



# ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**25 December 2017**  
**9am**



**HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE FEAST OF THE  
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

*Celebrant and Preacher*  
*Organist*  
*Cantor*  
*Setting*

Rev'd Tim St Quintin  
Glenn Amer  
Antonia Waddy  
Dudman



**WELCOME to St Peter's Church.** I am delighted that you can join us for our Christmas service today.

This is a joyous time of year when we as a church enjoy celebrating the birth of Christ with our wider community. If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. May I invite you to join us at one of our regular Sunday services during 2018. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in the front three pews on the left hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

I wish you a merry and meaningful Christmas,

Tim St Quintin, **Rector**

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*All stand*

### HYMN

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the king of angels;

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

True God of true God, light of light eternal,  
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten not created:

*O come, let us adore him...*

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

*O come, let us adore him...*

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
fain we embrace thee with love and awe;  
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

*O come, let us adore him...*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,  
'Glory to God, Glory in the highest':

*O come, let us adore him...*

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

*O come, let us adore him...*

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

✠ **Blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

## SENTENCE

*Celebrant*

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10-11*

Let us pray.

**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.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

2 *mp*  
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

7  
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

11  
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

## CONFESSION

*Senior Server*

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

*Silence*

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,**

**our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Music next page*

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only 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.**

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. Amen.

*f*  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
 7  
 hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we  
 12 *mf*  
 praise You for Your glo-ry, Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,  
 18  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are  
 24  
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
 30  
 Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High,  
 35  
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECT

*Celebrant*

Let us pray,

Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grant that we being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with your and the same Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*All sit*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet **Isaiah 9:2-7**

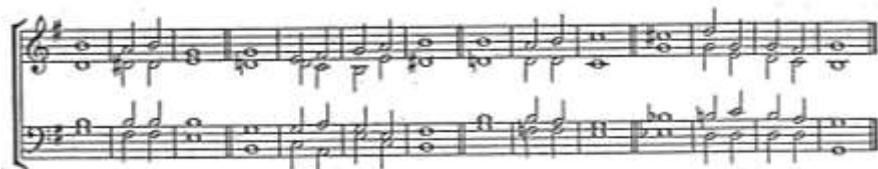
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shone. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

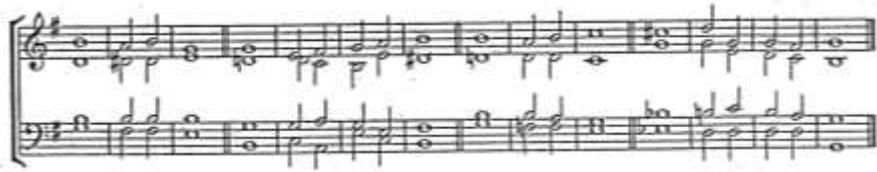
*The congregation remains seated for the singing of the Psalm*

**PSALM 96:1-3,11-13**

*George M Garrett*



- 1     Sing to the Lord a | new | song:  
      sing to the | Lord, | all the | earth.
- 2     Sing to the Lord and | bless his | name:  
      tell out his sal | vation from | day to | day.
- 3     Declare his glory a | mong the | nations:  
      and his | wonders a | mong all | peoples.



- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the | earth be | glad:  
let the sea | thunder and | all • that is | in it;
- 12 Let the fields be joyful and | all • that is | in them:  
let all the trees of the wood shout for | joy  
be | fore the | Lord.
- 13 For he comes, he comes to | judge the | earth:  
with righteousness he will judge the world  
and the | peoples | with his | truth.

## SECOND READING

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

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:  
*O tidings of great comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy!  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:  
*O tidings of great comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy!  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

And when they came to Bethlehem  
Where our dear Saviour lay,  
They found him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling down,  
Unto the Lord did pray:  
*O tidings of great comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy!  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other new embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth efface:  
*O tidings of great comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy!  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Cantor*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

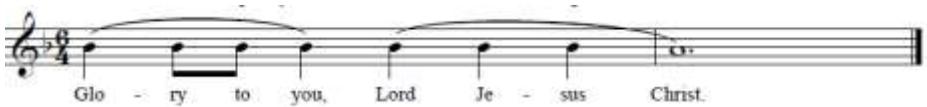
*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 2:1-20**

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



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. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



# SERMON

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*All stand*

*Senior Server*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Sit or kneel*

*Senior Server*

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

*Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer.*

*Each petition ends with this response:*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**

*All stand*

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Celebrant*

We are the Body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*A voluntary offertory will be collected during the next hymn for the ministry of St Peter's in Cremorne and beyond.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

They lookèd up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*The celebrant and communicants receive the Holy Communion.*

*All communicants of other churches are invited to join us in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back as you kneel or stand at the communion rail.*

*We request that people do not use the practice of 'intinction' at Communion (dipping the bread into the wine) for hygiene reasons. If you are concerned about the use of the common cup, it is acceptable for you to receive Communion in one kind (i.e. the bread only).*

*As the sacrament is received the communicant responds **Amen.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All stand*

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you: And also with you. Lift up your hearts." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The third staff is also for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The score includes musical notation such as treble clefs, notes, rests, and bar lines.

*Cantor*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

✕ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a fermata and a '2' above it, followed by a dynamic marking of 'f'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.' The second staff continues with the lyrics: 'Hea - ven and earth are full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third staff starts at measure 11 with a dynamic marking of 'mp' and the lyrics: 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the'. The fourth staff starts at measure 15 with a dynamic marking of 'f' and the lyrics: 'name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's ✕ body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,

“Take eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,

“Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

*Cantor*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**



✕ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Musical score for the hymn. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *ff* (fortissimo). The lyrics are: Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are Yours for -  
ev - er and ev - er. A - - - - - men!

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Musical score for the Agnus Dei. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mp* (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are: Je - sus Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us, Je - sus bear-er of our  
6 sins, have mer-cy on us. Je - sus re-deem-er of the world, grant us peace. The second staff begins with a dynamic marking of *p* (piano).

## INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by  
faith with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION - Antonia Waddy

O Holy Night

*Words and lyrics written in 1847 – Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure*

*Music – Adolphe Charles Adams (1803-1856)*

*Translated – John Sullivan Dwight (1812-1893)*

*Celebrant*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;  
we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray,

God of heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with  
this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made  
flesh that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all  
people.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give  
us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of  
your Spirit. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased in human flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings:  
mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more need die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

## **GOD'S BLESSING**

*Celebrant*

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the ✠ blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Senior Server*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ voluntary in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building. The voluntary is a liturgical musical offering to God.*

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## **RECTOR'S REFRESHMENT LEAVE AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Tuesday 26 December** is a public holiday.

**Wednesday 27 December** the Rector will take refreshment leave.

**Thursday 28 December** is his weekly day of rest.

If you have a pastoral care need on these days please ring the wardens.

**Friday 29 December** the Rector will be in the Parish and taking a baptism.

## **CHRISTMAS GREETING**

May the timeless message of Christmas  
fill your hearts and homes with joy and peace  
today and throughout the coming year.



### **Regular services**

7am Eucharist

9am Sung Eucharist

11am Church@11 All Ages Service

(Church@11 will resume on Sunday 14 January)

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