

**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service
25th December 2023**



Christmas Day

Call to Worship:

LEADER The Word has come among us!

RESPONSE in the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

L May the light of faith illumine our hearts

R and shine in our words and deeds.

Hymn 306 O come all ye faithful

Lighting of Christmas Day Candle

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Peace: The Peace of Christ be with you

and also with you

(Let us share peace with one another)

Prayer

Gospel Reading: Luke, chapter 2, verses 1-14

The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** All went to their own towns to be registered. **4** 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. **5** He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. **7** 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.

The Shepherds and the Angels

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** 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: **11** to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Hymn 312 Away in a manger

Something missing at Christmas?

Hymn 322 Good Christians all rejoice

Prayer

Hymn 301 Hark the herald angels sing

Blessing

Worship leader: Rev. Alistair Kiel

Organist: James McNeill

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