



ALL SAINTS
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Welcome to Worship!

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Christmas Online Service



Hark, Hark, the wise eternal word,
Like a weak infant cries!
In form of servant is the Lord,
And God in cradle lies. (Thomas Pestel)

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome everyone by Revd Grant.

*All Saints is an English speaking international Anglican Church,
A church which is, at all times and in all seasons,
committed to being a church of
Up (worship & prayer),
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).*

Welcome! Happy Christmas everyone!

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
All and also with you.



1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1)

In silence, we remember the astonishment of the incarnation...

God our Father,
today the Saviour is born
and those who live in darkness
are seeing a great light.
Help us, this Christmas,
who greet the birth of Christ with joy,
to live in the light of your Son
and to share the good news of your love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who has come into the world.
All Amen.

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

For to us a child is born
All to us a Son is given.

His name will be called
Wonderful counsellor, mighty God,
**All the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.**

Glory to God in the highest
All and peace to his people on earth.
cf Isaiah 9:2,6 & Luke 2:14

1. Opening Carol : Hark the Herald

Please join in words in bold...

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

Unto us a child is born,
All unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.
All We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

Silence to reflect...

Prayers of Penitence

Christ the Light of the World has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.

In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins...

Silence

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 God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

Gloria in Excelsis (we stand...)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this Christmas day,
so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

2. Carol : God rest you merry gentlemen

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

2 The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

3 He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
5 make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn –
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;

9 let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

OT : Isaiah 52:7-15

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

3.Carol: O Holy Night

NT Epistle: Titus 2:11-14

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: A Song of the Chosen One

All **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.**

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stock
of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

**2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

3 The spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

All **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.**

**4 He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear,**

5 But with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

All **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.**

**6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the goat.**

7 The calf, the lion and the fatling together,
with a little child to lead them.

**8 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy
mountain, for the earth shall be full of the
knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.**

Isaiah 11.1, 2, 3b-4a, 6, 9

All **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.**

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Sermon :

4. Post Sermon Carol: Angels from realms of glory

The Creed (we stand)

This Christmas, we stand with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the Word made Flesh.

**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 from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints

Generous God,
Creator, redeemer, sustainer,
To you we present our money,
Symbol of the work you have given us to do.
Use it, use us,
In the service of your world
To the glory of your name.
Amen.

Collects

Eternal God,
who made that first Christmas night,
to shine with the brightness
of your one true light:
bring us, who have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
All Amen.

All 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 eternal God.
Amen.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
taught us.

All **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.

Going out as God's People

I, Jolanda and our children, want to wish you a
very happy and blessed Christmas Day, and
Christmas time!!!

5.Final Carol: O Come all ye faithful

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 Christ
be yours this Christmas ;

and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

We finish with praying the grace together...

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all this day and evermore.
Amen.

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