

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
THE PARISH OF KIDMAN PARK & MILE  
END

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT SERVICE  
AND  
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE  
2018



*Our vision Statement:  
Relying on God and celebrating with joy,  
we aim to welcome all people  
and reach out with love and compassion.*

**OUR CHURCHES:**

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# CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Welcome! *We especially welcome visitors to our church!*

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT SERVICE

### Sentence

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

### Prayer for Christmas Midnight

**Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### A reading from the Book of Zechariah 3.1-10

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. 2 The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. 4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you." 5 Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by. 6 The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: 7 "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.' 8 "Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. 9 See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day. 10 "In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree," declares the LORD Almighty."

### Psalms 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**sing to God, all you lands.**  
Sing of salvation always;  
**God's glory now at hand.**  
God's love shall never cease.  
**God comes to rule with justice;**  
God comes to rule with peace.

**Let earth and heaven glory;**  
let ocean depths rejoice.  
**Let hills and plains and forests**  
sing praises with one voice.  
**God's love shall never cease.**  
God comes to rule with justice;  
**God comes to rule with peace.**

#### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good

#### **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 2:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while <sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. <sup>8</sup> And there were shepherd And s living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” <sup>15</sup> 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.” <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

### Sentence

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

### Prayer for Christmas Day

**God Most High,  
whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we  
might live in your presence:  
grant us a spirit of wisdom  
to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how  
great is the hope to which we are called in the Word  
made flesh;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

### A reading from the Book of Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" <sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. <sup>9</sup> Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

### Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song:  
**for he has done marvellous things;**  
His right hand and his holy arm:  
**they have got him the victory.**  
The Lord has made known his salvation:  
**he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.**  
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel:  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**  
Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:  
**break into singing and make melody.**  
Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:  
**upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**  
With trumpets and with horns:  
**cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

**the good earth and those who live upon it.**

Let the rivers clap their hands:

**and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;**

For he comes to judge the earth:

**he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

### **A reading from The Letter to the Hebrews 1:1-12**

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.<sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.<sup>4</sup> So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?<sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."<sup>7</sup> In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."<sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom."<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."<sup>10</sup> He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands."<sup>11</sup> They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.<sup>12</sup> You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

### **A reading from the Gospel according to John 1:1-14**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.<sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John.<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.<sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.<sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## PRAYER FOCUS

Almighty God,,  
you make us glad with yearly expectations of the birth of your Son  
Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be  
our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God  
now and forever. Amen.



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OTHERWISE [ME = ST JAMES, FALCON AVE., MILE END]**

**GROUPS  
CLOSED  
FOR  
HOLIDAYS**

## ***COMING EVENTS***

**AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST  
Saturday 26th January 2019**

## **NOTICES**

**OP SHOP** Closed until 30th January 2019

**In Need:** David Rozleja, Ethan Praise Opio

### **Readings for 30/12/18**

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3.12-17  
Luke 2.41-52