

Morning Worship 27.12.20

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service from All Saints Church, on this First Sunday after Christmas. It's good to join with you this morning, as we worship the Lord in our homes.

I do hope that however you've been able to celebrate this Christmas, that you've been aware of the Lord Jesus, whose coming into our world we continue to celebrate today.

A moment in the quiet

Opening Words of Praise

I bring you good news of great joy:

A Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia!

Unto us a child is born:

unto us a Son is given.

Carol **Joy to the World! The Lord is come**

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Invitation to Confession

Christ the light of the world has indeed come, to dispel the darkness of our hearts.

Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

Confession

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

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We're going to listen to God's word now.

Jan & Rob are going to bring our bible readings, and then Roy will open up God's word for us. Let's be ready to hear what God has to say to each one of us this morning.

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Old Testament reading: Isaiah 61:10-11 & 62:1-3

(Jan H)

Gospel: Luke 2:15-21 (Rob T?)

After both readings:

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Carol: Once in Royal David's city

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Intercessions

Using the Response:

Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.
Christ, born in a stable,

give courage to all who are homeless.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, for whom the angels sang,

give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,

give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,

give humility and wisdom to all who govern.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,

give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary,

you know us and love us,

you share our lives

and hear our prayer.

Glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 for ever. Amen.**

Hymn **It came upon the midnight clear**

As our time together this morning draws to a close, a reminder that there's an opportunity to catch up with one another via Zoom at 12o'clock.

And we look forward to worshipping together again next Sunday, with our online All Around the Altar Epiphany Service

Blessing

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with 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

Closing responses

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.