



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
24th December 2013
The Birth of our Lord : Christmas Eve



*Wishing you all a most holy
and blessed Christmastide.*



Hymns: 304, 318 (crib), Pewsheet (candle), 265, Pewsheet, 313, 303


o come all ye
FAITHFUL
Joyful & Triumphant

Greet the new born King

Introit Hymn O come all ye faithful

Blessing of the crib liturgy

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

And also with you.

Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God is born this night.

God's word has been made flesh among us.

Let us ask for God's blessing on this Christmas manger and upon ourselves, that we who reflect on the birth of Jesus may share in the salvation he accomplished.

Come, Lord, dwell with us,

For the Church of God, as we recall the circumstances surrounding the birth of Christ, that we may always proclaim his gift of new life for all people, we pray to the Lord;

Come, Lord, dwell with us,

For our families and our homes, for parents and children everywhere that Christ who was laid in the manger may dwell with us always, we pray to the Lord;

Come, Lord, dwell with us.

For the world in which we live, that it may come to recognise the Christ who was greeted by the angels and shepherds, we pray to the Lord;

Come, Lord, dwell with us.

All Sing: Away in a Manger [318]

The Blessing

Ever-loving Father of us all, you make this night holy with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light; we welcome him as our Emmanuel. We rejoice in the promise of salvation that comes to us in the infant Christ child.

We ask your blessing on this our Christmas manger, and may we all be richly blessed by our Lord's nativity in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Light

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

[As the Christ candle is lit]

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light.

May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night, fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity, we can proclaim and shout; "Peace on earth and goodwill to all". Amen.

All sing

*O come, O dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The peace of the Lord, the Emmanuel. made known on this most holy night be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.



The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book paragraph 4

SENTENCE

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 COLLECT

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9. 2-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96

Response: O sing to the Lord a new song; O sing to the Lord all the earth.

Response *cf. v. 1* O sing to the Lord a new song; O sing to the Lord, all the earth. Richard Lloyd

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day./R

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./R

For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary./R

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts./R

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king.
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity./R

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them;
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord./R

For he comes, he comes to judge the earth;
with righteousness he will judge the world
and the peoples with his truth./R

SECOND READING

Titus 2. 11-14

A reading from the letter to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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 Messi- | ah, the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shatters the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name.

Loving God of all; **hear our prayer**

Jesus, precious Child of God, born in a stable because there was no room in the inn; we pray for the homeless, the dispossessed and poverty stricken.

Loving God of all; **hear our prayer**

Jesus, precious Child of God, born away from your hometown; we pray for those away from their families this Christmas; for those for whom the Yuletide brings no joy.

Loving God of all; **hear our prayer**

Jesus, precious Child of God, hunted by Herod; we pray for those in danger, for those who live in war zones and those who are treated unjustly and threatened by violence and abuse.

Loving God of all; **hear our prayer**

Jesus, precious Child of God, forced to flee as a refugee to Egypt; we pray for all refugees in the world and for the situations they flee from; for all who seek asylum and those in detention.

Loving God of all; **hear our prayer**

Jesus, precious Child of God, visited by shepherds and wise men; we pray that this Christmas, the lost and the lonely, those who suffer and live with pain; may this season find comfort and relief.

Loving God of all; **hear our prayer**

Jesus, precious Child of God, divine healer and bringer of peace; we pray for healing for all those who are ill, and for peace for those nearing death.

Loving God of all; **hear our prayer**

Jesus, precious Child of God, born as one of us; we have much to be thankful for; we pray for families that peace, hope and love be known and felt around the world, that people may be safe and know the blessings that your birth bestow upon all creation.

Loving God of all; **hear our prayer**

Lord Jesus, precious Child of God, before whom the Magi laid their gifts, whom humble shepherds worshipped, accept our praises as we celebrate your birth at Bethlehem. On this most holy night grant us that our hearts be so illuminated with the brightness of your one true light, and that our world be redeemed once more through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Sunday: 29th December 2013
First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63.7-9; Ps 148; Hebrews 2. 10-18; Matthew 2. 13-23

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Combined Service with St Stephens
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Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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