

**Birthdays this week**  
*May God bless you abundantly.*  
Rahul Jadhav (6)

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week**  
*Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.*  
Sheila and Paul George (7)



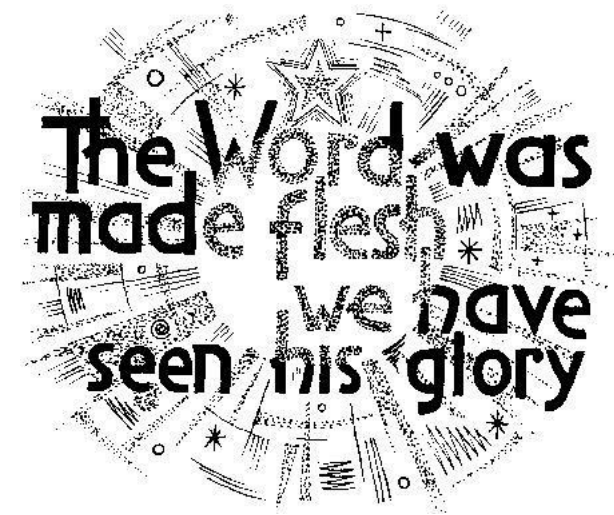
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## Prayer Requests & Announcements

*Your prayers are requested for*

- † God's protection and healing hand as the world sees a surge in covid cases.
  - † all senior citizens and those who live alone in our congregation. May we reach out in Christian fellowship.
  - † the Church and people of South Africa; as the world mourns the passing away of Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1931 - 2021). We give thanks for his life and ministry and his leadership in racial reconciliation in creating a "rainbow people of God." Pray that the Church and her leaders will always be at the forefront of fighting any form of oppression.
  - † in the Diocese, Emmanuel Church (Gujarathi congregation), Grant Road and the Revd Suresh Pawar.
  - † the Church of North India's Diocese of Cuttack and the Rt Revd Marsalan Guria.
  - † the Church of South India's Diocese of Kollam-Kottarakkara (Kerala) and the Most Revd Oommen George (former Moderator of CSI.)
  - † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in the Congo and the Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda
- *The Feast of the Epiphany* is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January. A short service of Evening Prayer will be held in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 p.m.
  - *The Baptism of Jesus* is commemorated in the Church calendar on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January. We will also observe *Covenant Sunday*.

## The Second Sunday of Christmas



Eucharist

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 • 8.45 am

*Welcome*

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## Encountering Christ as the Word Made Flesh Among Us

### A reflection

In our liturgy, we conclude readings from Scripture with the phrase, “*This is the word of the Lord.*” We encounter God as He has revealed Himself to His people each time we open the Bible.

John begins his Gospel by describing Jesus as the Word of God made flesh who came and dwelt with humanity.

We are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the image and likeness of Christ as we invite the grand story of Scripture to be the defining story of our lives. Paul describes this as no longer being conformed to this world but instead being transformed by the renewing of our minds so that we may corporately know and do the will of God as the Body of Christ (*Romans 12:1-8*).

Finally, we are sent out into our community as the image of Christ to bring light to those who sit in darkness and to walk in the way of peace. We are a Eucharistic people gathered, blessed, sent, and given to the world to manifest Christ as Good News to a broken and beautiful world.

May we all encounter Christ as the Word is made flesh among us!

*(Excerpts from the website of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, San Antonio, Texas)*

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## Carol at the Closing

**The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

**<sup>2</sup> They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.**

**<sup>3</sup> And by the light of that same star,  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.**

**<sup>4</sup> Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
who hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought.**

Traditional English carol

## Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Postlude

Fantasia on 'In Dulci Jubilo'

J. S. Bach, BWV 729 (1685 - 1750)

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The Communion | **Page 368**

*Please follow the directions of the Servers to proceed to the High Altar.*

*Communicants are requested to leave space on either side of them when they receive Communion.*

### Post Communion Prayer

*All **STAND** and say*

**All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*All sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | **Page 371**

### The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one  
things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the † the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always.

**All Amen.**

## The Gathering

Voluntary

Improvisation on the 'The First Nowell'

C.P.P, Burton (1916 - 57)

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

*All **STAND** and join in singing the hymn*

### Hymn at the Procession

**As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.**

<sup>2</sup> **As with joyful steps they sped,  
To the lowly manger-bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.**

<sup>3</sup> **As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.**

<sup>4</sup> **Holy Jesu, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.**

<sup>5</sup> **In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down:  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluyas to our king.**

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837 - 98)  
Tune: DIX, adapted from a chorale, 'Treuer  
Heiland' by C. Kocher (1786 - 1872)*

## Opening Acclamation

Presbyter Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All And blessed be His Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be **SEATED**

✠ *The Service begins on **page 350** of the Book of Common Prayer* ✠

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **Page 420**

*Read by the Presbyter*

Old Testament Reading | **Page 420**

A reading from the Book of Exodus

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*While **SEATED**, read the text printed in bold.*

Psalm 107 verses 1, 2, 14 - 21, 32

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious, ♦  
for His steadfast love endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, ♦**  
**those He redeemed from the hand of the enemy.**

<sup>14</sup> He brought them out of darkness and out of the shadow of death, ♦  
and broke their bonds asunder.

<sup>15</sup> **Let them give thanks to the Lord for His goodness ♦**  
**and the wonders He does for his children.**

*Continued*

Dharmaraj (Moderator of the *Church of South India*),  
Theodosius (Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*), Prakash  
our Bishop, Avinash our Presbyter and Deacon Paul.  
Lord, in your mercy

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

*Leader*

Mighty God,  
the government is on your shoulders:  
guide the leaders of the nations  
and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.  
We give thanks for the life and ministry of Archbishop  
Desmond Tutu and for his tireless efforts to restore the  
rights and dignity of the people of South Africa.  
Lord, in your mercy

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

*Leader*

Everlasting Father,  
you call us to live together in unity:  
protect by your mercy all your children,  
bless our families and renew our communities.  
Lord, in your mercy

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

*Leader*

Prince of peace,  
you bring reconciliation through the cross:  
by your healing power give to all who suffer.  
your gift of wholeness and peace.  
We pray for your healing hand on the many who are ill with  
Covid. Restore your creation.  
Lord, in your mercy

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Father,  
full of the Spirit,

*All*

**hear our prayer,**  
**receive our praises,**  
**fill our lives.**  
**Amen.**

<sup>2</sup> **What Adam lost, none could reclaim  
And Paradise was barred  
Until the second Adam came  
To mend what sin had marred.  
For when the time was full and right  
God sent His only Son;  
He came to us as life and light  
And our redemption won.**

<sup>3</sup> **Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell  
Among us here on earth  
As God with us, Emmanuel,  
To bring this holy birth.  
Though rich, You willingly became  
One with our poverty,  
That we might share Your wealth and name  
For all eternity!**

Words: Stephen P. Starke (b. 1955)  
Tune: FOREST GREEN

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be **SEATED**

The Prayers of the People

Leader

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,  
who has brought us out of darkness  
and into his own marvellous light.  
Christ born for us,  
Son of God given for us:  
help us to know you,  
to worship and to serve you.  
Lord, in your mercy

All

**hear our prayer.**

Leader

Wonderful counsellor,  
you order all things with your wisdom:  
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love  
and fill her with the Spirit of truth.  
Pray for the ministry of Prem Chand our Moderator,

<sup>16</sup> For He has broken the doors of bronze ♦  
and breaks the bars of iron in pieces.

<sup>17</sup> **Some were foolish and took a rebellious way, ♦  
and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.**

<sup>18</sup> Their soul abhorred all manner of food ♦  
and drew near to the gates of death.

<sup>19</sup> **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, ♦  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup> He sent forth his word and healed them, ♦  
and saved them from destruction.

<sup>21</sup> **Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ♦  
and the wonders he does for his children.**

<sup>32</sup> Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people ♦  
and praise him in the council of the elders.

Epistle | **Page 420**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All **STAND** and join in singing the gradual hymn*

Gradual Hymn

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
None can once with thee compare;  
Thou alone the Lord from heaven  
Didst for us Incarnate bear.**

<sup>2</sup> **Fairer than the sun at morning  
Was the star that told his birth;  
To the lands their God announcing,  
Hid beneath a form of earth.**

*Continued overleaf*

<sup>3</sup> **By its lambent beauty guided,  
See the eastern kings appear;  
See them bend, their gifts to offer,  
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

<sup>4</sup> **Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
Incense doth the God disclose,  
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,  
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

<sup>5</sup> **Holy Jesu, in thy brightness  
To the Gentile world displayed,  
With the Father, and the Spirit,  
Endless praise to thee be paid.**

**Amen.**

*Words: Prudentius, b. 348*

*Tune: STUTTGART*

*Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel*

## The Gospel of Christ | **Page 421**

**All** **Alleluia.**  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.  
**Alleluia.**

*The Gospeller* The Lord be with you  
**All** **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John  
chapter 1 beginning at verse 14.

**All** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading*

*The Gospeller* This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
**All** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Remain standing for the Creed, all reciting together*

## The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

*Please be **SEATED***

Sermon  
The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Welcome and Announcements

**All STAND**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a 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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour*

Hymn at the Offertory

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.  
Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.*

**O sing of Christ, whose birth made known  
The kindness of the Lord,  
Eternal Word made flesh and bone  
So we could be restored.  
Upon our frail humanity  
God's finger chose to trace  
The fullness of His deity,  
The icon of His grace.**

*Continued. Turn over.*