



Anglican Parish of
St Luke
Mosman

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



Sunday 13 December 2020

7pm

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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

*The Reverend Dr. Max Wood
Rector, St Luke's Church Mosman*

HYMN: ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Solo: 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.

Choristers: 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.

All: **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.**

**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.**

**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;
where like stars his children crowned,
all in white shall wait around.**

alt. Words: C. F. Alexander (1818-95)

Music: H. J. Gauntlett (1805-76)

Harmonised: A. H. Mann (1850-1929)

Verse 5 arr: Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

INTRODUCTION

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

All: And we beheld his glory.

Dear Friends in Christ: in the name of the Word who was made flesh and dwelt among us, I welcome you. As we come to the beginning of this season of Christmas, let it be our duty and our joy to hear once more the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us - how that when we were far off, God met us in his Son and brought us home; how God humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share God's divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with Jesus Christ's life; that we may bear witness to Christ's glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness.

So first, we pray for those among whom Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the hungry, the homeless and the refugee; the victims of poverty and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all God's people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

Finally, as we rejoice with Mary and Joseph, St Luke, and all the Saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his Kingdom, in the words he himself has taught us, praying together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Read by Mr. Don Menzies

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.
(Genesis 3: 8—19; 24)*

ANTHEM: ADAM LAY YBOUNDEN

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond:
Four thousand winter,
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerkës¹ finden,
Written in their book².

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady,
Abeen heav'ne queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple take was,
Therefore we moun³ singen.
*Deo Gracias!*⁴

¹clerkës = clergy; ²book = Bible

³moun = must; ⁴*Deo Gracias* = *Thanks be to God!*

*Words: 15th Century English
Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)*

THE SECOND LESSON
Read by Mrs. Jenny Willis

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his
seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed
(Genesis 22: 15—18)*

ANTHEM: THIS IS THE TRUTH SENT FROM ABOVE

This is the truth sent from above,
the truth of God, the God of love;
therefore don't turn me from the door,
but hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing that I will relate,
that God at first did man create;
the next thing which to you I tell
woman was made with man to dwell.
Thus we were heirs to endless woes
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run:
that he'd redeem us by his Son.

And at this season of the year
our blest Redeemer did appear,
and here did live, and here did preach,
and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
to show us how we must be saved;
and if you want to know the way,
be pleased to hear what he did say.

*Words: English traditional
Music: arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

THE THIRD LESSON
Read by Mr Nick Moser

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour
(Isaiah 9: 2, 6—7)*

ANTHEM: GAUDETE!

Gaudete, Gaudete!
Christus est natus
Ex Maria Virgine,
Gaudete!

*Rejoice, Rejoice!
Christ is born
Of the Virgin Mary,
Rejoice!*

Tempus ad est gratiae,
Hoc quod optabamus;
Carmina laetitiae,
Devote redamus.

*It is now the time of grace
That we have desired;
Let us sing songs of joy,
Let us give devotion.*

Gaudete! ...

Rejoice! ...

Deus homo factus est,
Natura mirante;
Mundus renovatus est
A Christo regnante.

*God was made man,
And nature marvels;
The world was renewed
By Christ who is King.*

Gaudete! ...

Rejoice! ...

Ezechielis porta
Clausula pertransitur;
Unde lux est orta,
Salus invenitur.

*The closed gate of Ezechiel
Has been passed through;
From where the light rises
Salvation is found.*

Gaudete!

Rejoice! ...

Ergo nostra concio,
Psallat iam in lustris;
Benedicat Domino:
Salus Regi nostro.

*Therefore let our assembly now sing,
Sing the Psalms to purify us;
Let it praise the Lord:
Greetings to our King.*

Gaudete!

Rejoice! ...

Text & Music: Pia Cantiones, 1582

THE FOURTH LESSON
Read by Dr. Jocelyn Chey

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown
(Isaiah 11: 1—4a, 6—9)*

HYMN: HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

**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 heav’n 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 newborn King.*

**Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n 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 newborn King.*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Verse 3 arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE FIFTH LESSON

Read by Mr. David Nyholm

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Luke 1: 26—38)*

THE SIXTH LESSON

Read by Mrs. Diana Long

*St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus
(Luke 2: 1—7)*

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Read by Mrs. Paula Turner

*The shepherds go to the manger
(Luke 2: 8—16)*

HYMN:

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

‘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:

‘The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.’

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.’

Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

Music: Winchester Old (Este’s Whole Book of Psalmes)

arr. William Henry Monk (1823-89)

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Read by the Reverend Peter Kurti, Associate Priest

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus
(Matthew 2: 1—12)*

THE NINTH LESSON

Read by The Revd Dr. Max Wood, Rector

*St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation
(John 1: 1—14)*

HYMN: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!*

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 ...

Lo! Star-led chieftans, Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ-child, bring our hearts oblations:
O come let us adore him ...

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come let us adore him ...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
'Glory to God in the highest':
O come let us adore him ...

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 ...

*Words and Melody: J. F. Wade (c. 1711-86)
Verse 5 & 6 arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

THE COLLECT AND BLESSING

Give us all, O God, during this Christmas Season,
such love and wonder that,
with shepherds and pilgrims 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, now and forever. **Amen.**

May he, who by his incarnation,
gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,
bestow upon you the fullness of peace and goodwill;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANTHEM: THE VERY BEST TIME OF THE YEAR

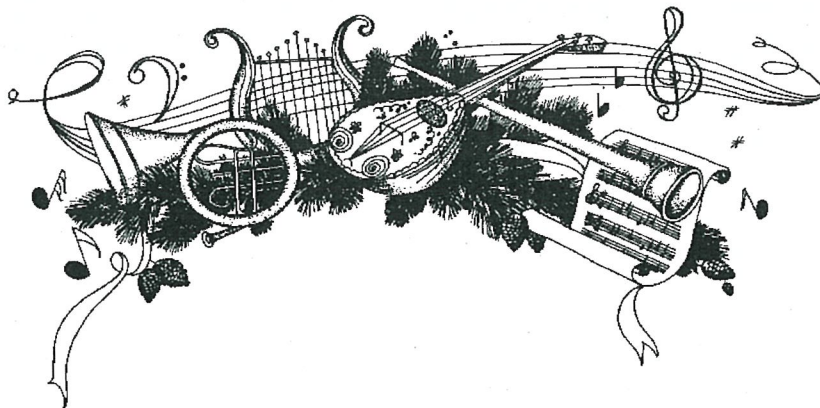
Christmas trees and boughs of holly,
Yuletide logs and mistletoe;
Candles burning bright,
and meadows frosty white, and faces in the firelight glow;

Sounds of happy children's voices
singing carols that you love to hear;
then the silence of the night
and the winter air so still and clear.

Feels like you could reach and touch the sky,
or catch a star and fly away;
Feels like you could wish for peace on earth,
and all at once it would come, some day.

Families and friends together
feel a special kind of love and cheer,
sharing all the joys of Christmas time
the very best time of year.

Words & Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)



THE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. Max Wood, Rector

Director of Music: Callum Close

Organist: Gareth Baard

Trumpeter: Fletcher Cox

St Luke's Choral Scholars

Josephine Stark (Soprano)

Isabel Formby (Alto)

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Owen Pearson (Bass)

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wish you and those you love*

a very

Happy and Holy Christmas Season



Celebrate Christmas

at St Luke's Anglican Church Mosman



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

**7pm Sunday
13 December**

*This service will be
broadcast online.
Link details will be
available via our website:
www.stlukesmosman.org*

CHRISTMAS EVE Said Eucharist*

**6.30pm Thursday
24 December**

CHRISTMAS DAY Said Eucharist*

**9am Friday
25 December**

**It is necessary to book to attend these services at St Luke's. Please book via our website or call the Parish Office on 9969 6910 Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm and 3pm-5.30pm to register. Numbers are restricted due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.*

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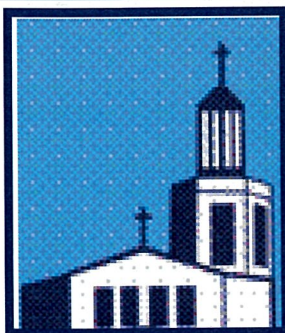
REGULAR SERVICES AT ST LUKE'S, MOSMAN

Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 11am Holy Eucharist

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