



ST. SAVIOUR'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN

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CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



24 DECEMBER 2022

22H30

PREACHER & PRESIDER: REVD. CHESNAY FRANTZ

LAYMINISTER: GAVIN PILLAY & JONATHAN CARELSE

READER: JEREMY FREDERICKS

## Rector's Christmas Message

Dear Friends.

During our Advent journey, we spent time preparing ourselves; individually and as a faith community for that which is to be birthed afresh in our lives at Christmas. We now, after weeks of preparation have endured the pains of labour and now come to enjoy the wonderful gift of new life. As a people we have endured much over the last few months, many of us have become totally disillusioned with the state of our country and by extension the lack of response by the Church, and rightfully so. We now spend more time without electricity than ever before. Violent crime and unemployment statistics do not make for comfortable reading and our grocery baskets are now simply about essentials and almost never include any form of luxury. While the cost of credit and usage thereof is on the increase.

Yet today, on this Christmas Day of celebration we are reminded that more than 2000 years ago, a child was born to us, to be the light which drives out all darkness. More than 2000 years ago, the odds were stacked against the Holy Family: they were disgraced and dishonoured. There was no place in the inn, and Herod was on a different mission. However amidst it all, Jesus Christ is born and restores order in the World.

Today, as we consider our World, and what we are facing, we are called to come before God, and allow the Christ child to be born afresh into our lives, the one who is able to drive out the darkness of the world. We are challenged today not to get caught up in this darkness, but to seek the light; Jesus Christ.

As you celebrate with loved ones this Christmas; as you remember those who are no longer around; as you reflect on the goodness of God over that last year, may the Christ child be born anew in you and in our World.

From my family to your family: may you have a BLESSED CHRISTMAS, and may the love of the Christ child abound in your life and may all that is good blossom in all you do.

Many blessings.

Fr. Chesnay Frantz

*The congregation stands as the procession enters the Church.*

**O Holy Night: Peace and Goodwill Christmas Band**

**Placing of Baby Jesus in the crib and the censing of the crib.**

**Lighting of the Christmas candle<sup>1</sup>**

*Congregation sits*

*The four Advent candles are lit before the service begins.*

**Speaker 1:** The season for watching and waiting is over. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

*The Christ candle is lit.*

**Speaker 2:** “O sing to the Lord a new song;  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Tell of his salvation from day to day.  
“Declare his glory among the nations,  
His marvellous works among all the peoples” (Psalm 96:1-3).

**Speaker 3:** “Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
Bring an offering and come into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in holy splendour;  
Tremble before him, all the earth” (Psalm 96:7-9).

**Speaker 4:** “Say among the nations, ‘The Lord is King!’  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
And the peoples with his truth” (Psalm 96:10a, 11a, 13b).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.faithward.org/advent-candle-lighting-readings/>

**Greeting and Welcome**

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

Tonight we celebrate the birth of a child who was to bring the joy of Gods saving love to the whole World. And we make our own the jubilant cry of the angels:

**“Glory to God in the Highest”.**

Let us rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour is born to the World.

**Introit Hymn: Once in Royal David's City**

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and mean and lowly,  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love,  
for that child, so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heav'n above,  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable  
with the oxen standing by  
we shall see him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars his children crowned,  
all in white, his praise will sound.

**The liturgy of the Eucharist: Liverpool Mass Setting**

Praise the Lord

**Praise him you servants of the Lord**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Blessed be his Name, now and for ever**

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King**

**almighty God and Father**

**we worship you, we give you thanks**

**we praise 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**

*Congregation sits or kneel*

Let us pray

**Almighty God**

**to whom all hearts are open**

**all desires known**

**and from whom no secrets are hid:**

**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**

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Let us confess our sins (firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour)

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father  
in penitence we confess  
that we have sinned against you  
through our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son,  
Christ our Lord  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life to the glory of your Name.**

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

### **The Collect**

Let us pray  
**Heavenly Father  
you made this Holy night radiant  
with the brightness of your Son Jesus Christ:  
help us to welcome him as the world's true Light  
and bring us to eternal joy in his kingdom;  
where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, for ever and ever. AMEN**

**The Word of God**

First reading: Isaiah 62: 6-12

**Psalm: 97**

1. The Lord is king let the earth rejoice:  
let the multitude of islands be glad.
2. Clouds and darkness are round about him:  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
3. Fire goes before him:  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
4. His lightnings light world:  
the earth sees it and quakes
5. The mountains melt like wax before his face:  
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
6. The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:  
and all peoples have seen his glory.
7. They are ashamed all those who serve idols  
and glory in mere nothings:  
all gods bow down before him.
8. Zion heard and was glad and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:  
because of your judgments O God.
9. For you Lord are most high over all the earth:  
you are exalted far above all gods.
10. The Lord loves those that hate evil  
the Lord guards the life of the faithful  
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.
11. Light dawns for the righteous:  
and joy for the true of heart.
12. Rejoice in the Lord you righteous:  
and give thanks to his holy name.

Second reading: Titus 3:4-7

**Gradual Hymn: Silent Night: Peace & Goodwill Band**

**Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth**

**The Gospel: John 1: 1-14**

**Sermon**



## The prayers of the Church<sup>2</sup>

In peace let us pray to the Lord. Father, *in this holy night* your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

*In this holy night* there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Holy God.

**hear our prayer.**

*In this holy night* Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

*In this holy night* Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

*In this holy night* the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

*In this holy night* shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

*In this holy night* strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

*In this holy night* heaven came down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons-0>

*In this holy night* Christians all over the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

Father, *in this holy night* angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### Peace

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy: today a Saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

**Alleluia.**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Peace be with you.**

### OFFERTORY HYMN 1: O Little town of Bethlehem

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all the earth.**

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray,  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!

### OFFERTORY HYMN 2: Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and take us to heaven to live with you there.

## THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Lord, accept our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation. By our communion with God made man, may we become more like him who joins our lives to you, for He is Lord forever and ever. **AMEN**

## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*At the taking of the bread*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever**

*At the taking of the wine*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever**

## THE THIRD EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 him thanks and praise**

Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

He is the word through whom you made the universe, the Saviour you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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 his mother, that being himself without sin He might make us clean from all sin.

And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we sing:

**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.**

*Congregation sits/kneels*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: 'Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.'

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: 'Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

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

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup.

We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit. Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Joshua our bishop, and all the clergy. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

As Christ has taught us we are bold 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 forever. Amen**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?  
**We, who are many, are one body for we all partake of the one bread.**

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

**We do not presume to come to this your table,  
merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table but you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood  
that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.**

*Draw near and receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.*

**Christmas Medley: Peace and Goodwill Christmas band**

**Communion Hymn: O come all ye faithful**

**1 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.**

***Refrain:***

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

**God from God,  
Light from Light,  
born of a virgin, to earth he comes!  
Only-begotten Son of God the Father:**

**[Refrain]**

**Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:**

**[Refrain]**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:**

**[Refrain]**

## CONCLUSION

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious  
**His mercy endures for ever**

God our Father, we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour. May we share his life completely by living as He taught. **AMEN**

**Father almighty  
we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out into the world  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.**

**God bless Africa  
Guard her children Guide her leaders  
And give her peace  
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

### *Birthday, Anniversary & Special prayers*

#### *Notices*

#### **Choir Motet: Christmas lullaby(Rutter)**

#### **Peace & Goodwill Band : Have yourself a Merry Christmas**

## BLESSING AND DISMISAL

When he came to us as man, the Son of God scattered the darkness of this World, and filled this holy night with his glory. May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness.

**AMEN.**

God sent His angels and shepherds to herald the great joy of our Saviour's birth. May He fill you with joy and make you heralds of His Gospel.

**AMEN.**

When the Word became man, earth was joined to heaven. May He give you peace and good will, and fellowship with the heavenly host.

**AMEN.**



Almighty God bless you, and keep you, and all those whom you love and care for and all those who love and care for you. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**AMEN.**

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

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: Hark! The herald angels sing**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Refrain:**

***Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"***

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

**[Refrain]**

**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 may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.**

**[Refrain]**

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### Pray for the sick or hospitalized:

India Tyers, Edith Abrahams, Crystal Bouwers, James April, Iris Hartnick, Mervyn Johnson, Martin Dyers, Ellen Constant, Ellen Olivier, Mr and Mrs Conradie, Rita George, Rosina Scheepers, Russell Erasmus, James & Karen Vries, Alba Sophia Wippenaar, Michael Jonker, Audrey and Henry van der Vent, Judith Riffel, Syliva Kallis, Harry Collop, Lionel and Muriel Woldson, Alex Pelston Henry, Lydia Dickson and Lorraine Plato.

### Housebound and elderly:

Christabel Nokumbuza, Rachel Vermeulen, Aletta Cloete, Freda Connolly, Brenda de Vos, Linda de Vos, Daniel Meyer, Joanne White, Ronald Smedley, May Rushin, Maureen Sieglar, Trevor Kleinsmith, Monica Fry, Ellen Thompson, Sandra Fourie, and Mietjie George and Robina Bryant.

## PRAYER DIARY:

**MONDAY:** We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive and peace upon earth.

**TUESDAY:** We ask for the salvation of all our family members and friends, and we pray Your blessings on all people.

**WEDNESDAY:** May there be bread for the hungry, love for the unlovable, healing for the sick, protection for our children and wisdom for our youth.

**THURSDAY:** Holy Spirit fill our hearts with Your love and power.

**FRIDAY:** Let us end this year with a thankful heart.

**SATURDAY:** We pray that God would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

**SUNDAY:** As the new year unfolds, we pray that we renew our love and faith for God.

## NOTICES

- Sunday Services in January 2023: During the month of January there will only be one service at 8:30am. Preacher and presider Revd Clive Ontong.
- Revd Chesnay: Will be on leave from 1 January till 29 January 2023.
- Exco: will meet on 31 January 2023 at 5:30pm
- PC: will meet on 31 January at 7:00pm
- Organisation leaders: Will meet on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 6:30pm
- Parish Office: Will be closed from Wednesday the 28 December 2022 and open on the 9 January 2023. The office hours for the month of January 2023 will be 10:00am – 1:00pm.
- Men's Fellowship Appeal: for school stationery, these items can be given to anyone from the Men's Fellowship or dropped off in the stationery box at the back of the church.
- 2023 Pledge envelopes: Should you require any pledge envelopes for 2023, please contact the office.
- 31 December: New Year's Eve Eucharist at 18h00

### Food Parcel – Outreach Ministry

- WEEK 1: 1 January 2023:** 1 Tin Pilchards, 1 Tin Sweetcorn, 1 Macaroni (500g)
- WEEK 2: 8 January 2023 :** 1 Box of cup of soup, 1 Peanut butter (smooth)
- WEEK 3: 15 January 2023 :** 1 Box of cup of soup, 1 pkt of lentils
- WEEK 4: 22 January 2023:** 1 pkt of Jungle Oats, 1 Cooking Oil (375ml)
- WEEK 5: 29 January 2023:** 1 pkt of 2 minute noodles, 1 Rice (500g)

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