

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL
Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1847



El Greco (1541—1614) *Adoration of the Shepherds*

MIDNIGHT MASS

Friday 24th December 2021
11.00pm Carols. 11.30pm Mass

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS BEFORE MIDNIGHT MASS

Once in Royal David's City. NEH 34

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew.
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.
5. Not in that poor lowly stable
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him: but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

Words: C. F. Alexander (1818-95)

Music: H. J. Gauntlett (1805-76); rev. A. H. Mann (1850-1929)

The First Nowell. NEH 36

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
*[Refrain]: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*
2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*
3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*
5. Then entered in those wise men three
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Refrain
6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Refrain

Words: traditional English carol, seventeenth century

Music: The First Nowell (English traditional)

Of the Father's Heart Begotten. NEH 33

1. Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain,
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

2. By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

3. He assumed this mortal body,
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,
That the race from dust created
Might not perish utterly,
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced
In the depths of hell to lie,
Evermore and evermore.

4. O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy Ghost conceived,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
In her loving arms received,
Evermore and evermore.

5. This is he, whom seer and sybil
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

6. Let the storm and
Summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

7. Sing, ye heights
Of heaven his praises;
Angels and Archangels sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Words: from the Latin *Prudentius* (348-413);
Tr. R. F. Davis (1866-1937)
Music: melody from *Piae cantiones*,
Theoderici Petri Nylandensis (1582)

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen. NEH 25

1. God rest you merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ, our Saviour,
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.
*[Refrain]: O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

2. From God our heavenly 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*

3. And when they came to Bethlehem,
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found him in a manger
Where oxen fed on hay;
His mother Mary, kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray. *Refrain*

4. Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace.
The holy tide of Christmas
All others doth efface. *Refrain*

Words: London Carol, eighteenth century
Music: God rest you merry (English traditional)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. NEH 26

1. 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:
*[Refrain]: Hark, the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

2. 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: *Refrain*

3. 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: *Refrain*

4. Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conquering Seed,
Bruise in us the serpent's head;
Now display thy saving power,
Ruined nature now restore,
Now in mystic union join
Thine to ours, and ours to thine: *Refrain*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)
Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

Away in a Manger. NEH 22

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing,
The baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
No crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my bedside
'Till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever,
And love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children
In thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
To live with thee there.

Words: anonymous; Philadelphia 1883
Music: W. J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

MIDNIGHT MASS

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Mass setting: Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643—1704) Messe De Minuit Pour Noël

*Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in **bold**.*

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

The twenty-fifth day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of the Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel: in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad, in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome, in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the world being at peace, JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the flesh.

PROCESSION & BLESSING OF THE CHRIST CHILD AND CRIB

Deacon: Let us proceed in peace

In the name of Christ. Amen

- 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:**

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

**2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
[Refrain]**

**3. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:
[Refrain]**

**4. Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our heart's oblations:
[Refrain]**

There is a station during the procession to bless the image of the Christ child and the crib.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who has made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, who has given us the spirit of your creative power to use for your glory and to inspire your people with a greater devotion: bless and sanctify this image of the infant child, and grant that we, beholding this figure, may be so imbued by the infinite love and deep humility of this redemptive act, that we may bring forth the fruits of joy and service. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, world without end.

Amen.

The image of the Christ Child is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. It is then placed within the crib. The crib is then blessed.

Let us pray. Almighty God, who did cause your only-begotten Son to come down from heaven, and to be born of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe, we beseech you, your blessing upon this crib, where will be shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all they who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of his holy incarnation, and be filled with your heavenly benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The crib is sprinkled with holy water and then incensed. The procession continues.

**5. 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?
[Refrain]**

**6. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, in the highest:
[Refrain]**

**7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
[Refrain]**

NEH 30
Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786)
Music: ADESTE FIDELIS

The sacred ministers and altar servers enter the chancel. The sacred ministers begin to cense the altar.

INTROIT

The Lord spake, and said unto me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. Why do the heathen so furiously rage together, and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

Glory be to the Father &c.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The celebrant sings the collect for purity. Please kneel as the choir sings the Kyrie.

<i>Kyrie eleison,</i>		Lord have mercy,
<i>Christe eleison,</i>		Christ have mercy,
<i>Kyrie eleison</i>		Lord have mercy

The deacon introduces the confession:

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.**

The Archbishop, the Most Reverend Philip Freier, pronounces the absolution. Please stand for the Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae
voluntatis
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens,
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe,
deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
Tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy
on us; you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you
alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The celebrant chants the Christmas collect. Please sit for the readings.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah (9.2 - 4, 6 - 7)

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 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.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96 *The psalm is led by the cantor. Please join the response.*

G. Cox



To - day__ is born_____ our Sa- viour, Christ_ the Lord.

O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. **R**

Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.
Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it **R**

Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
then shall all the tress of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
for he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth. **R**

SECOND READING: Titus (2.11 - 14) *The second reading is intoned by the sub-deacon*

For 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gradual:

GRADUAL

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ: in splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genui te. Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis: donec ponam inimicos tuos, scabellum pedum tuorum.

With Thee is the principality in the day of Thy strength: in the brightness of the saints, from the womb before the day star I begot Thee. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool.

The cantor sings the acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2.1 - 16)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’ 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated for the homily by Bishop David Farrer. Please then stand the Nicene Creed.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The score is divided into two parts: 'Priest' and 'All'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text of the Nicene Creed is as follows:

Priest We be - lieve in one God, *All* the Fa - ther, the al - migh - ty,
ma - ker of hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen.
We be - lieve in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God,
e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther;
through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from hea - ven,
was in - car - nate of the Ho - ly Spi - rit and the vir - gin Ma - ry and be - came tru - ly hu - man.
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;

he suf - fered death and was bu - ried. On the third day he rose a - gain
 in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scen - ded in - to hea - ven
 and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a - gain in glo - ry
 to judge the li - ving and the dead and his king - dom will have no end.
 We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the gi - ver of life,
 who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son, who with the
 Fa - ther and the Son is wor - shipped, and glo - ri - fied, who has spo - ken through the pro - phets.
 We be - lieve in one ho - ly ca - tho - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism
 for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. A - - - - - men.

Please kneel for the Prayers of the People. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant:

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.**

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to offer each other a sign of peace. Feel free to join the offertory carol as we take up the collection.

OFFERTORY

Laetentur cœli, et exsultet terra ante faciem Domini: quoniam venit.		<i>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord: because He cometh.</i>
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OFFERTORY CAROL

CHOIR:

1. In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATION:

3. Enough for him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk,
And a mangerful of hay:
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

4. Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air
But only his mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

5. What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him
Give my heart.

NEH 28
Words: Christina Rossetti, 1830-94
Music: CRANHAM
Arrangement: Andrew Raiskums

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, Lord God . . .

Blessed be God forever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you

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.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to: "... forever praising you and saying:"

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine
domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth and full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord, Hosanna in the highest.*

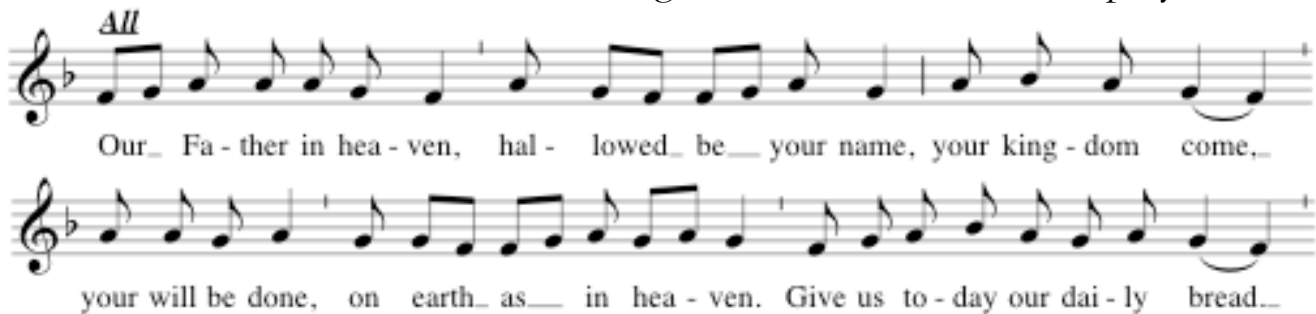
The celebrant continues the prayer. The deacon chants: "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:"

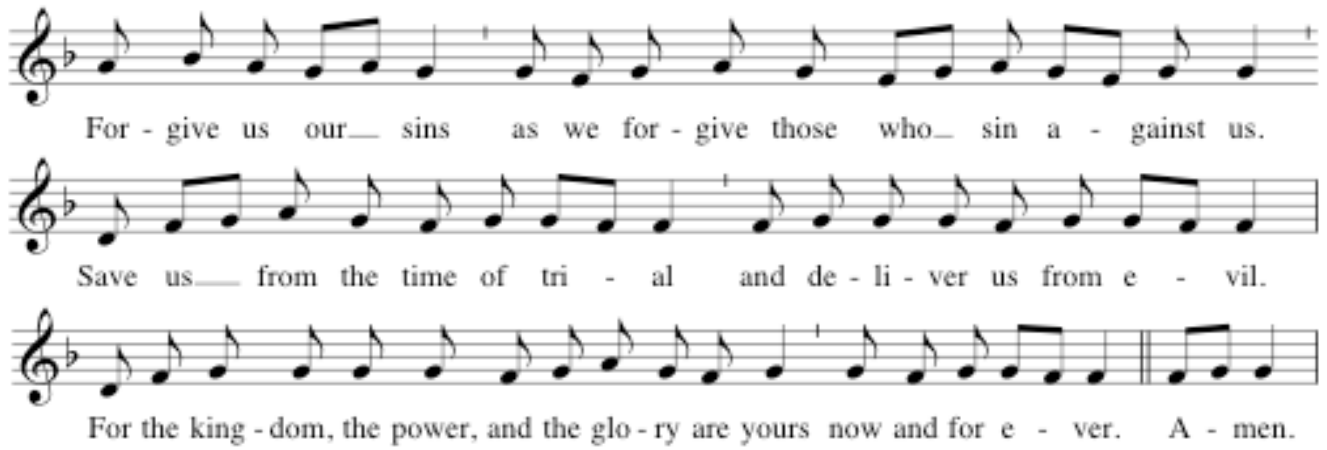


The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with: "... songs of never-ending praise:"



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





For - give us our_ sins as we for - give those who_ sin a - gainst us.
 Save us_ from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours now and for e - ver. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body.
For we all share in the one bread.

Please remain kneeling as the choir sings:

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi:
 miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
 dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
 world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
 world: grant us peace.*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those
 who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be
 healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

In splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero
 ante luciferum genui te.

*In the brightness of the Saints, from the womb
 before the day star I begot Thee.*

*The sacrament is shared at the altar rail. Communicant members of all Christian traditions are
 invited to receive the Sacrament. Anyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

COMMUNION MOTETS

A. Vivaldi (1678—1741) *Gloria: Gloria in excelsis Deo & Cum Sancto Spiritu.*

A. Adam (1803—1856) *O Holy Night*

Please stand for the final carol.

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring. [Repeat]
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

2. Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad, [Repeat]
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

3. When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place. [Repeat]
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the new-born King.

4. All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night: [Repeat]
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen!"

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant chants the final prayer, leading to:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Archbishop offers a Christmas blessing ☩ and the deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stand as the sanctuary party depart.

Organ postlude: J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Fantasia in G (BWV 572)

Christmas Mass & Service Times

Sunday 26th December 2021 Holy Family

Usual Sunday morning services resume this Sunday:
9am BCP & 10.30am High Mass

Sunday 2nd January 2021, Mary, Mother of God 9am BCP & 10.30am High Mass

Sunday, 2nd January 2021, 7pm

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join us for our annual Christmastide service of lessons and carols on Sunday, 2 January from 7pm. Our service includes a festive supper of sparkling wine and Christmas treats.

Thursday, 6th January 2021, 6.15pm **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Missa Cantata according to the use of the English Missal, with blessing of chalk and chalking of the precinct.