

# The First Sunday of Christmas

29<sup>th</sup> December 2024



StMARY *with* StALBAN  
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

## THE GATHERING

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship*

*Christ the new-born King,*

*come and worship,*

*worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant Light:

*Refrain*

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:

*Come and worship*

*Christ the new-born King,*

*come and worship,*

*worship Christ, the new-born King.*

4. Though an infant now we view him,  
he shall fill his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
every knee shall then bow down:

*Refrain*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you

*All* **and also with you.**

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*All* **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 the Saviour of the world.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *The Mass of St. Thomas, David Thorne*

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!  
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.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.  
Lord Jesus Christ; Holy 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.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.  
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.  
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.**

THE COLLECT      *The Collect is said after a short period of silence*

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING – *1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26, read by a member of the congregation*

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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,

**All Thanks be to God**

THE SECOND READING – *Colossians 3.12–17, read by the subdeacon*

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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,

**All Thanks be to God**

## GRADUAL HYMN

1. A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the Infant  
With virgin-honour pure.

Repeat the hymn again!  
'To God on high be glory,  
And peace on earth to men!'

2. The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high!  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky:  
Chorus

3. While thus they sing your Monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,  
Ye oceans, clap your hands.

Repeat the hymn again!  
'To God on high be glory,  
And peace on earth to men!'

4. Since all he comes to ransom,  
By all be he adored,  
The Infant born in Bethl'em,  
The Saviour and the Lord.  
Chorus

## THE GOSPEL READING – Luke 2.41–52

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.<sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup>He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'<sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Lord in your mercy                      or                      Lord, hear us  
*All* **Hear our prayer**    **Lord, graciously hear us**  
Merciful Father,  
*All* **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers, and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation, that among the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may always be defended by your gracious help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## THE 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

*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
Come to make all things new;  
Bear his people's burden,  
Freely love and pardon.  
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*When he comes,*  
*When he comes,*  
*Who will make him welcome?*

2. God in time, God in man,  
This is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man,  
Born himself of woman,  
God divinely human.  
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*When he comes,*  
*When he comes,*  
*Who will make him welcome?*

3. Mary hail! Though afraid,  
She believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb, God is laid:  
Till the time expected,  
Nurtured and protected,  
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*When he comes,*  
*When he comes,*  
*Who will make him welcome?*

4. Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
Stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!  
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*Jesus comes!*  
*Jesus comes!*  
*We will make him welcome*

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour 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:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit ✠, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: *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.*

Great is the miracle of faith:

*All* **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom

all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Alban the martyr and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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



## AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

**All Lord, give us this bread always.**

*Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

**All 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.**

## SENDING OUT

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady.'

Gloria!

'For know, a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.'

Gloria!

'For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.'

Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God', she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
most highly favoured lady.

Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
'Most highly favoured lady.'

Gloria!

## THE BLESSING

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.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen**


*The ministers and people depart.*

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## Notices

	<p><b>Thank you</b> A special '<u>Thank you</u>' to all those who helped 'provide' Christmas through time and talent this year. It was a truly wonderful start to this sacred festive season and testimony to the beating heart of Christ in our parish. May I also wish you all a very happy and peaceful new year. Fr David</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">A L L  W E L C O M E</p> <p><b>Community Café</b> <b>Parish Social Coffee</b> <b>Memory Cafe</b> <b>Plain &amp; Pearl knit month</b></p> <p><b>2nd Wednesday Open Discussion Group</b> <b>Pints of View</b></p> <p><b>Parish Social Lunch</b> <b>Traherne Reading Group</b></p>	<p><b>Coming up</b> <u>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-3.30pm</u> Peter &amp; Paul Centre also 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January on zoom 10.30am. To join email <a href="mailto:enquiries@teddingtonparish.org">enquiries@teddingtonparish.org</a>. <u>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1.30-3.00pm</u> Peter &amp; Paul Centre <u>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January Beginners Knitting</u> with 'knitting godmothers' to help you knit this special hat. Also 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> January. Designed by our inhouse knitwear designer Suzanne. Use the QR code for more info and to book. </p> <p><u>Wednesday 8th January 12.45-2.15pm</u> Mina Hogan Room. Topic: <i>Archbishop matters ...?</i> Bring your packed lunch and a friend. Tea &amp; coffee provided. After this returns to First Wednesday. <u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January Tide End Pub 8.00pm</u>. This is an opportunity to gather each month, at the same time each month in the Tide End Pub, for some unscripted, agenda-free and committee-free fellowship over a pint or equivalent.</p> <p><u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January Piazza Firenze 12noon</u>. To join email <a href="mailto:enquiries@teddingtonparish.org">enquiries@teddingtonparish.org</a>. <u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1.30-3.00pm</u> Mina Hogan Room The first of a 6 week course</p>
<p><b>Tango Evening Saturday, 18 January 2025</b> Book via  QR code.</p> <p><b>Quiz Night Saturday, 8th February 2025</b> Tickets £20.</p>	<p><u>Book via now for this special evening of music and dancing</u> for all, a fundraiser for Building Anew thanks to Margaret Lochrie and Freedom Tango. Starting with a beautiful 30-minute Tango performance, then join Father David at the Tango taster lesson before trying out your new skills on the dance floor or just having a chat at the bar. £15pp - your ticket includes a free drink on arrival. Doors open from 7.15pm.</p> <p><u>Book your place/s now</u> for this epic Quiz Night with a fun 8-round quiz from famed local Quizmasters Mark &amp; Debby. A tasty fish &amp; chip supper is included in your ticket to keep you fuelled through the rounds. Expect lots of fun whilst challenging your grey matter! No need to book a full table. </p>

<b>Foreign currency (Notes and coins)</b>	<p><u>Please keep your foreign currency coming to us</u>, even if it has expired. Please place donations in an envelope (with gift aid info if you can) and in the plate on Sunday or drop into the Parish Office.</p>
<b>TSM fundraising concert at SMwSA Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 7.30pm</b>	<p><u>New Year in Old Vienna</u> Greet the New Year with the wonderful and enduring music of Johann Strauss II, Franz Lehár, Robert Stolz, Mozart, Schubert and others. Tickets: £18 and conc. £15 Book in advance using QR code or on the door.</p> 
<b>Reuse Regift Recycle Event Sunday, 19 January 10:30am - 12:00pm St Mary's Parish Hall</b> 	<p>We are hosting another fun Sustainability event at the Parish Hall with another Reuse, Regift &amp; Recycle festival. Come along and donate or swap unwanted items, exchange gifts that don't quite fit, find that book you've always wanted to read, pickup a new piece of clothing, and more. After your Christmas clear out, it's a chance to give your old things a new home and find some treasures in return!</p> <p>Remaining items will be donated to a local charity.</p>
<b>Chirpy Cheeps looking for a volunteer pianist</b>	<p>This popular singing group for adults with learning disabilities is looking for a pianist able to play Beatles, Abba and similar tunes for them on Friday afternoons in Teddington. If you might be able to help, please call 07906 277849.</p>
<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p>Everyone is invited to join any of these local services:  <b>Sunday Jan 19th 6.30pm</b>, St Mary with St Alban  <b>Monday Jan 20th 9.30am</b> Sacred Heart RC Church  <b>Tuesday Jan 21st 10.30am</b> St Michael's, Fulwell  <b>Wed Jan 22nd 5.30pm</b> St Mary's University Chapel  <b>Thurs Jan 23rd 9.00am</b> St Mark's 9.00am  <b>Fri Jan 24th 12noon</b> Teddington Baptist Church  <b>Sat Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 10.45am</b> Teddington Methodist Church</p>

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