

Welcome to St Matthew's Perry Beeches

**CHRISTMAS
DAY 2018**



Today's Hymns

Introit **78**

O come, all ye faithful
(omit v.4)

For Psalm **90**

O come, all ye faithful
(omit v.4)

Offertory **81**

Once in royal David's city

At the Crib **60**

Away in a manger

Communion **83**

See, amid the winter's
snow

72

The Christmas 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 ... **Amen**



From the Prophecy of Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'
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.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
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**



Hymn 90

Who would think?

From the Epistle to the Hebrews

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.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, alleluia

**God the Word, Word made flesh
Glory streams from heaven afar**



Heavenly hosts sing alleluia

Jesus, Lord, for your birth

Alleluia for your birth

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Luke Glory to you O

Lord

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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

♪ Alleluia, alleluia