



St. Andrew's Cathedral Christmas Service 2022

25 Dec 2022 8am



RINGING OF THE BELLS (Digital 7:33am-7:54am)

PRELUDE (Organist)

WELCOME (Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew)

Vicar welcomes the congregation and invites them to stand for the procession

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - CP 62 O Come, All Ye Faithful (Choir)

**All 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:**

Refrain:

**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: *[Refrain]***

**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? *[Refrain]*

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
in the highest: *[Refrain]*

Yea, Lord we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing *[Refrain]*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES (Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew)

Vicar Today we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE.
The centre candle is the Christ candle.

Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.

Isaiah 9:6 – 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.

All O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope;

strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

THE GATHERING (Revd Andrew Yap)

Officiant The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Kneel

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE (Revd Andrew Yap)

Officiant 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.

Silence is kept

Officiant God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Officiant Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call: forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

ABSOLUTION (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

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

All Amen.

Stand, Sung

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Choir)

**All 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.**

THE CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECT (Revd Andrew Yap)

All **All praise to you, Almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin. Grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING (Mrs Sara Liew)

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Stand

THE GRADUAL HYMN - CP 74 What child is this, who, laid to rest
(Choir)

All **What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
this, this is Christ, the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him praise
the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
come, have no fear, God's Son is here,
his love all loves exceeding:
nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail, the Saviour comes,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him,
the King of kings salvation brings,
let every heart enthrone him:
raise, raise your song on high
while Mary sings a lullaby,
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

GOSPEL READING (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

John 1:1-14

All Glory to Christ our Saviour

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**All This is the Gospel of Christ
 Praise to Christ our Lord**

Sit

THE SERMON (Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman)

Stand

THE NICENE CREED (Revd Andrew Yap)

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of 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 Scripture
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.**

**With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

Kneel

THE INTERCESSION (A/Prof Joseph Thambiah)

Merciful Father.

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

Sit

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew)

Stand

THE PEACE (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

Bishop We are the Body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up
our common life.

**All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN - CP 53 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Choir)

**All 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 the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."**

Refrain:

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
glory to the new-born King.**

**Christ, by highest heaven 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. *[Refrain]***

**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 man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them, second birth. *[Refrain]***

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

All 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 do we give you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

Bishop The Lord is here
All His Spirit is with us.

Bishop Lift up your hearts
All We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, Heavenly King,
Almighty and Eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the
beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born as man and to die upon the cross;

you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

[The Incarnation]

And now we give you thanks because by the power of the Holy Spirit he took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin he might make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever 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.**

Kneel

**Bishop Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;**

Who in the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

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

Bishop Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross,
 and proclaim his mighty resurrection
 and glorious ascension.
 As we look for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate with this bread and this cup
 his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,

renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

Sung

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the Kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Priest We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ.

Sung

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

**All We do not presume
 to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in your manifold and great mercies.
 We are not worthy so much as to gather up
 the crumbs under your table.
 But you are the same Lord
 whose nature is always to have mercy.
 Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
 and to drink his blood
 that we may evermore dwell in him
 and he in us.
 Amen.**

**Bishop Draw near with faith.
 Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
 which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for
 you.**

**Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.**

Kneel

AFTER COMMUNION (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

Bishop Heavenly Father,
 we give you thanks and praise,
 that when we were still far off
 you met us in your Son and brought us home.
 Dying and living, he declared your love,
 gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
 May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
 we who drink his cup bring life to others;
 we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
 so we and all your children shall be free,
 and the whole earth live to praise your name;
 through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL (Bishop Dr Titus Chung)

Bishop Christ, who by his incarnation
 gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,
 fill you with his joy and peace;
 and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
 and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Stand

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN - CP 57 Joy to the World, the Lord is come! (Choir)

All Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.