

S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

Sung Eucharist of the Nativity



25th December 2024

8:00am

As Sydney's oldest church, St James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of which we worship
—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

*We warmly welcome you to this historic church in the heart of Sydney.
We are pleased you have chosen to worship God with us this Christmas.*

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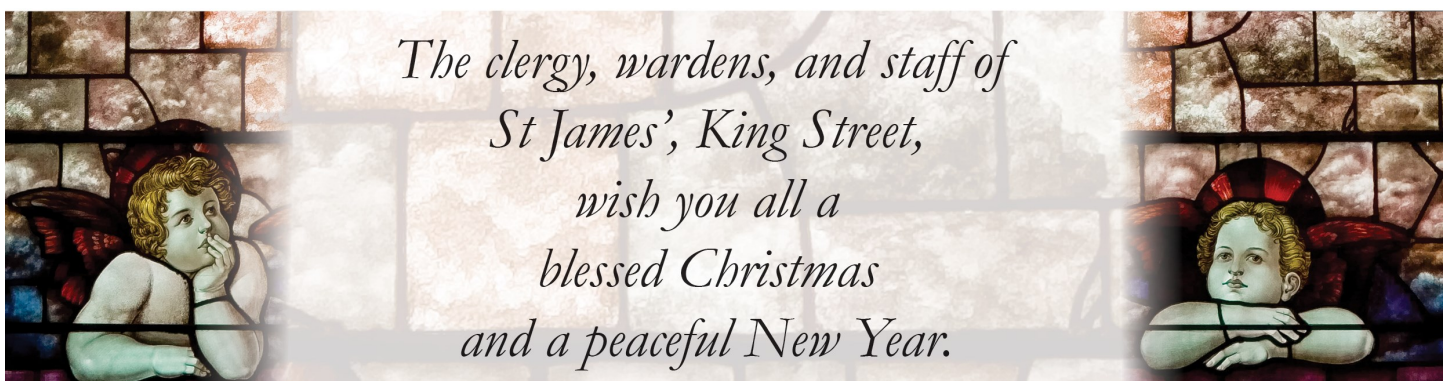
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Please advise one of the Sidespersons if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. If necessary, you are welcome to sit for those parts of the liturgy when it is normal to stand.

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn

Please stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**
Let us proceed in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

All **O come, all ye faithful,**
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the King of angels:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

God of God,
Light of Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Station at the Crib

Celebrant Let us pray:
O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Continued

See how the shepherds
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:

O come, let us adore him...

Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?

O come, let us adore him...

Sing, choirs of Angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God
in the Highest':

O come, let us adore him...

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
now in flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore him...

Words: Latin, 18th century *tr.* F. Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: ADESTE FIDELES Melody probably by J.F. Wade (1711-1786)

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015) [NEH 30] CCL licence: 552064

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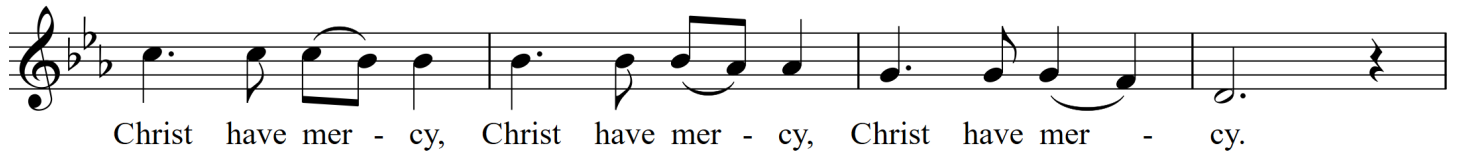
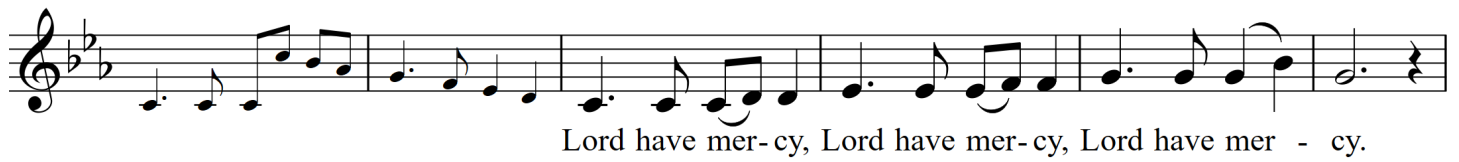
Celebrant The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

ISAIAH 9: 2, 6

Kyrie

Michael Dudman (1938-1994) – *Eucharist*

Sung by the congregation and choir together.



Deacon Christ, the grace of God, has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.

A silence for self-examination follows.

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our
sins in penitence and faith.

All **Merciful God,**
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God,
 who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
 ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
 strengthen you in all goodness
 and keep you in eternal life,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

Dudman – Eucharist

Sung by the congregation and choir together.

(organ)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
 us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the
 Most High Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.
God Most High,
whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us,
that we might live in your presence:
grant us a spirit of wisdom to know
how rich is the glory you have given us,
and how great is the hope to which we are called
in the Word made flesh;
who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 52.7-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, 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.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir

Choir *O sing unto the Lord a new song:
 for he hath done marvellous things.
 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm:
 hath he gotten himself the victory.
 The Lord declared his salvation:
 his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel:
 and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands:
 sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
 Praise the Lord upon the harp:
 sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
 With trumpets also, and shawms:
 O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is:
 the round world, and they that dwell therein.
 Let the floods clap their hands,
 and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord:
 for he is come to judge the earth.
 With righteousness shall he judge the world:
 and the people with equity.*

Second Reading**Hebrews 1.1-4**

A reading from the Letter 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.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Please stand.

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heav'nly Father
a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born
the son of God by name: *Refrain*

The shepherds at those tidings
rejoicèd much in mind,
and left their flocks afeeding,
in tempest, storm and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway
this blessèd babe to find: *Refrain*

But when to Bethlehem they came,
whereat this infant lay,
they found him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling,
unto the Lord did pray: *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all others doth deface: *Refrain*

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 1: 1–14

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

A silence for reflection follows the homily.

Nicene Creed

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please kneel or sit.

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Intercessor O Christ, the light of the world,
come to our lives and reveal to us both meaning and truth.

**All O Christ, hope of the despairing,
come to our lives and teach us simple joy.**

Jesus Christ, bread of the soul,
come and nourish us in eternal life.

**All Jesus Christ, shepherd of the flock,
come and lead us to the springs of living water.**

Living Christ, just and gentle judge,
come and reveal our souls to ourselves.

**All Living Christ, healer of the wounded,
come and make us whole. Show us the way to new life.**

We pray for the peace of the world:
inspire us all to live together in love and charity.

All By the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ our life, we celebrate your birth today. May our celebration be more than remembrance; may our worship be an opening of ourselves to you in Spirit and in truth. Be born in us today, renew our spirits, and strengthen us to be your people in the world, through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The prayers conclude:

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers;

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith,
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
All **And his name is called the Prince of Peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Hymn

Please stand. During this hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received. You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/donate, using the tap machines in church, or via this QR Code.



**Christians awake! salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.**

**Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,
I bring you tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations on the earth:
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'**

**He spake; and straightway that celestial choir
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
The praises of redeeming love they sang,
And heaven's whole orb with alleluyas rang:
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
Peace on the earth, and unto men goodwill.**

To Bethl'em straight the enlightened shepherds ran
To see the wonder God had wrought for man,
And found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid,
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
Joyful, the wondrous story they proclaim -
The first apostles of his infant fame.

Like Mary let us ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
From his poor manger to his bitter cross;
Then may we hope, angelic hosts among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.

Words: John Byrom (1691-1763)

Music: YORKSHIRE (STOCKPORK) JOHN WAINWRIGHT (1723-1768)

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Please remain standing.

Celebrant The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

John 6.33

All Blessed be God for ever!

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our
hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

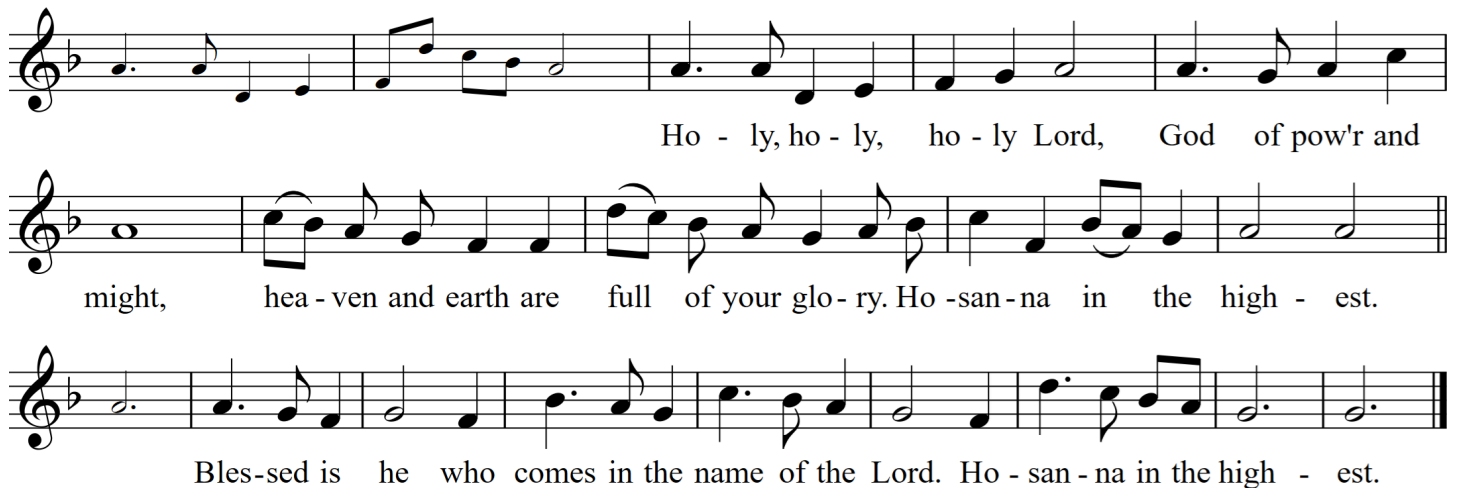
By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Dudman – *Eucharist*

Sung by the congregation and cantor / choir together.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
 this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
 we who eat and drink them
 may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
 and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
 and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat.

This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
 he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The memorial acclamation is sung:

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

(organ)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his
 offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty
 resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming
 again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and
 sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
 and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal
 kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
 in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs
 of never-ending praise:

(organ)

Bless-ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are yours for
 e - ver and e - ver. A - - - men.

The bell is rung and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread and says:

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

Deacon Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei

Dudman – Eucharist

Sung by the congregation and cantor / choir together.



Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our
sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace.

Communion will be distributed at the High Altar rail. Baptised Christians from other traditions are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You are also advised to take any valuables with you to Communion to ensure their security.

At the end of the Communion a silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant God of heaven dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.
By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh,
that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all
people.

All **Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn

**Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem':**

*Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King!*

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come
offspring of a virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

*Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King!*

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings;
mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth:
*Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King!***

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others

Music: MENDELSSOHN Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), *Arr.* D. Willcocks [NEH 26]

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Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant Christ, who by his Incarnation
gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with his joy and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

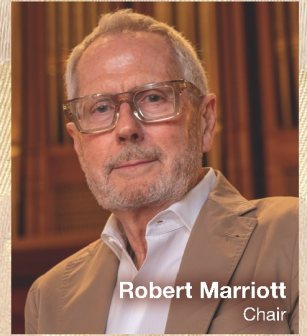
Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Robert Marriott
Chair

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The Foundation's primary purpose is to build a strong ethically invested capital base so that investment income can be distributed to fund parish activities.

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