

Anglican Diocese of Brisbane  
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

*Christmas Eve*  
*Midnight Eucharist*

<https://youtu.be/bDvUkgdGBgE>



**Celebrant & Preacher:**  
The Venerable Michael Faragher

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020  
11 pm

# Musical Prelude

10.40 pm

Prelude in A, BWV 536

J.S. BACH

1685-1750

In dulci júbilo, BWV 729

In dulci júbilo, BWV 609

Silent Night

Peter CONTE

1908-1992

Torches

Lucian Singers

John JOUBERT

b.1927

I sing of a maiden

Lucian Singers

Lennox BERKELEY

1903-1989

People look East

Lucian Singers

Barry FERGUSON

b.1942

The Silver Stars

Lucian Singers

William JAMES

1892-1977

Nocturne from Partita 'Adeste fidelis'

Charles CALLAHAN

b.1951

MUSIC led by:

**The Lucians Singers**

**Director of Music & Organist:**

Christopher Wrench

**Organ Scholar:**

Talia Garrett-Benson

**Trumpet:**

John Coulton

# THE ENTRANCE

**Mass Setting:**

Harold Darke (1888-1976) in F

The congregation STANDS to sing the Procession Hymn:

**HYMN**

**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!***

TIS 304

**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 ....***

Choir:

See how the shepherds  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come, let us adore him ....*

**All**

**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...***

**All**

**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...***

*The Procession ends at the Crib*

## The Prayer at the Crib

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Priest: Hear the words of St Luke:

When the angels had gone from them into heaven,  
the shepherds said to one another,  
“Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened  
which the Lord has made known to us”.

So they hastened, and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the baby lying in a manger.

I bring you good news of great joy:  
A Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia!

**ALL: He is Christ the Lord. We worship and adore him.**

Priest : Let us gather around this crib in peace.

**All: In the name of Christ. Alleluia!**

Priest: All praise to you, Almighty God,  
who sent your beloved Son  
to be born into this world on this night.  
Bring us into your presence as we recall  
the wonders of that sacred birth,  
Grant that all who behold this crib  
may ponder the great mystery of the Incarnation,  
and be brought to worship in spirit and in truth.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*The Christmas Candle is lit as a symbol of the birth of Jesus,  
the coming of the Light to scatter the darkness.*

SIT for the **Prayers of Penitence** before the Crib

Priest: Christ the Light of the World has come to dispel  
the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us confess our sins.

Priest: Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your children.  
We have sinned:

**All: Forgive and heal us.**

Priest: The Virgin Mary accepted your call  
to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive us when we are disobedient to your will.  
We have sinned:

**All: Forgive and heal us.**

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

**All: Forgive and heal us.**

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

**All: Forgive and heal us.**

*The Absolution:*

Priest: God is slow to anger and full of compassion,  
forgiving all who humbly repent  
and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord.  
God therefore forgives you in Christ Jesus,  
in whom there is no condemnation.

**All: Amen.**

The congregation remains seated

**The SENTENCE** *sung by the CHOIR*

Music: Christopher Wrench

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

*Isaiah 9:2,6*

**The GLORIA** *sung by the CHOIR*

Music: Darke in F

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace,  
good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The COLLECT**

Give us, O God, such love and wonder  
that, with shepherds and pilgrim unknown,  
we may come to adore the holy Child, the promised King,  
and with our gifts worship him,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 9: 2-7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

The congregation remains seated

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.

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**

**Titus 2. 11-14**

Reader: A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

All STAND as are able

**HYMN**

TIS 309

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flights o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo,*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

WOMEN

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light:

**ALL** *Gloria in excelsis Deo ...*

MEN

Wise men, leave your contemplation,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations,  
you have seen his natal star:

**ALL** *Gloria in excelsis Deo ...*

Though an infant now we view him,  
He will share his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him;  
Ev'ry knee shall then bow down:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo ...*

Words: J Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: French Melody, arr. Robert Ampt (b.1949)

**The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Music: O'Carroll / Wrench

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**ALL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir: Good news and great joy to all the world.  
Today is born a Saviour Christ the Lord.

**ALL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



## The GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke:  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you. You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The SERMON

The Venerable Michael Faragher

ORGAN REFLECTION: *Of the Father's Love Begotten – John Leavitt (b.1956)*

## The NICENE CREED

**All:**           **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.**

*All STAND*

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

We offer one another a COVID-safe sign of Christ's peace.  
Please remain at your seat to greet those around you.

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.*

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.

*Nowell, nowell ...*

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.

*Nowell, nowell...*

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
 over Bethlehem it took its rest,  
 and there it did both stop and stay  
 right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Nowell, nowell...*

Then entered in those wise men three.  
 Full reverently, upon their knee,  
 and offered there in his presence  
 their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

*Nowell, nowell...*

Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
 that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
 and with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Nowell, nowell...*

Words: English Carol

Music: English trad., v.1 John Stainer, arr. David Willcocks

### The Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
 the splendour and the majesty.  
 For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
 All things come from you and of your own we give you.

ALL SIT

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: 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 your 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 singing:

CHOIR: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Priest: 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 sins of the whole world.

CHOIR:            *Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

Priest:            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:

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

Priest: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

ALL: **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.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,

ALL: **for we all share in the one bread.**

### **Agnus Dei**

CHOIR: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Grant us Thy peace.

### **The Invitation to Communion**

Priest: Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ.

Please REMAIN SEATED to receive the sacrament  
and for the singing of 'Silent Night'

Communicant members of other Christian traditions  
are warmly welcomed to receive communion.

ORGAN: *Es ist ein' Ros entsprungen* – Mary Beth Bennett (b.1954)

**HYMN:** **Silent night, holy night:** TIS 311  
**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.**

**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.'**

**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.**

**Post-Communion Sentence** *sung by the choir*

The word of God became man:  
we have seen his glory. Alleluia.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Priest: 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 your presence to all people.

**ALL:** **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. Amen.**

**Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn king,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'**

***Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King.***

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of the virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us 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 we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.**

***Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King.***

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) & others  
Music: Mendelssohn (1809-47),  
adapt. W.H. Cummings (1831-1915)  
v.3 Descant by Willcocks



## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Priest: May the Father,  
who has loved the eternal Son  
from before the foundation of the world,  
shed that love upon you his children.

**All: AMEN!**

Priest: May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one  
things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with joy and peace.

**All: AMEN!**

Priest: May the Holy Spirit,  
by whose overshadowing Mary became the Godbearer,  
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

**All: AMEN!**

Priest: And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**All: AMEN!**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

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

### **Organ Postlude:**

Von Himmel hoch da komm' ich her, BWV 700 - J.S.Bach (1685–1750)  
*(From heaven above to earth I come)*

**AS WE DEPART**, please remember that  
we are still required to maintain a 1.5m distance from others  
where possible and avoid any touching other than an elbow tap.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**7.00am**      **Holy Eucharist with Carols**  
**9.00am**      **Sung Eucharist with Choir**

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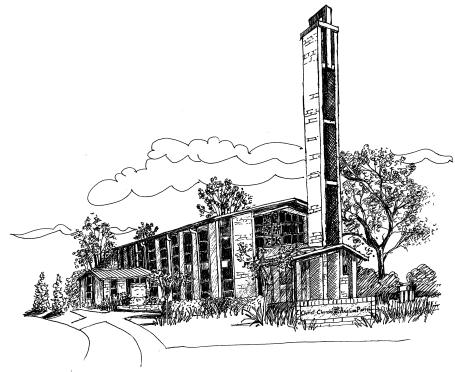
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# SUNDAYS at Christ Church

7.00am Holy Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist



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