

**St Andrew's and St George's West  
Order of Service  
25<sup>th</sup> 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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