

We stand for The Blessing

We remain standing and sing...

**Joy to the world! The Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.**

The Dismissal

Go now to love and to serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
You are welcome to stay and share refreshments
with us!*



Wednesday Service - There will no Wednesday
Service until 11th January 2017.



**NEXT WEEK: CHRISTMAS 1
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READINGS:**

NUMBERS 6: 22-27 GALATIANS 4: 4-17, LUKE 2: 15-21

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church Fitzroy

Christmas Day

25th December 2016

A Welcome

Call to Worship

We stand and say:

Grace and Peace to you from God
God fill you with truth and joy.

*We remain standing for the lighting of the Christ
Candle*

Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the
world.

**With the company of heaven and with sounds
of great Joy you come to us. This is the time of
light and joy.**

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those
who walked in the shadows would see a great light.
A light would shine and a child would be born.
The gospel writer Luke painted the nativity sky and
repeated the songs of the angels, 'Glory, peace on
earth and goodwill!' John declared that this great
light is Jesus Christ. This light lives among us.
And nothing can destroy it!

**God, our life and light, thank you for coming this
day to us. Thanks for touching all heaven and
earth with your splendour. In every corner of the
world, shine with your peace. In every corner of
our hearts, shine with your grace. Amen**

We remain standing and sing:

**O Little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in the 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 wondering love.**

**How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
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.**

We are seated and 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,
So that we may truly love you
And worthily praise your holy name:
Through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Confession

Let us, in silence, remember our need for God's
forgiveness:
Hear the teaching of Christ:
you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul and with all
your mind and with all your strength.
This is the first commandment.
And a second is this:
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.
In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ’s sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The sentence:

The word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

The Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, you gave your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, to be born of the Virgin Mary; 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 our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever.

The Ministry of the Word:

A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 9: beginning at verse 2 (-7)
...Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

A Reading from Titus Chapter 2: beginning at verse 11 (-14)
...Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

We stand for:

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 2 beginning at verse 1 (- 14)
Praise and Glory to God

...This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word

*We are seated for **The Sermon***

We remain seated for the Prayers of the People

The Ministry of the Sacrament

*We stand for **The Peace***

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.
By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ

We remain standing and sing our Offertory Hymn:

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.

'Fear not' said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town this day is born of David's line a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign.

'The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels, praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high And to the earth be peace; Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men Begin and never cease!'

Our offerings are presented.

The Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, God of all creation; Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offering for your glory And for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God’s Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
It is our duty and our joy,
To give you thanks, Holy Father, ...

Through Christ, our Lord,
By whom and with whom and in whom
All honour and glory be yours, Father,
Now and for ever. **Amen.**

As Christ teaches us, we 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 forever. Amen.

As the Priest breaks the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body for we all share the one bread.

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

During communion we sing...

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 newborn King.”

Christ, by the 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 man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel:

Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn king. ”

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 man no more may die; born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn King.”

Prayer after communion

Almighty God, giver of all good things, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care In assuring us of your gift of eternal life And uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

Therefore, ever living God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.