

## HYMN 304: *O come all ye faithful*

## OFFERING /OFFERTORY PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## HYMN 303: *Hark! The herald angels sing*

## The Sending Forth of the People of God

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

(*You are invited to remain seated until the end of the postlude*)

Reader Today: Wendy Chuck  
Next Week: Daphne Arthur  
Readings next Sunday:  
1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26  
Colossians 3: 12-17

Flowers Today: Heather Suriano  
Next week: Wendy Chuck  
Psalm 84  
Luke 2: 41-52

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# The Auburn Newsletter

## Hawthorn Uniting Parish

## Christmas Day 2018

### Service Today

10am Worship Service  
Rev Steve Crump

### Next Sunday

10am Worship Service  
Rev Ross Carter

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.  
Please remain for tea or coffee in the church after the service.  
The order of service proceeds without announcements.  
Responses by the congregation are in bold type.

### Sunday Service

10 am weekly

### Holy Communion:

monthly:  
10 am: 3rd Sunday

### Music in Liturgy:

monthly:  
10 am: 4th Sunday

### Morning Coffee

10.15am monthly  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the  
Eileen Pawsey  
Room

### Church Council:

7.45 pm monthly  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed in the  
Pawsey Room

### Church Lunch:

12 noon in the Hall  
monthly 3rd Sunday

*NB: Dates and times  
may occasionally  
change documented  
in the pew sheet  
notices*

## Christmas Day

## The Gathering of the People of God

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### INTROIT: *O how joyfully* (TIS 330 v 3)

O how joyfully, O how thankfully,  
Wakes the world on Christmas Morn!  
God has spoken, death is broken.  
Alleluia, Christ is born!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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.  
(Luke 2:10-11)

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

(Luke 2:14)

## HYMN 306: *Christians, awake, salute the happy morn*

## LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

### Hymn 318: Away in a Manger

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION/CONFSSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another.  
In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that we may recover the mystery of love you have given to us in Jesus Christ, so that remembering his birth, death and resurrection, we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. -- *John 3:16*  
Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: Your sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### DOXOLOGY:

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 favors!**" (*Luke 2:13-14*)

### The Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT: *Isaiah 52:7-10* The messenger who brings good news

PSALM 98: O sing to the Lord a new song (*TIS 57*)

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 1:1-4* in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son

Anthem: *The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (TIS307)*  
(West Indian traditional carol)

#### Acclamation:

**Alleluia.** A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

GOSPEL: *John 1:1-14* The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

#### SERMON

#### CANTICLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY (*UiW p.154*)

Blessed are you, O Christ, our God;  
**you were before time began,**  
**and came to the world to save us.**

Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness;  
**you shine with the Father's love**  
**and illumine the whole universe.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary;  
**born a child you shared our humanity.**

Blessed are you, son of David;  
**born to rule, you received gifts from the wise men.**

Blessed are you, Son of Man;  
**baptised by John, you saved us from ourselves.**

Blessed are you, heavenly King;  
**teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,**  
**you proclaimed the kingdom.**

With all the voices of heaven  
we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.  
**Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

With all the creatures on earth  
we sing and dance at your birth.  
**Praise and glory to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.**