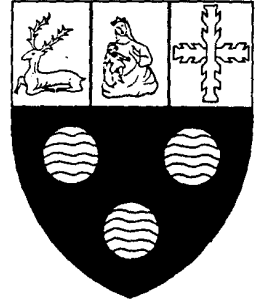


Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



EUCCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Sunday 24 December 2023
11.15pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.



A loop system is in operation throughout the Minster. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.



Large print orders of service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden, Sidesman or Verger for a copy.



Toilet facilities (including disabled access) are situated in the Archbishop's Palace, opposite the South Door of the Minster.



We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

The President of the Eucharist is. the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

The Deacon is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Preacher is the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams.

The Minster Chorale is directed by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The organ is played by Timothy Selman, *Organ Scholar*.

The setting for the Eucharist is *Missa ad praesepe* by George Malcolm (1917-97).

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online and on the Minster's YouTube channel until Monday 8 January. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

We are always delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors. If you would like to keep in regular contact with the Minster, please either speak to one of the clergy or churchwardens, email office@southwellminster.org.uk, or complete the form at the back of this Order of Service.

Welcome!

We are delighted that you have been able to join us for one of our Christmas services. It is a fabulous time of the year and though extremely busy, it is great to be able to share and celebrate the truth that God became flesh and blood in Jesus. It may be that as you have been with us you have thought about exploring further what it means to believe in the God who is shown to us in Jesus. At the Cathedral we offer many ways where this can happen and here are just a few:

- If you would like to join us as we mark the next part of this story, then we shall remember the visit of the Wise Men or Magi on **Sunday 14 January at 3.30pm** with our **Epiphanytide Procession**. You are most welcome to come and join us.
- Next year, the Minster will have been a Cathedral for 140 years, so we are hosting a special exhibition, **CATHEDRAL 140: The Story of Us**, which will showcase 140 objects over 10 months, exploring the Minster's history as both a building and a community of faith. Why not come and visit, any time between February and November, and learn more about our story and how you can be part of it?
- Finally if you would like to know more about being a Christian then please do contact me below.

I do hope you are able to join us for some of these times that we might get to know you better and together seek to follow Jesus.

Have a fantastic Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Paul Rattigan (*Canon Missioner*)

Email: Paul.Rattigan@southwellminster.org.uk

Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. **Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection.** The ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Gluten-free wafers are available – please speak to a Churchwarden or vergier before the service (if possible) to request one.

Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout this booklet, you will find various references to posture. We stand to praise or sing together; sit to listen and to receive (for example, during Bible readings – except the Gospel – and the sermon), and we may kneel for personal prayer. Adopting the same posture is a way of showing that we are worshipping God together, as his people. However, please always feel free to adopt a different posture if you need to. For example, if standing for long periods is difficult, you may wish to sit during the Gospel and the Eucharistic Prayer.

Collection

A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn in this service, net proceeds of which will go towards the work of Home-Start Newark. Please place your donation in the collection if you would like to contribute. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your details on one of the Gift Aid envelopes so that we can reclaim your income tax and thus increase your donation by 25p for every £1 given. Please give generously.

Home-Start Newark is a local charity which supports families during difficult times.



Trained volunteers visit families, usually once a week, to provide help. It might be developing parenting skills, improving the home environment, reducing isolation or strengthening parent-child relationships. Volunteers listen, and care; and bring fun, laughter and hope to families. Volunteers bring an extra pair of hands when life is chaotic, and will support and encourage in a non-judgmental way.

Home Start Newark also runs support groups and holds social events for families. For more information, please see <https://www.homestartnewark.co.uk/> or call 01636 705011.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDES

<i>Noël (Grand Jeu et Duo)</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
<i>Prelude on 'Whence is that goodly fragrance'</i>	Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)
<i>Offertoire sur Deux Noël's</i>	Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Before the service, The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, greets the congregation and gives notices.

THE GATHERING

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *during which the ministers enter and the baby is placed in the crib*

Solo 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.

Choir 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.



All **And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.**

**For he is our childhood's pattern,
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.**

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

All **Amen.**

GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB

President Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father, on this night
your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary
for us and for our salvation:
bless this crib,
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;
may all who see it be strengthened in faith
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,
who is alive and reigns for ever.
Amen.

The crib is censed and sprinkled with holy water.

The clergy make their way to the altar as the Processional Hymn continues:

**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.**

**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: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)

*Tune: IRBY CC2 31
Henry John Gauntlett (1805-76)
arr. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

President God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of Love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Bishop May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory to God in the highest, and
peace to his people on earth.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

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.

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us; you are
seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus
Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in
gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*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.*

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Darrell Farrant*

Isaiah 9: 2–7

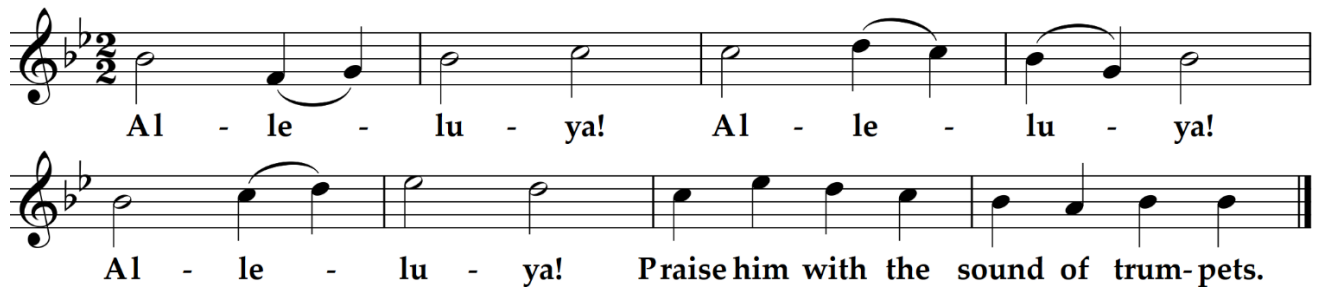
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
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.

Please remain seated

PSALMODY

Psalm 150



Choir Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
Praise him with the sound of trumpets.

All **Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**
Praise him with the sound of trumpets.

Praise God in his holy place,
Praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds,
Praise his surpassing greatness.

All **Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**
Praise him with the sound of trumpets.

O praise him with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise him with lute and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance,
Praise him with strings and pipes.

All **Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**
Praise him with the sound of trumpets.

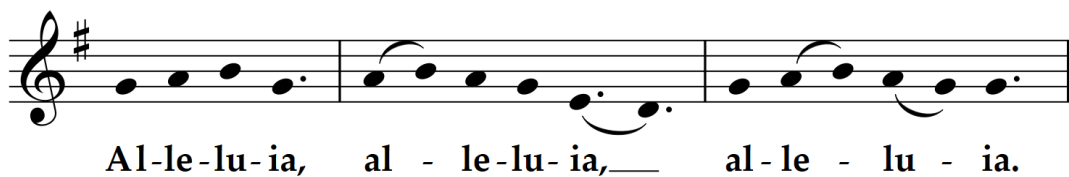
O praise him with resounding cymbals,
Praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
Give praise to the Lord. Alleluya!

All **Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**
Praise him with the sound of trumpets.

Music: Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

Please stand and turn to face the gospel reader

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir Today Christ is born, alleluia.

Today the Saviour has come, alleluia.

Today the angels sing on earth, alleluia.

Glory to God in the highest.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Music: Mode vi and Katherine Dienes-Williams (b. 1970)

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

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!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please turn back, and then sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON *given by the Bishop*

Please stand

CREED

President Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**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.

Please sit or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Patrick and Helen Sills*

The following response is used:

God with us,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

President This holy night the angels sang,
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Deacon invites the congregation to share a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the table is prepared and a collection is taken, net proceeds of which will go to Home-Start Newark*



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.

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.

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.

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.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
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.

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: Latin, Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413)

trans. Roby Furley Davis (1866-1937)

Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM CC2 29

from Piaae Cantiones Theoderici Petri Nylandensis, 1592

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

Please stand

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord_ is here. His Spi - rit is with_ us.



Lift_____ up your_ hearts._ We lift them to___ the Lord.____



Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.____

President All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
on this night was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Choir Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord,*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth, *God of power and might,*
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. *heaven and earth are full of your glory.*
Hosanna in excelsis. *Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit *Blessed is he who comes*
in nomine Domini. *in the name of the Lord.*
Hosanna in excelsis. *Hosanna in the highest.*

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All 
Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come__ a-gain.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All



Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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.**

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion.

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Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

AGNUS DEI *sung by the choir*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.</i>

COMMUNION MOTETS *sung by the choir*

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heav'nly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honour to this day
That sees December turn'd to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn
Thus on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and lustre, public mirth,
To heaven and the under earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his show'rs,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers,
The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart,
Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?

Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

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

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

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

Words: English traditional

*Music: SUSSEX CAROL
English traditional
arr. David Wilcocks (1919-2015)*

COMMUNION HYMNS *Please remain seated.*



1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him,
Still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-93)

Tune: FOREST GREEN CC1 27

English traditional

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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.

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 side until morning is nigh.

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: American, anonymous

*Tune: CRADLE SONG NEH 22
William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.
Amen.

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

BLESSING

Bishop Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN



1. 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!*

2. 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...

3. 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...

4. 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
trans. Frederick Oakeley (1802-80),
William Thomas Brooke (1848-1917) et al.

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES CC1 26
John Francis Wade (c. 1711-86)
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sortie on 'Adeste Fideles'

Pierre Cochereau (1924-84)

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CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion with Carols** BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
- 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
sung by the Cathedral Choir
Preacher: The Revd Paul Rattigan, *Canon Missioner*

Schubert *in G* • arr. Nicholson *Ding Dong! merrily on high*
Edmundson *Toccata-Prelude on 'Vom Himmel hoch'*
- 11.15am Festal Mattins** BCP *Quire*
sung by the Cathedral Choir
Preacher: The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*

arr. Wood *Ding Dong! merrily on high* • Smith *Responses*
Psalm 97 • Stanford *in C* • Mathias *Sir Christèmas*
Balbastre *Quand Jesus naquit à Noël*
- 12.15pm Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*
- 3.30pm Evening Prayer with Carols** BCP *Quire*
Psalm 8 • Ireland *The Holy Boy*

Sunday 31 December

The First Sunday after Christmas

7.40am Litany

Quire

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

Quire

Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist CW

Nave (and live-streamed)

Preacher: The Revd David McCoulough, *Priest Vicar*

3.30pm Evening Prayer BCP

Quire

Preacher: The Revd Paul Rattigan, *Canon Missioner*

After Christmas our next choral service will be the Sung Eucharist to celebrate the Epiphany at **5.30pm on Saturday 6 January**, sung by the Minster Chorale (who will also be singing at our services on Sunday 7 January)

The Cathedral Choir will resume singing services after the Christmas break with Evensong at 5.30pm on Thursday 11 January.

Our **Epiphanytide Procession** service will be held at **3.30pm on Sunday 14 January** and will include music by Palestrina, Bingham, Allain, Gardner and Warlock.

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We wish you a holy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.



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