

# *The Parish Church of St Andrew*

Readings for  
Friday 24 December 2021 - Christmas Eve

## **MIDNIGHT MASS**

*Common Worship Year C*

### **FIRST READING - Isaiah 52.7-10**

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,

who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING - Hebrews 1.1-4**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways  
by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL John 1. 1-14**

*We say or sing*

**Alleluia**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. <sup>4</sup>What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>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.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**