

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Unto us a child is born;
O come let us worship!*

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist of the Nativity

♫ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Gloria: *page 86*

The Collect: *page 107*

The Lesson: *Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7*

Christmas Anthems:

The Holy Gospel: *page 107*

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The Homily

♫ OFFERTORY HYMN: AWAY IN A MANGER

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

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♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN: JOY TO THE WORLD

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The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Reader: The Roman emperor Augustus ordered every person in his country to be counted. All people had to go to the town of their ancestors and put their names on a list. Because Mary and Joseph were members of King David's family, they had to go to the city of David, Bethlehem. The trip was hard for Mary because her baby was due to be born soon.

All: *(in a soft whisper)*
Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

Reader: When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, there was no room left in the inn. They had to sleep in the stable. That night Mary gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him tightly in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

All: *(in a loud whisper)*
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.

Reader: Shepherds were watching their sheep in a field near Bethlehem. Suddenly they saw a great light in the night sky. The shepherds were terrified. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds and said to them:

All: *(in a normal speaking voice)*
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.

Reader: The angel told the shepherds: "This will be a sign for you; you will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly angels seemed to be everywhere, singing praises to God.

All: *(in joyful voices)*
**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on
earth peace among those whom He favours!**

(As the Christ Candle is lit)

**We honour Messiah with Christ Candle flame,
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.**



SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 26: ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 27: ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 29: ST. THOMAS BECKET, Archbishop & Martyr

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 30: CHRISTMAS FERIA

2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, Paradise Villa

JANUARY 1: THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 2: THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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The truth of Christmas is a contemporary truth. Not just truth in old Bethlehem, but truth now. And you have to help the truth become realised in your life today. You do this by reading, marking, learning and inwardly digesting it. You must take it into yourself like your Christmas dinner. Do this, and the truth shall make you free.

The Revd Dr Peter Mullen, 2007

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*In addition, a donation has been made to St.
Mary's Cemetery Fund this Christmastide in
memory of:*

Elizabeth Gill	Husband Lloyd Gill & Family
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*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*