

Morning Worship Sunday 29th December 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

Reading 1: Colossians 3: 12 -17

Gospel: Luke 2; 41 - end

Proclamation:

Holy Jesus, by being born one of us and lying humbly in a manger, you show us how much God loves the world. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, until we reach our home in heaven, and see you on your throne of glory. Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with us all.

Psalm: 148

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Song: (*click link*) We Have Come into this House https://youtu.be/unSy_XG6P74

Invitation to Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In His light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Confession:

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive Him.

Lord have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ have mercy

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord have mercy.

Absolution:

May God who loved the world so much that He sent His Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us Holy to serve Him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading1: Colossians 3: 12 – 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 2: 41 – end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you O Christ

Let us declare our faith in God.

The Creed

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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.

Prayers of Intercession:

(Please add in names and circumstances known to you in the appropriate place)

We pray for God's faithfulness to be known in our world.

In a world of change and hope,
of fear and adventure,
faithful God,
Glorify your name.

In human rebellion and obedience,
in our seeking and our finding,
faithful God,
Glorify your name.

In the common life of our society,
in prosperity and need,
faithful God,
Glorify your name.

As your church proclaims your goodness
in words and action,
faithful God,
Glorify your name.

Among our friends
and in our homes,
faithful God,
Glorify your name.

In our times of joy,

in our days of sorrow,
faithful God,
Glorify your name.

In our strengths and triumphs,
in our weakness and in our frailty,
faithful God,
Glorify your name.

In your saints around the world
and on the day of Christ's coming,
faithful God,
Glorify your name.

Collect:

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your Holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

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
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

Song: (*click link*) How Deep the Fathers Love for us <https://youtu.be/dLDGVI8D5UU>

Blessing:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
Scatter the darkness from before your path,
And make you ready to meet Him when He comes in glory.....

...and the blessing of God almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with us, and all and those whom we love,
this day and always. Amen.