

First Sunday after Christmas

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9am



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**St Andrew's
Church
WALKERVILLE**

Today's Services

9am Holy Communion

Preacher & Celebrant The Rev'd Sam Goodes

Hymn (please stand)

- 1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive its king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.**
- 2. Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns.
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and streams, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat
the sounding joy.**
- 3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove,
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders, wonders
of God's love.**

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748) altd.
based on Psalm 98.*

Greeting

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

May Christ, the true, the only light
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Visit us with your salvation.
and sustain us with your gracious Spirit.

Sentence of the Day

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:30–32

Prayer of Preparation

(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.**

Confession & Absolution:

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

A pause for reflection.

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

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Hymn of Praise (said)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

(Let us pray)

Saving God,
whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple
and was acclaimed the glory of Israel
and the light of the nations:
grant that in him we may be presented to you
and in the world may reflect his glory;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

**4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.**

**5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.**

**6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

**7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

**8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

**9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;**

**10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;**

**11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;**

**12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.**

**13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.**

**14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

**15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.**

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Hymn (please stand)

**1. In our darkness light has shone, Alleluia,
Still today the light shines on. Alleluia,
Word made flesh in human birth, Alleluia,
Light and life of all the earth, Alleluia!**

2. **Christ the Son incarnate see, Alleluia,
by whom all things came to be, Alleluia,
through the world his splendours shine, Alleluia,
full of grace and truth divine. Alleluia!**

3. **All who now in him believe, Alleluia,
everlasting life receive, Alleluia,
born of God and in his care, Alleluia,
we his name and nature share. Alleluia!**

4. **Christ a child on earth appears, Alleluia,
crown of all creation's years, Alleluia,
God's eternal word has come, Alleluia,
he shall lead his people home, Alleluia!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter two, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel the reader says...

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon –Celebrant

Intercessions

Let us pray for the Spirit's guidance in the world and for the church

The response to each petition is:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

After the intercessions:

Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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 for ever. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

1. **The north wind is tossing the leaves.
The red dust is over the town;
The sparrows are under the eaves,
And the grass in the paddock is brown;
As we lift up our voices and sing,
To the Christ-child the heavenly King.**

2. **The tree ferns in green gullies sway;
The cool stream flows silently by;
The joy bells are greeting the day,
And the chimes are adrift in the sky,
As we lift up our voices and sing,
To the Christ-child the heavenly King.**

John Wheeler (1901-84).

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

Great Thanksgiving 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 always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who by the power of the Holy 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:

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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray
that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers
of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

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
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sin of the whole world.

(Let us proclaim the mystery of faith)

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour, glory and power, are yours for ever and ever, Amen.

The Breaking of Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:

for we all share in the one bread.

The congregation joins in the Agnus Dei.

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy Sacrament of the body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Hymn

1. **Infant holy,
infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing,
little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging
angels singing,
nowells ringing,
tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all;
Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

2. **Flocks were sleeping,
shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new;
saw the glory,
heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing,
free from sorrow,
praises voicing,
greet the morrow;
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you.**

*Polish traditional carol (13th cent)
tr. Edith M. G. Reed (1885-1953).*

Prayer after Communion

(Let us pray)

God of heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh, that as his body in the world we may bring his presence to all people.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out, in the power of your Spirit
To live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices

Hymn

- 1. Jesus, come! For we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.**

- 2. Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.**

- 3. Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples –
come, our first and greatest Sign!**

- 4. Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live.**

Christopher Idle (b. 1938) based on John 2.1-4

Blessing & Dismissal

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty;
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

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Diary Dates

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| Sunday 27 December Christmas 1 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns |
| Sunday 3 January, 2021 Christmas 2 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns |
| Sunday 10 January Baptism of our Lord | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns (Rev. Wendy Morecroft presiding) |
| Friday 15 January | 10.30am | Tai Chi (Parish Centre) |
| Sunday 17 January Epiphany 2 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns (Rev. Rachel Chapman presiding) |
| Tuesday 19 January | 9.00am | St. Andrew's School staff commencement service (Church) |
| Friday 22 January | 10.30am | Tai Chi (Parish Centre) |
| Sunday 24 January Epiphany 3 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns |
| Sunday 31 January Epiphany 4 | 9.00 am | Said Eucharist with hymns |

Readings for next Sunday (Christmas 2)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm: 147:12-20

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: John 1:10-18

Rosters for this Sunday 27th December (Christmas 1) – 9am service

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers: Cam Dow
Prayer Leader The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Lay Assistants: Liz Owen
Liturgical Assistant: Sally Sandford-Morgan
Sidespersons: Ray Newell & Tony Holloway

Rosters for next Sunday 3rd January (Christmas 2)

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers: Philippa Lamphee
Prayer Leader The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Liturgical Assistant: Sally Sandford-Morgan
Sidespersons: Liz Owen
Morning Tea: Needra Silva & Sally Zimmerman

Rosters for Sunday 10th January (Baptism of our Lord)

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Wendy Morecroft
Readers: Sandy Facy
Prayer Leader Sally Sandford-Morgan
Liturgical Assistant: Sally Sandford-Morgan
Lay Assistant: Liz Owen
Sidespersons: Sandy Facy & Roy Ingram
Morning Tea: Val Ingram & Suzanne Sexton