

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind  
for Sunday 26th December, 2021 (On Zoom)  
Christmas 1**

**In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for** Margaret Clark, Betsy Black,  
Robin MacCormick, Arthur Hopkinson

**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 Rebecca Mackay*

**Collect for Christmas 1**

O God,  
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Saviour,  
so we may with confidence  
behold him as he comes to be our Judge;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end .

**Amen**

**The Old Testament Reading is 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26**

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 148**

1. Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
2. Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
3. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
4. Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded and they were created.
6. He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
7. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8. Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9. Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
10. Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
11. Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
12. Young men and maidens, old and young together.
13. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted,  
his splendour is over earth and heaven.
14. He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia!

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**Thanks be to God.**

## **The New Testament Reading is Colossians 3: 12-17** (Read by Bill Polson)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading is Luke 2: 8-20**

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

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.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

### **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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

**Amen**