

**Welcome to
St Matthew's
Perry Beeches
30th Dec. 2018
THE HOLY
FAMILY**



Today's Hymns

Introit 59

Angels from the realms

For Psalm 76

Love came down

Offertory 460

O thou who at

Communion 801

The Son of God

Dismissal 65

Good Christians all, rejoice

Today's Collect

Heavenly Father
whose blessed Son shared
at Nazareth the life of
an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family
united in love and obedience
and bring us all at last
to our home in heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen



From the Book of Samuel

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May

the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people. *This is the word of the Lord* **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 76 *Love came down*

From the Epistle to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to



look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching

for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. *This is the Gospel of the Lord* **Praise to you O Christ** ♪ ***Alleluia, alleluia ...***