



St Francis of Assisi, Parkview

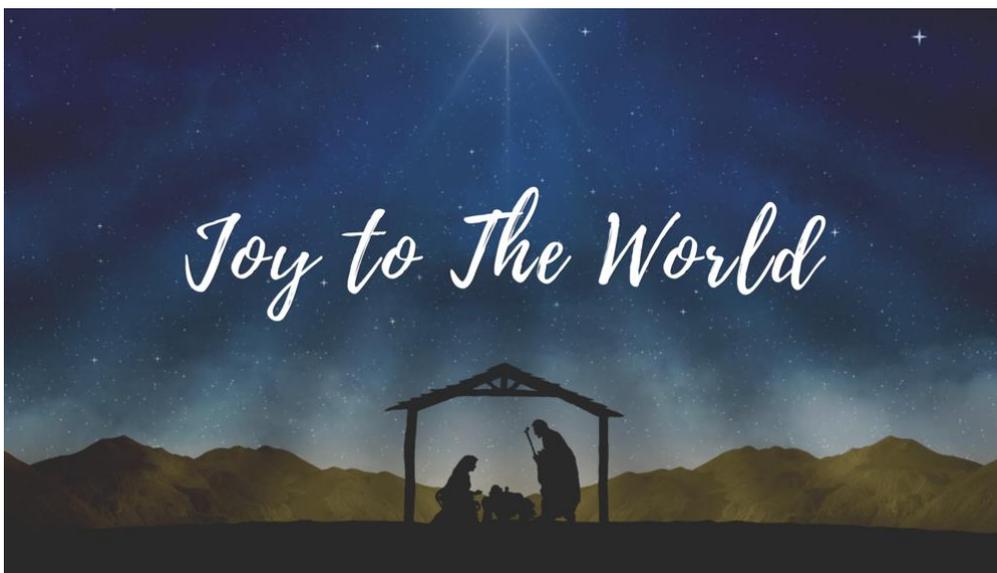
Diocese of Johannesburg
Anglican Church of Southern Africa



27 DECEMBER 2020

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Almighty God,
you wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us:
as Jesus Christ came to share our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
Amen



SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER

READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 61:10-63:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement **His Holiness Pope Francis**, Bishop of Rome; **His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople**, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch; **Olav Fykse Tveit** The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; **Bishop Ivan M Abrahams**, General Secretary World Methodist Council; **The Reverend Chris Ferguson**, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. We pray for **Steve our Bishop** and our Diocese, for **Thabo our Metropolitan** and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, for **Justin of Canterbury**, the Anglican Communion, and all Christians in the world.

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Loving God, on the brink of a new year, keep us courageous, humble and gracious, to be your hands, feet, heart, eyes and ears in the world. As we celebrate your arrival, come into our lives afresh and enable us to be the change you wish to see in the world. As communities gather throughout the world saying goodbye to time lived and welcoming time yet to be, fill hopeful hearts with your holy possibility. Guard our Yes and guide our No. In your name we pray, Amen

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

Birthdays: Monday 28: Betty Ndlovu

Wedding Anniversaries: Monday 28: Stan and Laurel Muparadzi; **Wednesday 30:** Greg Mills and Janet Wilson

Families to be prayed for this week: Felicity, Trevor and Michael BAILEY; Clive BANKS; Mona BARRABLE; Lorraine BEETGE; Catherine BELL; Melinda BEZU; Bailey and Chris BLAKE

For those in need of prayer: John Alexander; Susan Alexander; Isaac Bergover; David Butler; Lucille Evans; Yvonne Franklin; Jane Hlela; June Impey; Irid Johnson; Wendy McConnell; Malcolm McDonald; Basil and Iris Meklis; Jane Pryor, Martin Pryor; Laurel Wozhele Muparadzi; Reginé Ndjibu; Alicia Siyasiya; Margi Strever; Cuthber Tinavapi; Amanda van Ryneveld; and for **those who have long-term needs:** Pat Cawthorn; Maria Frahm-Arp; Marilyn Gianadda; Joyce Halse; Elzett Mufamadi; Thandazo Ndlovu; Van Rooyen family; Wendy Price

Years Mind: Elize Langton; Clarice Middlecote

RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Sybill Wyngaard, for Cheryl, Travis and Zoe Williams and their family as they mourn her passing.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 27 8:30 am

January 3 8:30 am

January 10 8:30 am

All Services in December and January will be at 8:30 am in person and on YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt35PbtR_ZhmeLxjQ3EIBg

SOME NOTICES

MOVEMENTS

Paul will be on leave December 29 to January 7

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 23 AND OPEN ON JANUARY 6

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BANK DETAILS:

Bank:	Standard Bank	Account number:	000496502
Account name:	Parkview St Francis	Branch:	000205

HYMNS

Introit

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth.
*Come and worship, come and worship;
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night:
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light.
*Come and worship, come and worship;
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down.
*Come and worship, come and worship;
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

At the Peace

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome*

Mary, hail! Though afraid;
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.
Refrain

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Refrain

<p>Recessional</p> <p>Joy to the world! The Lord is come Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing And heaven and nature sing And heaven, and heaven and nature sing</p> <p>Joy to the world! The Savior reigns Let men their songs employ While fields and floods Rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy Repeat the sounding joy Repeat, repeat the sounding joy</p>	<p>He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove And glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love And wonders of His love And wonders of His love</p>
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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

What a year 2020 has been! We have known nothing like it in our lifetimes. So many unexpected and deeply challenging situations have swept through our lives leaving us quite disorientated. It feels as if the world has tilted on its axis, and although everything looks the same, we still, after all these months, have not yet adjusted.

A new year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. How much more is this the case when we look toward to 2021. Some of us may have just been through the most difficult year of our lives and fear that next year won't be much better. Others of us may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another and feel we are finally coming up for breath. And for yet others, the fresh calendar year holds the possibility for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to begin their process of healing.

Whatever our situation one truth rings clear amidst it all. We are not alone. Not ever. Our God is a "with us" God. Having just celebrated the birth of Jesus, this knowledge has the power to carry us into a fresh, new start. Immanuel, God is with us. Even with the world off-kilter, and though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.

We are also not alone because we belong to each other in this family of St Francis. Among the most consistent comments I have heard this past year, has been how much belonging to St Francis has made a difference in peoples' lives even in this time of physical separation. We have held together. And we go into the New Year together. So, let us love one another more fiercely and more fully than ever before.

And let us love in prayer, in thought and in action, the world in which we live. For we live not for ourselves, but as Christ's disciples, we live for our world.

May God's love be your constant companion in 2021.

With love,

Paul.