

# WELCOME

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## CHRISTMAS EVE

## 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### ST GEORGE'S HYMNS

Introit 521

Gradual 597

Offertory 330

Communion 776, 523

Recessional 479



### COLLECT

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:

give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven

through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

To him be glory both now and for ever.

OT: Isaiah 52: 7—10

<sup>7</sup> 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.'

<sup>8</sup> 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.  
<sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup> 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.



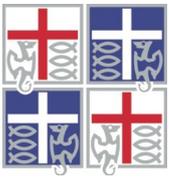
GOSPEL: John 1: 1—14

In the beginning was the Word, and the  
Word was with God, and the Word was  
God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with  
God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being  
through him, and without him not one  
thing came into being. What has come  
into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life  
was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light  
shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God,  
whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a  
witness to testify to the light, so that all  
might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself  
was not the light, but he came to testify  
to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which  
enlightens everyone, was coming into  
the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world  
came into being through him; yet the  
world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to  
what was his own, and his own people  
did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who  
received him, who believed in his name,  
he gave power to become children of  
God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or  
of the will of the flesh or of the will of  
man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> 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.



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## CHRISTMAS DAY

## 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### ST GEORGE'S HYMNS

Introit 370

Gradual 321

Offertory 508

Communion 859

Recessional 479 (vv. 1, 2, 6, 7)



### COLLECT

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.

### 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.

OT: Isaiah 62: 6 - 12

<sup>6</sup> 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,  
<sup>7</sup> and give him no rest  
until he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it renowned throughout the  
earth.  
<sup>8</sup> 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;  
<sup>9</sup> but those who garner it shall eat it  
and praise the LORD,  
and those who gather it shall drink it  
in my holy courts.  
<sup>10</sup> 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.  
<sup>11</sup> 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.'  
<sup>12</sup> They shall be called, 'The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the LORD';  
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.'

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 8—20

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living  
in the fields, keeping watch over their flock  
by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood  
before them, and the glory of the Lord  
shone around them, and they were  
terrified. <sup>10</sup> 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: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city  
of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the  
Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will  
find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and  
lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there  
was with the angel a multitude of the  
heavenly host,<sup>1</sup> praising God and saying,  
<sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those  
whom he favours!'  
<sup>15</sup> 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.' <sup>16</sup> So they  
went with haste and found Mary and  
Joseph, and the child lying in the  
manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made  
known what had been told them about  
this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were  
amazed at what the shepherds told  
them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these  
words and pondered them in her  
heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying  
and praising God for all they had heard  
and seen, as it had been told them.