



**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALL SAINTS'
ROSEBUD with ST. KATHERINE'S McCRAE.**

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

**CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday 25th December, 2023**



Our Vicar is the Reverend Lynda Crossley.

SENTENCE *I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10–11*

HYMNS

303

299

302

304

Parish Musings

Christmas Day

Christ is born, Alleluia! The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it!

Today we come to celebrate the birth of Christ. It is a joyous time when Christians the world over attend Christmas services to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This year I also want us to pause and take a moment to reflect on the year that has past. There have been moments of great joy, moments where light has broken forth. There have also been moments of grief and pain. As we reflect and recognise these moments, the joyful times as well as the challenges, the griefs and difficulties life has brought this year, we give thanks to God, that Jesus came into the world to be Immanuel – God *with us*. God is *with us* in all of life's circumstances.

May prayer for each and every one of us this Christmas is that we be bearers of the light of Christ and share the peace, hope and love that God revealed in bringing Christ to the world, a vulnerable human child, but in every way divine who would live to show us a better way, the way of love.

Blessings to you, your families and friends,

The Reverend Lynda Crossley

Please note I will be on leave the week following the Christmas services and will be back in the Parish on the 3rd of January.

If anyone requires Pastoral Care during this time, please contact Jan Harris (Lay Minister). Fr Roger Wood will take the Sunday Service (31 Dec) during my absence. The Wednesday service is cancelled (27th Dec).

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit hymn: 303 Hark the Herald Angels sing

God is made flesh and laid in a manger.
Today we see God as a new born child.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

THE ADVENT WREATH.

The lighting of the Christ Candle

(Please see Lighting of Advent Candle Liturgy)

Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray:

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 AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom in to our lives.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness

to all who turn to him in Faith

Pardon you and set you free from all your sins

Strengthen you in all goodness

And keep you in eternal life,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to God's 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 sins 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

Collect of the Day

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

who gave your only-begotten Son

to take our nature upon him

and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary:

grant that we being born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,
ever one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING is from Isaiah 62.6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

Hear the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

RESPONSE: Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous: and give thanks to his holy name.

¹ The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.

² Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne. **R**

³ Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.

- ⁴ His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth. **R**
- ⁶ The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.
- ⁷ They are ashamed, all those who serve idols
and glory in mere nothings:
all gods bow down before him. **R**
- ⁸ Zion heard and was glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
because of your judgements, O God.
- ⁹ For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods. **R**
- ¹⁰ The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name. **R**

SECOND READING is from Titus 3: 4-8a

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

Hear the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn 299 While Shepherds watched their flocks

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2.8-20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Please sit

A sermon is preached

A short period of silence follows the Sermon

THE NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

Please stand

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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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 for the world and for the Church...

The prayers conclude with the following words.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**
We are the body of Christ, **his spirit is with us**
The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.**

Offertory hymn: 302 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

THE OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Priest continues with a prayer appropriate for the season,
concluding with:*

...we proclaim your great and glorious name,

For ever praising you and singing,

**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.

The priest continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The priest continues the prayer which concludes:

We worship you Father in songs of never ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

Are yours forever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

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

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins have mercy on us
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace

All who are baptised Christians are welcome to communion.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
In remembrance that he died for us
And feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

**Father we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
To live and work to your praise and glory.**

Recessional Hymn: 304 O Come All ye faithful, vv, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6

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 you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen.

**May you and your loved ones
Have a blessed and holy Christmas.**

In our prayers this week we pray especially for:

Peter Healey and his family, Alan and his family, Diane, Graham, Greg, Helen, Jim, Joan, Jono, Josie, Judith Ann, Kay, Kellie, Margaret & David and Mary.

This week's Collect Prayer

All glory to you, gracious God,
for the gift of your Son,
whom you sent to save us.

With the angels, let us praise your name,
and tell the earth his story,
that all may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings for next Sunday: The First Sunday after
Christmas**

Isaiah 61:10-2: 3,

Psalm 148,

Galatians 4: 4-7,

Luke 2: 22-40

Collecting for Southern Peninsula Community Support

In the Narthex, you will find a basket for us to place items for collection for the Southern Peninsula Community Support. At present they are seeking donations of SHAMPOO, (not conditioner) TOOTHPASTE, TOILET PAPER and TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP. Small donations go a long way to assisting those who are homeless or are financially disadvantaged. Thank you to all who have already donated

- Reverend Lynda will be on leave following the Christmas Day service and will be back in the Parish on Wednesday the 3rd January.

There will **Not** be a mid-week service on 27th December.

Funeral for Vera Healey
January 5th at 1pm at All Saints

Peter Healey and family invite the Parish to the funeral of Vera Healey. She was a part of our Parish family for many years and Peter will appreciate your support and prayers.

The Reverend Lynda Crosley

CHURCH OFFERING

If you wish to use direct credit for your regular offering from your bank account, then you can use these details:

ACCOUNT NAME: ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ROSEBUD

BSB: 033267

ACCOUNT: 110066.

The Week Ahead

| Date | Day | Event |
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| Dec 25 th | <u>Monday</u> Christmas Day | 8.30 St Katherines, Eucharist with carols 10.30 All Saints, Eucharist with carols |
| Dec 26 th | <u>Tuesday</u> St Stephen, deacon and martyr | |
| Dec 27 th | <u>Wednesday</u> St John the Apostle and evangelist | |
| Dec 28 th | <u>Thursday</u> Holy Innocents | |
| Dec 29 th | <u>Friday</u> Thomas Becket Archbishop of Canterbury martyr (d. 1170) | |
| Dec 30 th | <u>Saturday</u> Josephine Butler – social reformer (d. 1905) | |
| Dec 31 st | <u>Sunday – First Sunday after Christmas</u> | 8.30 St Katherine's, McCrae 10.30 All Saints, Rosebud |

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