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***Our Vision: Growing closer to God, each other and our community***

### CHRISTMAS DAY 2018

#### Opening Sentence

God spoke of old by the prophets;  
but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son.



#### Collect of the Day

God our Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation: may every tongue confess that he, who for our sake became obedient to the law, is both Lord and Christ, to your eternal glory; for he now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The First Reading is Numbers 6.22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

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



## Psalm 8

Response: **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

O Lord our Governor:

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:

by the mouths of babes and sucklings.

You have founded a strong defence

against your adversaries:

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

R: **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:

the moon and the stars which you have set in order,

What are we, that you should be mindful of us:

what are we, that you should care for us?

Yet you have made us little less than gods:

and have crowned us with glory and honour.

R: **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

You have given us dominion over your handiwork:

and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,

All sheep and oxen:

and all the creatures of the field,

The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:

and everything that moves

in the pathways of the great waters.

O Lord our Governor:

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

R: **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**



## The Second Reading is Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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



## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel Reading: Luke 2.15-21

The Lord be with you

**and also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Prayer List

We pray for those on our prayer list: Graham Terry, Margaret Walden, Tony Hart, Fr Peter Carlsson and Norman Shum.

**Central Area:** Brock Van Der Woulde and the Van Der Woulde family, Cliff Brown, Nelda Schaperkotter, Bev Zimmermann and Len Maitland.

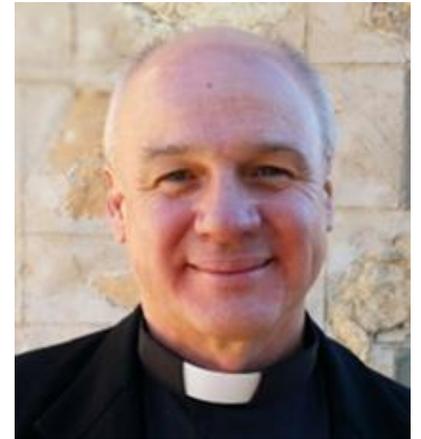
**Renmark:** Bev Tamblyn, Marjorie Bourke, Audrey Day, Helen Cox, Kayla, Tye and Zac, Riley Nixon, Sue, Michelle Bromley, Rod, John, Adam, Lorraine G, Honor Lang, Maria D, Kate Garrett, Pammy M, Milton & family, Andy & family, Ian Berry and Lianne Pannell.



Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,  
**grant that what we have asked in faith,  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Fr Paul Writes:**

Welcome you all as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who came as one of us as the Son of God, to show God's love for us, born as a baby in a manger. Thank you to Gordon Sharp for taking the service of Praise, Prayer and Proclamation this morning at St Alban's, Berri.



I hope the services enable you to be able to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, in Jesus Christ, coming into the world as foretold by the prophets to share in our humanity as God's Son. I hope it is a wonderful day of celebration and hopefully with others.

If you are looking for somewhere to share Christmas with others, the Lutheran Church at Renmark and the Riverland Central Christian Church at Glossop are staging free lunches from midday. These are free events. This is a way of spreading God's love around Christmas.

Please note that next Sunday the 30th, there will be just two services in the Riverland: at 9 am at St Alban's, Berri, and at 11.30 am at St Peter's, Morgan. We continue in the season of Christmas at these services, as we come together as a church community at churches that do not normally have Sunday services. At Morgan, there will also be children's activities and a shared lunch in the hall afterwards.



I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas. Your friend and Priest, **Fr Paul**

**Services Next Weekend – 30 December 2018**

(First Sunday after Christmas)

**Berri** 9.00 am: Holy Communion – Fr Paul

**Morgan** 11:30 am: Family service with Holy Communion – Fr Paul

**Readings for next Sunday:**

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 2.26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-52

