

**Hope-Emmanuel-St John the Baptist**  
**Midnight Service Online 2020**  
*with Christmas Address and Holy Communion*

*Welcome and Opening Prayers – Rev Adam Pawley, Rector*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.**  
**No secrets are hidden from you.**  
**Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit**  
**that we may love and worship you faithfully,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord Jesus, mighty God and Prince of peace,  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh and splendour of the Father,  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed,**  
**and have failed to do what we ought to have done.**  
**We are sorry and truly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way**  
**to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,  
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Carol (Gloria)*

**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,*  
*Come and worship,*  
***Worship Christ, the newborn King!***

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding,**  
**Watching o'er your flocks by night,**  
**God with man is now residing,**  
**Yonder shines the infant Light;**  
***Come...***

*Christmas Collect Prayer*

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 your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Christmas Gospel Reading*

John 1:1-14

*Address from Rev Gareth Erlandson, Curate*

*The Lighting of the Christmas Candle*

Eternal God, as we greet the birth of Christ with joy  
we light this candle to illuminate our hearts  
and express our overflowing joy  
so that he who is born of Mary this day,  
may see us gathered to greet him and ready to attend to him  
the Light of the World, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Peace*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of peace;  
of the increase of his government and of  
peace there shall be no end. *Isaiah 9:6*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We offer one another a sign of peace, and wish each other a  
Happy Christmas*

*Carol*

**It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men**

**From heavens all gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.**

**O ye beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow;  
Look now, for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing;  
Oh rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Shall come the time foretold,  
When the new heaven and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace, their King,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.**

*Prayers*

*Holy Communion*

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,  
we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example and obey his command.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

It is always right,

wherever we are,

to thank you and to praise you,  
God our Father and King for ever,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

*And now we give you thanks  
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
he took our nature upon him  
and was born of the Virgin Mary,  
that being himself without sin,  
he might make us clean from all sin.*

So here on earth,  
with the angels and archangels  
and with everyone in heaven  
we praise your name and say:

**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.**

Father in heaven,

listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name;  
through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove,  
may this bread and this wine be for us Jesus' body and blood.

Father, we remember

when Jesus had supper with his friends  
the night before he died,  
he took the bread;

he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:  
Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;

he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:

All of you drink from this cup – because this is my blood –  
the new promise of God's love:  
Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who died on the cross and rose again,  
we offer you these and all the gifts you freely give to us.

Send your Holy Spirit to be with us  
and all who share this bread and  
drink from this cup.

Help us to trust you,  
bring us closer together and welcome us,  
with all your people,  
into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

All honour and glory belong to you, Father,  
through Jesus, your Son,  
with the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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.**

*Adam breaks the bread:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body  
for we all share in one bread.**

*Adam holds up the bread and wine:*

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup

**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Come, let us receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
**Christ, given for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.**

*Adam receives the bread and wine, saying*

*The body and blood of Christ keep me in eternal life. **Amen.***

*A prayer of spiritual communion for all to pray during the Pandemic, when joining in Holy Communion from your homes*

**All: O Blessed Lord,**  
**in union with the faithful throughout the world,**  
**at every altar<sup>1</sup> of your Church**  
***where the Eucharist<sup>2</sup> is being celebrated,***  
***I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.***  
***I present to you my soul and body***  
***with the earnest wish that may always be united to you.***  
***Since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament<sup>3</sup>,***  
***I invite you to come spiritually into my heart.***  
***I unite myself to you,***  
***and embrace you with heart and mind and soul.***  
***Let nothing ever separate you from me,***  
***so that I may live and die in your love. Amen.***

*The ancient prayer, the 'Anima Christi'*

**All: Soul of Christ, sanctify<sup>4</sup> me.**  
**Body of Christ, save me.**  
**Blood of Christ, refresh me.**  
**Water from the side of Christ, wash me.**  
**Passion of Christ, strengthen me.**  
**O good Lord Jesus, hear me.**  
**Within your wounds, hide me.**  
**Do not permit me to be separated from you,**  
**and from the malicious enemy defend me.**  
**In the hour of my death call me,**  
**and bid me to come to you that with all the saints,**  
**I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen**

*After Communion:*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

**Eternal God,**  
**comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,**  
**you have fed us at the table of life and hope:**  
**teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,**  
**that all the world may acknowledge**  
**the kingdom of your Son,**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

***The Christmas Blessing***

May the joy of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
the worship of the wise men  
and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.  
And the blessing of God  
The Father and the Son  
And the Holy Spirit be with you  
and remain with you always, **Amen.**

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

*Carol*

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*