

BENEFICE LIVESTREAMED SERVICE
2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
THE GATHERING

KAYIN – welcomes people to worship

Introit Hymn

The president greets the people.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

KAYIN Christ the light of the world has come to
dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and
confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

God our Father, you sent your Son full of
grace and truth: forgive our failure to
receive him. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

KAYIN Jesus our Saviour, you were born in
poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our
greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

KAYIN Spirit of love, your servant Mary
responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President May the God of all healing and
forgiveness draw you to himself, that you
may behold the glory of his Son, the

Word made flesh, and be cleansed from
all your sins, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**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 you 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.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer:

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas
celebration that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour
and our eternal God.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson – read by Kayin

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – read by Joelle

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

And again,

'I will put my trust in him.'

And again,

'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

at the end of the reading ...

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Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by Bennett

Reader Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

All **Alleluia.**

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *Matthew*

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Revd Bennett

The Creed

President Let us declare our faith in God.
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Ending with

God of mercy, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9.6*)
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

President Word made flesh, life of the world, in
your incarnation you embraced our
poverty: by your Spirit may we share in
your riches.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All **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.**

President How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a
people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a
love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking
bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world; you have become one with us
that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us
at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your
creation; may they be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Luke and Richard, Thomas and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour
taught us, so we pray.

All **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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

All We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

President Christ is the true bread which has
come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Prayer before Distribution

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels
us to come in. Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared; we were
not fit even to eat the crumbs from
under your table. But you, Lord,
are the God of our salvation and share
your bread with sinners. So cleanse and
feed us with the precious body and
blood of your Son, that he may live in us
and we in him; and that we, with the
whole company of Christ, may sit and
eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

President God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

NOTICES – given by Jim

KAYIN **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth
live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing and Sending Out

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

President May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children.

All **Amen.**

President May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

President May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-

bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

All **Amen.**

President And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

All **Amen.**

President Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made
flesh.

All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

Recessional Hymn