Mass

We wait for your loving-kindness, O God,
In the midst of your temple.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed
And all flesh shall see it together.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
And grant us your salvation.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Interlude

Processional Carol

Of the Father's heart begotten [Stand]

**Of the Father's heart begotten
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain,
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.**

**By his word was all created;
he commanded and 'twas done;
earth and sky and boundless ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,
all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore.**

**This is he, whom seer and sybil
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealèd
in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
evermore and evermore.**

**Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.**

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348 – c. 413); Trans. R. F. Davis (1866 – 1937)

Kyrie Confession & Absolution

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

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins
in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you were born for our salvation: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace: Christ,
have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you come to bring light into the darkness of our lives:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in
faith: ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth, Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa- ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your
 glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
 ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the_ glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Opening Prayer

(Let us pray) Eternal God, who at the world's midnight sent Wisdom from heaven to pitch a tent on earth, let the glory which heralded his coming be kindled again among your people and the peace of which the angels sang be shown forth in the lives of those who believe. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word

Epistle [Titus 2: 11 – 14]

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

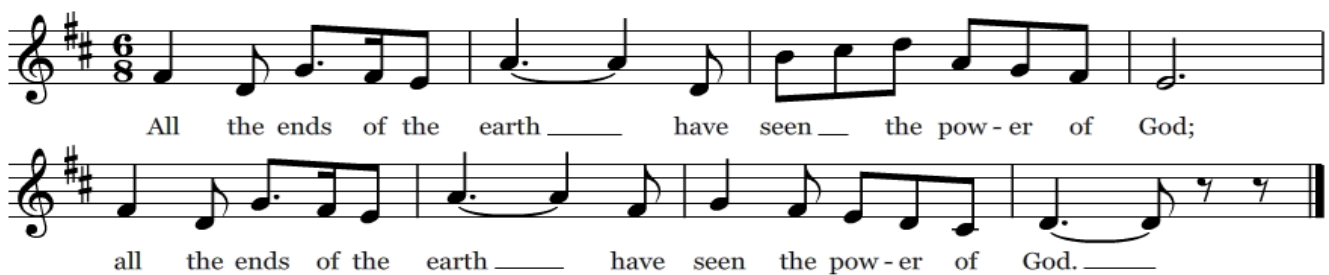
The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98: 1 – 6



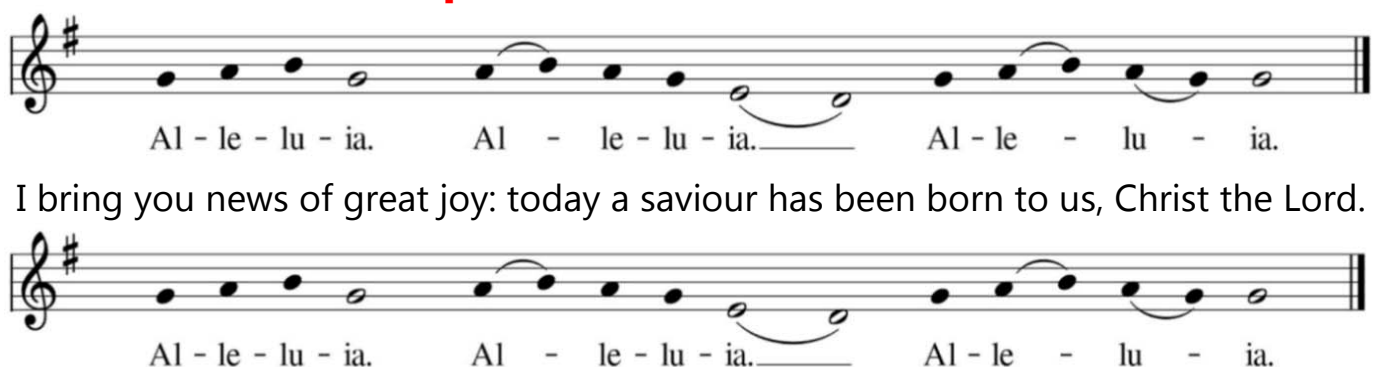
Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm. R/-

The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel. R/-

All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song. R/-

Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn. Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord. R/-

Gospel Acclamation (AM 374)



I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.



Gospel [Luke 2: 1 – 16]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Bishop Alison Taylor

The Symbol of Faith

Let us affirm the faith of the Church . . .

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ☩ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

On this Holy Night, in peace let us pray to the Lord for the world and the Church.

Father, in this holy night your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. We pray for the leaders of the churches throughout the world – for the Anglican Communion, Archbishop Justin Welby; for the Orthodox Churches, Patriarch Bartholomew; for the Catholic Church, Pope Francis; for the World Council of Churches, Rev Dr Ioan Sauca. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. We pray especially for the work of the Richmond Churches Food Centre.

Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night, Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand those who live with COVID-19, and all for those who are in pain or distress, and for those who grieve, especially the families of Alan Dare, and Constables Matthew Arnold and Rachel McCrow.

Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night, your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who live with the frailty of age and for those with dementia, and bless the carers, friends and families who support them.

Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night, the angels sang, *'Peace to God's people on earth.'* Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love, especially as we gather to celebrate Christmas.

Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand the recently departed; and of those whose anniversaries occur this day, Donald Vernon; and all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Father, in this holy night, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne.

Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary and Joseph, and all the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9.6*

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another (in a COVID safe manner) the sign of peace.

The Sacrament

During the hymn the altar is prepared. Gifts of bread and wine are presented on the altar-table, and the collection is brought to the front.

Carol

Adestes, fideles

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him born the King of Angels:**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**

**God of God, Light of Light,
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created: [Refrain]**

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps: R/-**

**Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? R/-**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: R/-**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n:**

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *R/-*

Prayer over the Gifts

(Let us pray.) Lord, let praise and thanksgiving be the pure offering of this day's feast, and as your eternal Word takes up our human nature, so by a holy exchange may we be taken up into the divine life of Christ, who is alive, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Eucharistic Prayer

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.

All glory and honour, be yours now and always, mighty Creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
 -san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And now, Father, we pray that we who receive these your gifts of bread and wine according to our Saviour's word may be partakers of his Body and Blood.

The Celebrant takes the bread in his hands and says:

For on the night he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'TAKE, EAT. THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

The Celebrant takes the cup in his hands and says:

After supper, he took the cup and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'DRINK FROM THIS ALL OF YOU. THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

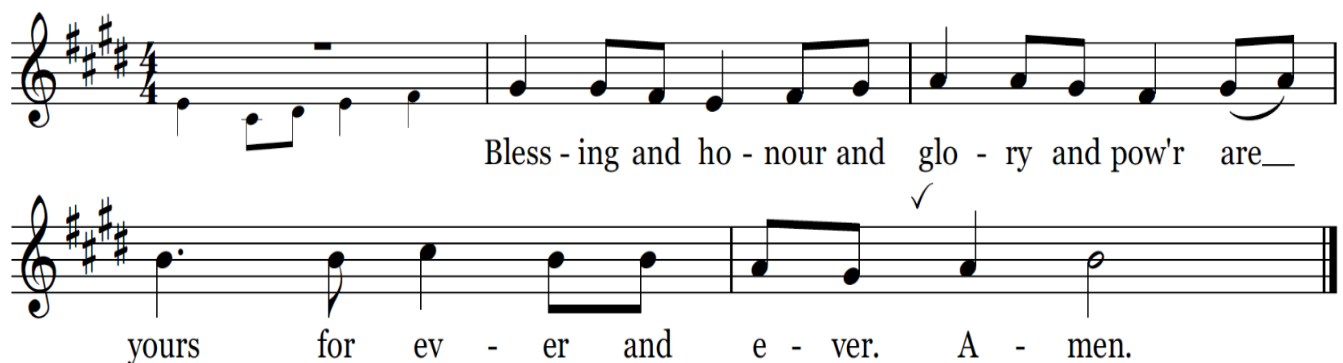
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, in obedience to his command, we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death, his mighty Resurrection and Ascension into heaven and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone, you have accepted us in Christ; and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight. Through Christ, receive this our duty and service, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may, by your Holy Spirit, be one body in Christ, and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom with all the company of the redeemed. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:



The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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 forever. Amen.

The Fraction

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Anthem

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re-deem - er of the world,
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

✠ This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is administered with these or similar words:

The Body / Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All communicant members of any Christian Church are invited to receive the Sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Carol

Silent night, holy night!

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light.
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.**

Communion Sentence

The shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' Luke 2.15

Post-communion Prayer

Holy God, whose table we have shared, grant that as we rejoice to celebrate the birth of our Redeemer, so through the gift of holiness we may be made capable of receiving his glory.

Father . . . **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

Recessional Carol

Hark! the Herald Angels sing!

**Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'**

***Refrain:* Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.**

**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 with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

[Refrain]

**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 us from the earth,
born to give them second birth.**

[Refrain]

Postlude

Prayer Diary

For the sick, suffering, frail with age, and those who grieve: Peter Bryce; Joy Turner, Mira, Milenka, Bruce Kelsall, Howard; Nilani; Stephen; Vivien, Neville, Bp John Parkes; Fr Barry Brown; Fr Ken Hewlett; Fr Robert Whalley; and Constables Keely Brough & Randall Kirk.

Recently Departed: Richard Cacopardo; Jean-Pierre Pavillon; Dan Octigan, Priest; Jill Jolliffe, Alan Dare, and Constables Matthew Arnold and Rachel McCrow.

The Faithful Departed – Anniversaries: Thomas Savige (19 December), Robert Heatley, Bryan Pattern, Rose Wall (20 December) Thomas Griffin (21 December), Donald Vernon (24 December), Fred Ricketts (26 December), George Hyatt (27 December), Ernest Barstow, Walter Wears, Beryl Bishop (28 December), George Chalk, Alexander Robson, Warrick Sheffield (29 December), Alexander Wilcox (31 December), Jean Morris, Graeme King (1 January).

Parish Diary

Summer Holidays 2023

Sunday, Feast of the Epiphany, 1st January, 2023

10.00am MASS

Sunday, 8 January 2023, Baptism of our Lord

10.00am MASS

Sunday, 29 January 2023

10.00am Mass *followed by Summer Garden Party*

Thursday, 2 February

The Presentation (Candlemass)

10.00am Mass

Sunday, 5 February 2023

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am SUNG MASS & 5.00pm MASS

2022/2023 PARISH GOVERNANCE



Churchwardens:

- Helen McDonald (People's)
- Cynthia Nyholm (People's)
- Glenis Heath (Vicar's)

Parish Council:

(meets 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm)

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- Glenis Heath
- Helen McDonald
- Cynthia Nyholm
- Dr Muriel Porter
- Tom Ransom

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- Dr Muriel Porter
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53rd Diocesan Synod

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Churchwarden with Oversight:

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WORSHIP SUNDAY

10.00am SUNG or SOLEMN MASS

MID-WEEK

Thursday 10.00am Mass

MINISTRY TEAM

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- ❖ Warren Collins
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Prayer at the Time of Choosing an Incumbent

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your Word and minister your Sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Weekly Reflection

Dear Friends of St. Bart's,

On behalf of the extended parish family of St. Bart's, I wish you a happy and holy Christmas. Christmas at St. Bart's is quite special; the sense of 'family' at St. Bart's is strong. We all come for the same reason and in the worship we all find the same Lord. The thing that binds us together is not a '*common doctrine*', or a '*common book*' or a '*common ideal*', but the Lord of all sacramental grace coming to us in the Body and Blood of Christ. The thing that binds us together is that unity. Even though our interests and experiences as people are wide and varied, even though our ages & personalities, our nationalities & our politics may be different, yet we know that here we are one.

I pray that you will have time to '**BE**' (*rather than 'do'*) during this Christmas period. Make time to sit and watch the grass grow. Make time to reflect on the wonder and awe of Christmas. Make time to visit friends, time perhaps to be reconciled with someone with whom you may have had a '*misunderstanding*', time to consider the greatness of God's love who came to visit us. And may the Peace of Christ be with you.

Wishing you His grace and peace, Fr. Graeme Brennan (Locum Tenens)