

The Parish Church of All Saints' Sanderstead

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sun 27 December 2020, 9.30am 1st Sunday of Christmas

*Extending God's Welcome to All.
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers*



A very warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Let us pray for one another during these difficult days, as we remember that God sent his only Son to be our Saviour.

He is present with us, even though we ourselves are physically separated. We meet in His name, and share His peace.

Later in the service we will celebrate the Eucharist. You may wish to light a candle, and if you would like to share in Communion, prepare a table with bread and wine.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith or All Saints Church, do get in touch with either Revd Canon Martin Greenfield or Revd Jeremy Groombridge. Our contact details are on the website, www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk.

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IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And, when at war, we fail to hear
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise that warfare brings,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when, with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Preparation. This prayer is said

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

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 Christ the Saviour of the World.

Silence is kept.

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.

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

'Gloria in Excelsis'

**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 minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

**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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the young plant come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her righteousness shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

² The nations will see your righteousness,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

³ You will be a crown of splendour in the LORD's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 15-21

Alleluia, alleluia,
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this

child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Carol: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwkkclFxfJE>

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing;

*Christ the child is Lord of all,
Christ the child is Lord of all.*

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new;
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:

from the Polish, E M G Reed (1885-1933)

The table is prepared.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
You bring forth bread from the earth

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
You create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer E)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore, with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to
proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray

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 forever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light
and life.**

The Invitation

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is lord,
to the Glory of God the Father.**

Time of Quiet

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
grant to your Church grace to live as one family
united in love and obedience,
and at the last bring us all to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**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**

Prayer of God's Blessing

May Christ who by his incarnation gathered into one,
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature:
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAzQIS4-MpY>

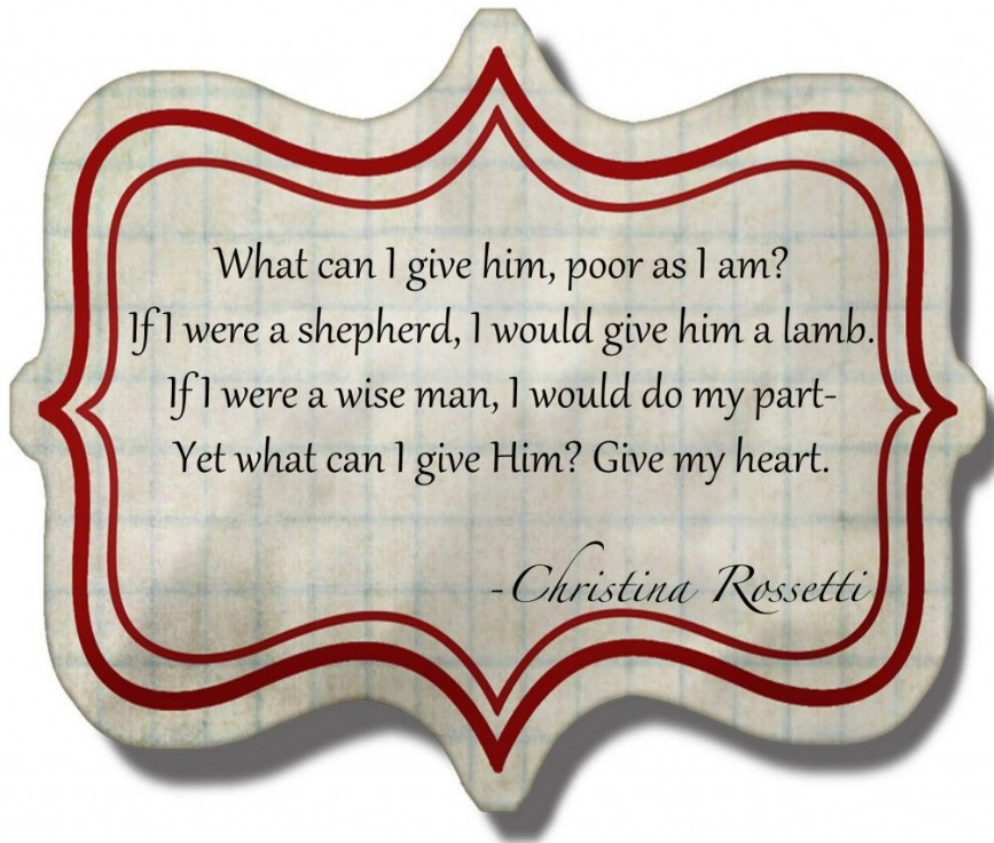
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER, frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

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



A Happy New Year to all.

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