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25th December 2018 – CHRISTMAS DAY

Today's services:

8am Holy Eucharist

at the Cathedral

(The Service begins on Page 157)

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

Hymns: *See Order of Service*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

Hymns: *See Order of Service*

Introit: Let us go to Bethlehem, Will Todd

Mass: Missa Alma Pater, Andrew Millington

Psalm: 96 (Duffy)

Motet: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, J.
Gardner

Preacher: The Dean

3.30pm Evening Prayer at the Cathedral

Welcome to St Asaph Cathedral and St Asaph Parish Church today. We are a community that seeks to enfold all people in the love of God. If you wish to speak to a priest after the service, if you wish to find a corner to pray, if you wish simply to find some peace, please feel free and welcome to do so. We warmly invite all those who are baptised to receive Holy Communion with us today. (Children at the discretion of parents). Before the service: spend some time in quiet prayer, preparing to meet the Lord in this act of worship.

If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith please contact:

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Collect

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.**

Isaiah 62. 6-112

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout
the earth.
The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have laboured;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.
Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
‘See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.’
They shall be called, ‘The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord’;
and you shall be called, ‘Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.’

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

***R:* The Lord is king: let the earth
rejoice.**

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about
him; righteousness and justice are the
foundation of his throne. ***R:***
Fire goes before him and burns up his
enemies on every side. His lightnings
lit up the world; the earth saw it and
trembled. ***R:***

The mountains melted like wax at the
presence of the Lord, at the presence
of the Lord of the whole earth. The
heavens declared his righteousness,

and all the peoples have seen his glory.

R:

Confounded be all who worship
carved images and delight in mere
idols. Bow down before him, all you
gods. Zion heard and was glad, and the
daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of
your judgements, O Lord. ***R:***

For you, Lord, are most high over all
the earth; you are exalted far above all
gods. The Lord loves those who hate
evil; he preserves the lives of his
faithful and delivers them from the
hand of the wicked. ***R:***

Light has sprung up for the righteous
and joy for the true of heart. Rejoice in
the Lord, you righteous, and give
thanks to his holy name. ***R:***

Titus 3. 4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Titus.

When the goodness and loving-
kindness of God our Saviour appeared,
he saved us, not because of any works
of righteousness that we had done, but
according to his mercy, through the
water of rebirth and renewal by the
Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out
on us richly through Jesus Christ our
Saviour, so that, having been justified
by his grace, we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Luke 2. 8-20

Listen to the Gospel of Christ
according to Saint Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those
whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer over the Gifts

Heavenly Father,
as your Son was born into the world,
taking our human nature, may he come
again this day, and make known
among us his divine glory; who is alive
and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

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. **Amen.**

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Notices

The Week Ahead

25th Tuesday – Christmas Day

8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Evening Prayer

26th Wednesday – Stephen, Deacon & 1st Martyr

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
6pm Evening Prayer

27th Thursday – John, Apostle & Evangelist

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist at the Parish Church
6pm Evening Prayer

28th Friday – The Innocents

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren
6pm Evening Prayer

29th Saturday – Thomas of Canterbury

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

30th Sunday – Christmas 1

8am Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral

11am Joint Eucharist at the Cathedral

3.30pm Evening Prayer at the Cathedral

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