

ST. SAVIOUR'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
CLAREMONT  
DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN



New Year's Eve: Holy Eucharist

31 December 2023

17h00

*The congregation stands as the procession enters.*

### **Greeting and Welcome**

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

We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:  
**how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

We are warmed by the sun; the rain cleanses all creation:  
**how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

We watch the moon light up the night, we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:  
**how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

### **Introit hymn**

**Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to you,  
I will ever sing to you.**

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.**

**Give 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 thank you**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ the Son**

**the only son of the Father**

**Lord God, lamb of God**

**you take away the sin of the world**

**Have mercy, Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us**

**You sit at the right hand of the Father**

**oh Lord, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are holy**

**and you alone are the Lord**

**You alone are the most high,**

**Jesus Christ, most high**

**With the Holy Spirit in glory**

**the glory of God the Father**

**A-men, amen, amen - a-men, amen, amen**

*Please sit or kneel*

Let us pray

**Almighty God**

**to whom all hearts are open**

**all desires known**

**and from whom no secret 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.**

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

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

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

Let us confess our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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**

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
whose years never fail  
and whose mercies are new each returning day:  
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,  
warming our hearts  
and giving light to our minds,  
that we may pass into the new year  
in joyful obedience and firm faith;  
through him who is the beginning and the end,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.***

**THE WORD OF GOD**

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 42:5–9

Psalm: 23

*Please stand*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**Author of life divine,  
who hast a table spread,  
furnished with mystic wine  
and everlasting bread,  
preserve the life Thyself hast giv'n,  
preserve the life Thyself hast given,  
and feed and train us up for heav'n.**

**Our needy souls sustain  
with fresh supplies of love,  
till all Thy life we gain  
and all Thy fullness prove,  
and strengthened by Thy perfect grace,  
and strengthened by Thy perfect grace,  
behold without a veil Thy face.**

**GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

**HOMILY**

Please kneel or sit for the prayers

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray, at the start of a new year, for all people, in all places, and in every kind of need.

We pray for your church across the world and here at St. Saviour's. May this be the year when people of faith are known by their love and their unity. Enable us to lead by example and show that all can live in harmony and mutual respect, recognising our similarities and celebrating our differences. May this be the year when we keep our resolutions to be faithful in our Christian lives, to let our love shine forth and to live less for ourselves and more for others.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in authority, that this may be the year when they achieve wisdom, mercy and respect for humanity. We pray for all who suffer indignity, deprivation, starvation and fear at the hands of others. We pray that this be the year when people who live with war may find peace and those who suffer oppression may find freedom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are without faith, hope or love. We pray for those who are sick, desperate or bereaved and for those who care for them and seek to bring them relief from their suffering. Give them the strength and courage to carry on and hope for the future. We pray especially for all those known to us who are in special need of our prayers, *and we remember them now in a moment of silence ...*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died. You turn our darkness into light: **in your light shall we see light.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**Peace be with you**

## OFFERTORY HYMN 1

**We love the place, O God,  
wherein thine honour dwells;  
the joy of thine abode  
all earthly joy excels.**

**We love the house of prayer,  
wherein thy servants meet;  
and thou, O Lord, art there  
thy chosen flock to greet.**

**We love the sacred font;  
for there the holy Dove  
to pour is ever wont  
his blessing from above.**

**We love thine altar, Lord;  
O what on earth so dear?  
for there, in faith adored,  
we find thy presence near.**

**We love the word of life,  
the word that tells of peace,  
of comfort in the strife,  
and joys that never cease.**

**We love to sing below  
for mercies freely given;  
but O we long to know  
the triumph-song of heaven.**

**Lord Jesus, give us grace  
on earth to love thee more,  
in heaven to see thy face,  
and with thy saints adore.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN 2

**A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.**

*Please remain standing*

## THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. **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 in love you created us, in justice you condemned us, but in mercy you redeemed us.

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.**

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 *N* 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 your, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN 1**

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!**

## COMMUNION HYMN 2

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## CONCLUSION

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious  
**God's mercy endures for ever**

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.

MOTES: Lord, I trust thee- HANDEL

## **FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

May God, the source and origin of all blessing,  
grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

**Amen.**

May God give you integrity in the faith,  
endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity  
with holy patience to the end.

**Amen.**

May God order your days and your deeds in his peace,  
grant your prayers in this and in every place,  
and lead you happily to eternal life.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you forever.

**AMEN**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

## **RECCESIONAL HYMN**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

## NOTICES

**Sunday Services in January 2023:** During the month of January there will only be one service at 8:30am.

**Parish Office:** The Parish office will be closed until the 15<sup>th</sup>. Of January 2024

**2024 Year Calendars:** calendars for 2024 are available at the West door of the Church.

**Parish Retreat:** The parish will be hosting a retreat to Carmel over the weekend of 19 to 21 April. For more information, please speak to Ursula Jacobs or the office.

**Flowers:** Should you wish to give a donation towards the flowers throughout the year in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please use the envelopes on the table at the back and put in the offertory plate.

**Sunday Teas:** Should you wish to host or contribute towards Sunday teas together with the various organisations on duty for 2024, please add your name to the preferred Sunday on the list facilitated by the sidepersons.

**Youth Camp:** will take place from the 26-28 January 2024 at Water's Edge, Simonstown. Mandatory attendance for all Confirmation Candidates. All young people between the ages of 13 and 18 are welcome. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining. Details regarding transport and cost will be advised in due course and is dependent on the number of young people attending. Application forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

**Heart of St Saviour's:** Parishioners are encouraged to contact the office to host the heart of St Saviour's.

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