



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
Funchal, Madeira.  
**CHRISTMAS 1 2017**  
(Year B)

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Organ music is played before the service by our organist, *Dr. Melvin Bird, L.R.A.M.*

**Welcome to our service this morning.**

**Hymns: 4, 54, 419, 755**

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3**

*Read by Ian Norris*

**Responsorial 148** (words overleaf)

*Read by Janet Ellison*

**2nd Reading: Galatians 4. 4-7**

*Read by Richard Colclough*

**The Gospel: Luke 2. 22-24**

*Read by Jonathan Pestana-Calvert*

**Intercessions:**

*Jane Wingfield*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**(to be said by congregation and chaplain)**

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**



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**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

**For those who need healing & spiritual strength:**

José Antonio de Silva, Mary Wells, Ruth Mumford, Judith Weston, Paul Dias do

**Responsorial Psalm 148**

**(R) O praise the name of the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light. 4Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created. He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **(R)**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word; mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing; **(R)**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord.

For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven. He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Alleluia! **(R)**

Nascimento, Val Blandy, Bunty Flux; and for Erika, Tom & John.

**For those who have died:**

**And for Church Members and Friends (cycle of prayer):**

Betty Garton, Howard & Jean George, James Gessler, Sid & Julie Gifford, Roland Gillott; Maureen Gonçalves, John Grant, Stephen Harmsworth; David & Pam Heal, Rev & Mrs D Hiza, Andras Hennel,