

Christmas Eve Eucharist



Tuesday 24th December, 2024

11pm

Parish Office: 43 Church Terrace
PO Box 347,
Walkerville 5081

Tel 8269 5420

Locum Tenens: The Rev'd Michael Hillier



St Andrew's
Church

WALKERVILLE

Web: www.standrewswalkerville.org.au
Email: office@standrewswalkerville.org.au
priest@standrewswalkerville.org.au

St Andrew's is a Christ-centred,
sacramental, inclusive,
thinking, praying and
prayerful, mission-oriented
faith community

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The following hymn is sung while the procession makes its way to the crib.

1. **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.**

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

3. **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.**

5. **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.**

Philips Brooks (1835–93) altd.

At the crib, the Celebrant, The Rev'd Michael Hillier, says:

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's Kingdom forever.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.
Now he is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

From eternity to eternity you are God.
And now we see you as a new-born child.

The crib is blessed. The Celebrant says

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory. God our Father on this night your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation; bless this crib which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth. May all who see it be strengthened in faith, and receive the fullness of life our Lord came to bring; who is alive and reigns for ever. **Amen.**

The Sanctuary Party move to their places

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

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.

(All remain standing. Silence is kept)

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned: **Forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned: **Forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned: **Forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned: **Forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our
reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned: **Forgive and heal us.**

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 (The Gloria) – sung (music follows)

**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.**



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty 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 mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - 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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A silence is kept.

Eternal God,
 who made this most holy night
 to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
 bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
 to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7 (please sit)

After the reading

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

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song :

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name :

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations :

and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised :

he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols :

it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Majesty and glory are before him :

beauty and power are in his sanctuary.

Render to the Lord, you families of the nations :

render to the Lord glory and might.

Render to the Lord the honour due to his name :

bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness :

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Say among the nations that the Lord is king :

he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved;

and he shall judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad :

let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them :

then shall all the trees of the wood

shout with joy before the Lord;

For he comes, he comes to judge the earth :

he shall judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Hymn (please stand)

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind),
'glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.
3. '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:
4. "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing-bands,
and in a manger laid.'
5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels, praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the world be peace!
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease!'

N. Tate (1652-1715) altd.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 1-20

The Lord be with you:
And also with you

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke,
chapter two, beginning at the first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

After the gospel is read

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon (please sit)

Affirmation of Faith (please stand)

Let us together 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 worshipped 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 (please kneel or sit)

Let us pray on this most holy night for the world you created, and for your people whom you love.

Loving God, on this holy night your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On 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.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to the victims of natural disaster, and all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'

Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in lands torn apart by war and violence, and in all the world.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger.

Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night heaven is come down to earth,
and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have
passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night, Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.
Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, on this holy night angels and shepherds
worshipped at the manger throne.
Receive the worship we offer in fellowship
with Mary, Joseph and the saints
through him who is your Word made flesh,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Greeting of Peace

Please stand

Unto us a child is born, unto a son is given:
and his name is called the Prince of Peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn:

1. **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:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!***
2. **God of God, Light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:
*O Come let us adore him...***

5. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest':
O Come let us adore him...
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O Come let us adore him...

*Latin. 18th cent., possibly by John F. Wade (c. 1711-86)
tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-80) and others*

Prayer over the gifts

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*remain standing*)

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, everliving 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.

On this night we praise you
because in the wonder of your incarnation
your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith
a new and radiant vision of your glory.

In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of God we cannot see.

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: *(sung)*

**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 musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of two staves each. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven - 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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

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 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 sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *(sung)*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one flat) on a treble clef staff. The first line contains the melody for 'Christ has died, Christ is risen,' with a long note for 'Christ' and a slur over 'is risen'. The second line contains the melody for 'Christ will come again,' with a long note for 'Christ' and a slur over '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: *(sung)*

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



(Please sit or kneel)

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Please join in the Agnus Dei (sung)

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.

Je - sus Lamb of — God, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bea-rer of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Administration of Communion

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available on request. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward to receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal to the priest).

Please do not intinct your Communion wafer into the wine, but receive them separately.

Communion Hymns

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all;
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

**6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him: but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high
when, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall gather round.**

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–95)

**1. Silent night, holy night:
all is calm, all is bright
round the virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**2. 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."**

**3. Silent night, holy night:
wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born,
Christ our Saviour is born.**

Joseph Mohr 1792-1848 tr. John F. Young 1820-85

Sentence after communion:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Isaiah 9.2, 6

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Christ candle in the Advent wreath is lit. After the candle is lit all pray together:

Generous God,
you have given us a time of preparation
to receive again your gift of love and joy
and hope and healing. In the birth of the child, Jesus,
you have given new life to each of us.
May we experience the presence of Emmanuel,
God with us, this day, and always. Amen.

Notices

Hymn (please stand)

1. 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.’
*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 man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

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 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 new-born King***

Charles Wesley (1707–88) altd

Blessing

May the God of all time, who stoops low in Christ and comes among us in flesh, fill you with all humility. **Amen.**

May Jesus Christ, the First and Last, who takes the risk of human living, enable you to take great steps of faith. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, God's giving gift, who gave to Mary true joy and trust, strengthen you to rejoice and believe the good news. **Amen.**

The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and those whom you love this night and forever more. **Amen.**

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

Organ Postlude: 'Festive Trumpet Tune' by David German (1954-)

Organist: Ian Gray

Liturgical text from APBA © Broughton Publishing Pty Ltd 2006. Anglican Church of Australia Trusts Corporation. Psalm texts are from The Liturgical Psalter, Inclusive Language Version © David L. Frost, John A. Emerton, Andrew A. Macintosh. Used with permission. Prayers adapted from *Intercessions for Years A,B and C* by Ian Black, p 13.

Text and streaming provided under OneLicence #404684

Rosters for Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Celebrant & Preacher: 11.00pm The Rev'd Michael Hillier
Readers: 11.00pm Sally Zimmerman
Prayer Leader: 11.00pm *Volunteer appreciated*
Lay Assistants: 11.00pm Sharon Gray
Server: 11.00pm Jennifer Harris
Welcomers: 11.00pm Sandy Facy + *volunteer*

Rosters for Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Michael Hillier
Readers: 8.00am Janet Martin
9.30am Lyn Dow
Prayer Leader: 9.30am *Volunteer appreciated*
Lay Assistants: 8.00am *Volunteer appreciated*
9.30am *Volunteer appreciated*
Server: 9.30am Michael Thomas
Welcomers: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*
9.30am *Volunteers needed*

Rosters for Sunday 29th December (Christmas 1)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Michael Hillier
Readers: 8.00am *Volunteer appreciated*
9.30am Suzanne Sexton
Prayer Leader: 9.30am Michael Hillier
Lay Assistants: 8.00am *Volunteer appreciated*
9.30am *Volunteer appreciated*
Server: 9.30am Jennifer Harris
Welcomers: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*
9.30am *Volunteers needed*
Morning Tea 9.30am Sharon Gray; Heather Wheatley.
Cake: Sharon Gray

Readings for Sunday 29th December (Christmas 1) – 8am and 9.30am

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 Psalm: 148
2nd Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40