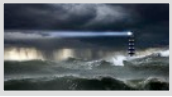




SERVICE ORDER
Christmas Day, 25 December 2020

Emmanuel

Heart & Anchor Church



9.45am Zoom starts admitting people

As we gather we will play

Carol: [Once in Royal David's City](#)

10.00am *Welcome and introduction*

The Lord is Here

His Spirit is with us

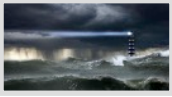
- *As usual, we will mute everyone unless they are speaking. If you speak, you will need to respond to the invitation to unmute yourself to do so.*
- *A reminder if you haven't got it already that you are invited to bring a glass of water as well as bread and/or wine if you wish to consume at the time of communion.*
- *If you need or want to communicate with the host or everyone please feel free to use the chat facility. E.g. if you want to respond to the singing or testimony or preaching or if you have a technical issue and want help.*

Opening prayer

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.



Short penitential sentences may be inserted between the petitions.

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.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

All 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:

All forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

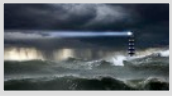
All forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw *you* to himself
and cleanse *you* from all *your* sins,
that *you* may behold the glory of his Son,



the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

The Collect

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your birth at Bethlehem
Draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
Accept our heartfelt praise
As we worship you,
Our Saviour and our God.
All Amen.

Lighting the Christmas Candle and the Advent

Old Testament Reading

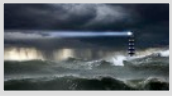
Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.



This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



silence

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

cf John 1.14

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.



There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

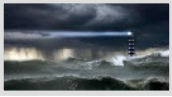
He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.



Talk by Rosy Fairhurst

Song: [Bethlehemian Rhapsody](#)

Declaration of Faith

Christ has died

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

Christ will come again

I believe, Alleluia!

I believe, Alleluia!

Prayers

The response to each bidding is:

Jesus, whose mother was Mary:

we pray for ... [*families*].

Lord Jesus,

All hear our prayer.

Jesus, cradled in a manger:

we pray for ... [*the homeless, refugees*].

Lord Jesus,

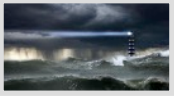
All hear our prayer.

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals:

we pray for ... [*the creation*].

Lord Jesus,

All hear our prayer.



Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings:

we pray for ... [*nations, races, peoples*].

Lord Jesus,

All hear our prayer.

Jesus, our Emmanuel:

we pray for ... [*those in particular need*].

Lord Jesus,

All hear our prayer.

Peace

unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

The Peace of the risen Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace – in person or by text or
message! Zoom peace is saved for coffee time!

Communion Carol: [Away in a Manger](#)

(if Peter is present we will sing this with live piano.)

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

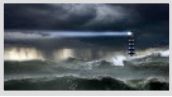
You are worthy of our thanks and praise,

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth

you have spoken your word,

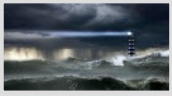
and all things have come into being.



You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and *saying*:

**All 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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.
Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.
On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;



he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant

which is 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 proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,

we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,

we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high

and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,

Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation

be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

form us into the likeness of Christ

and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people

and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth,

heal the sick,

let the oppressed go free

and fill your Church with power from on high.

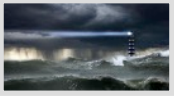
Gather your people from the ends of the earth

to feast with Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, Clement, Augustine and all your saints

at the table in your kingdom,

where the new creation is brought to perfection

in Jesus Christ our Lord;



by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Post-communion prayer

God our Father,
Whose Word has come among us in the Holy child of Bethlehem:
May the light of faith illumine our hearts
And shine in our words and deeds;
Through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Notices

The Dismissal

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

Final Carol: [Hark the Herald Angels Sing](#)