



For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and his name shall be called wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

**Welcome to our
Midnight Eucharist Service
St. Peter's Church
Christmas Eve 2017**

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>Best</i>	<i>Old English Carol Fantasy</i>
Gathering carol		4 Once in royal David's city
Gradual carol		15 Silent night
Offertory carol		13 O come, all ye faithful (there will be a plate collection during this hymn)
Communion carols		10, 25, 9
<i>Choir Motets: to include</i>		<i>Darke - In the Bleak Midwinter</i> <i>Rutter - Sans Day Carol</i>
Post Communion carol		12 Hark! The herald-angels sing
<i>Voluntary</i>	<i>Widor</i>	<i>Symphonie 5 in F - Toccata</i>

Christmas Greetings

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed and peaceful Christmas and pray that 2018 will bring you joy and happiness.

Epistle reading:

Hebrews 1: 1-4

read by Matthew Parkes

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel reading:

John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Intercessions:

our prayers are led by Steve Edwards

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