

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Saturday 25th December, 2021 (In Church)
Christmas Day**

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for David Keir, Richard Henderson, Betsy Black

We also give special prayers for Chris & Susie for their ministry in the Ukraine, Tony & Gill and family, Jan, Charlie, Glynis, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Pam B., Claire A. & family, and Jenny, Colin & family.

The Intercessions are being led by Rev Nick Wills

Collect for Christmas Day

O God, who wonderfully created
and yet more wonderfully restored
the dignity of our human nature:
grant that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 52: 7-10

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.' 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. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
2. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
3. The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
6. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
10. In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading Hebrews 1: 1-4 (Read by Rupert Forbes)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is Luke 2: 1-7

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

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.

Amen