

# Welcome to St Matthew's Perry Beeches

## FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS 2018

### Hymns

#### Introit **79**

O little town

#### For Psalm **89**

While shepherds

#### Offertory **70**

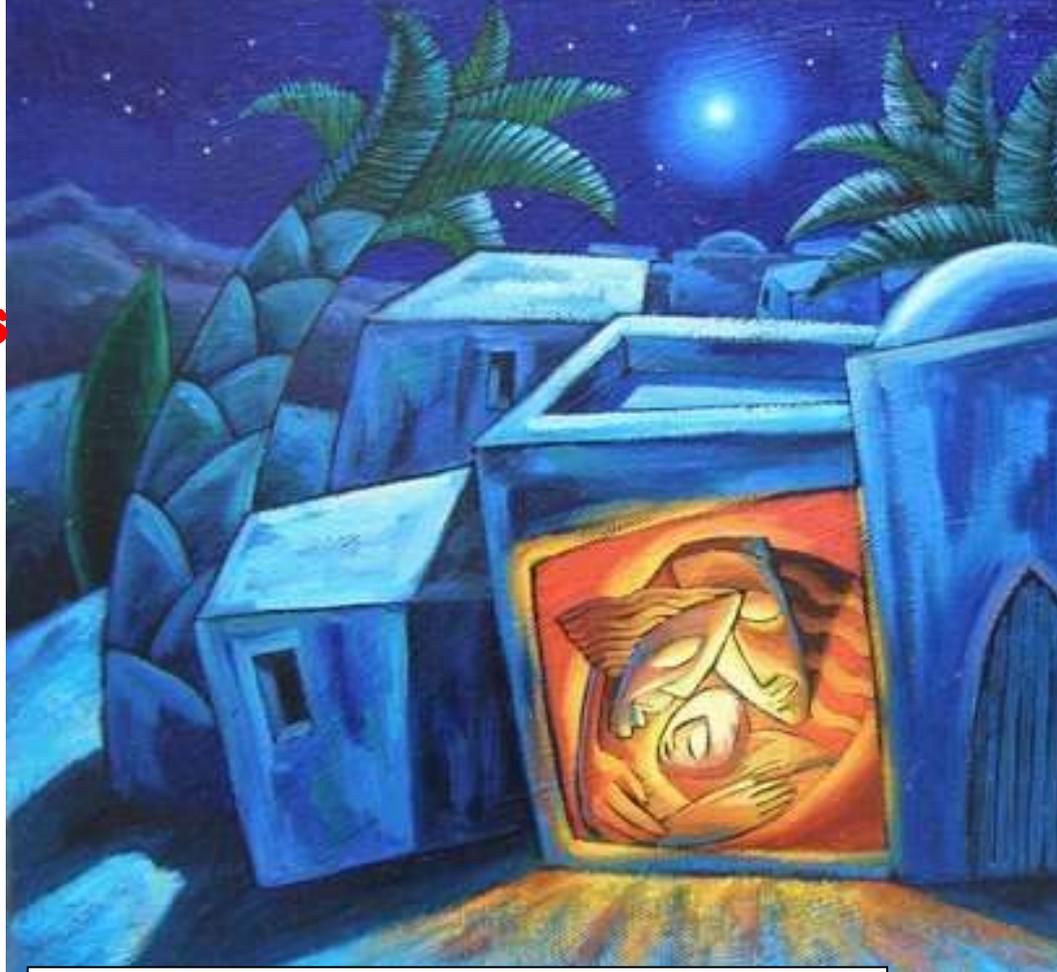
It came upon

#### Communion **87**

Thou who wast rich

#### Dismissal **66**

Hark the herald



### The Collect

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light:

bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord ... **Amen**



### From the Prophecy of Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

**Hymn 89**        *While shepherds watched*

## **From the Epistle to Titus**

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia**

**God the Word, Word made flesh**

**Glory streams from heaven afar**

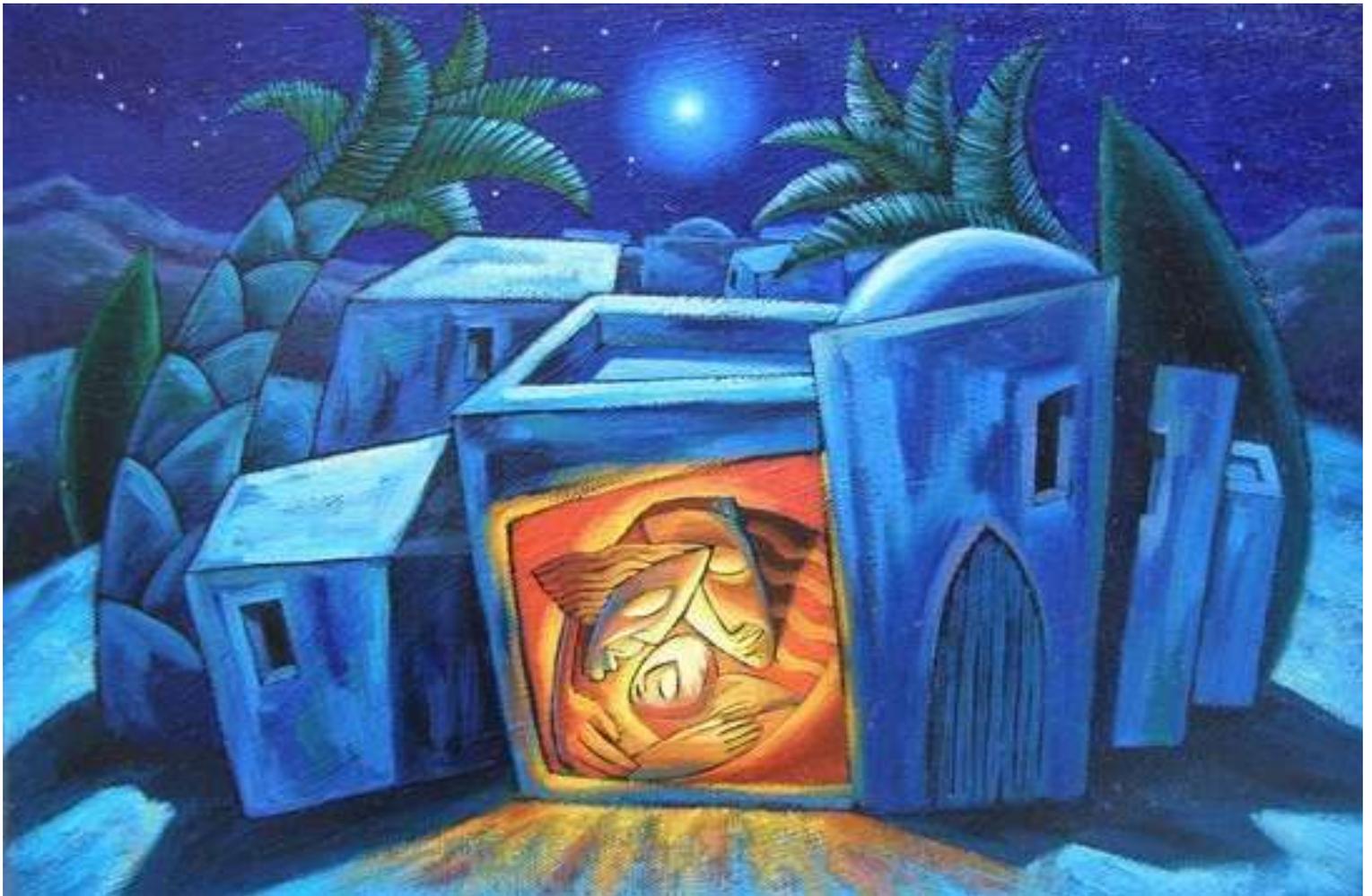
**Heavenly hosts sing alleluia**

**Jesus, Lord, for your birth**

**Alleluia for your birth**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John    Glory to you O Lord**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all



people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 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**  
**♫ Alleluia, alleluia, God the Word ... ..**