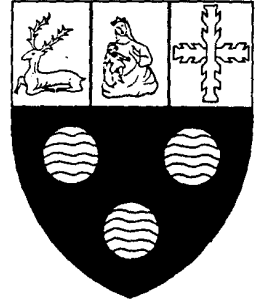


Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



EUCCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Tuesday 24 December 2024
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.



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



This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

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

The President of the Eucharist is the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Interim 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 the *Missa Sancti Nicolai* by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

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 6 January. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

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Welcome!

Welcome to Southwell Minster Cathedral this Christmas! We are delighted that you have come to share the joy and excitement of this wonderful season with us. At the heart of the Christmas story, we hear anew of the incredible love of our God who sends his Son to be one with us as the babe of Bethlehem.

We live in a world broken and torn apart in so many ways, yet we are reminded in the Christmas story of the hope we are offered by God reaching out to each one of us in love.

Our Christian faith is built around relationships; God's relationship with us and our relationships, one with another. There are many ways in which our Minster community shares in those relationships. If you would like to know more, please do contact us at office@southwellminster.org.uk or for more information please see our website www.southwellminster.org.

Amongst the many events and services coming in the New Year, you may like to join us as we mark the next part of the Christmas story, remembering the visit of the Wise Men on **Sunday 12 January at 3.30pm** with our **Epiphany Procession**.

Finally, if this event has touched you, and you would like to know more about the Christian faith, seeking to follow Jesus, you will see on page 23 details of an introduction course to Christian Faith led by the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham and members of the Minster Team.

With all good wishes for a very happy Christmas and Blessed New Year.

The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans
Interim Dean of Southwell

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 verger before the service (if possible) to request one.

Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout the booklet, you will find various references to posture:

- **Standing** is used for parts of the service where the emphasis is on praising or praying to God together; so we usually stand to sing hymns, and for certain important prayers.
- **Sitting** indicates listening and receiving; so we sit for the first and second readings from the Bible, and for the sermon.
- **Kneeling** is the traditional position for personal prayer. Please speak to one of the Vergers or Sidespersons if you would like a cushion for kneeling.

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

Support the Mission and Ministry of the Cathedral. A collection for the Cathedral's mission and ministry will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you are a UK



taxpayer, please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes provided – this allows us to increase your donation by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Card donations can be made at the contactless stations located near the main exits. You can also donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting www.southwellminster.org/donate. Thank you for your generous support of the Cathedral and its ongoing work.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDES

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Variations on 'In Dulci Jubilo'</i> | Denis Bédard (b. 1950) |
| <i>La Crèche (from Pastorale et Adoration)</i> | Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) |
| <i>Noël X (from Livre de Noël)</i> | Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772) |

Before the service, The Revd Canon Neil Evans, Interim 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 sprinkled with holy water, and incensed.

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.

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
peace to his people on earth.*

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

*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.*

*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.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Jonathan Allsopp,*
Assistant Director of Music

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

Al - le - lu - ya! Al - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ya! Praise him with the sound of trum-pets.

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.

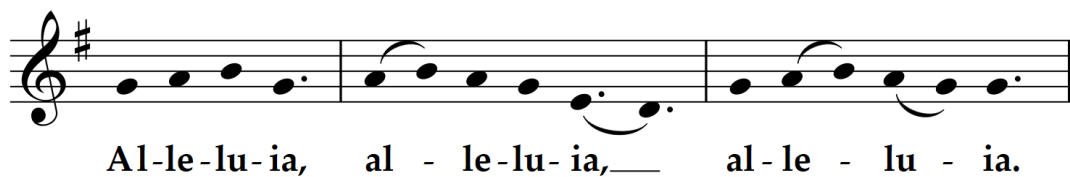
O praise him with resounding cymbals,
Praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
Give praise to the Lord. Alleluya!

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 the President.*

The following response is used:

Holy God,
hear our prayer.

and at the end:

Father, in this holy night,
angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne.
receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints
through him who is your Word made flesh.
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 a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral and the table is prepared for Communion*



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.

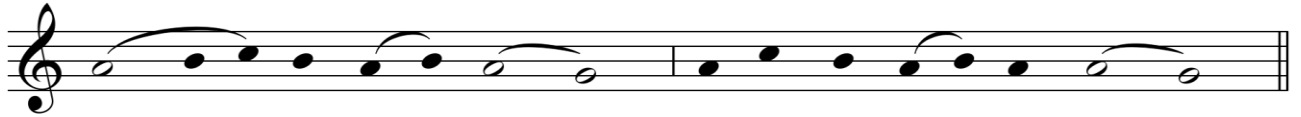
Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

Please stand

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be__ with_ you and_ al - so__ 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 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,
and 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *sung by the choir*

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| Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. | <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i> |
| Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. | <i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i> |

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



A - men. —

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*

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| 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*

Born in a stable so bare,
Born so long ago;
Born 'neath light of star
He who loved us so.

*Far away silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.*

Cradled by mother so fair,
Tender her lullaby;
Over her son so dear
Angel hosts fill the sky.

Far away silent he lay....

Wise men from distant far land,
Shepherds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare,
Hearts with his warmth he fills.

Far away silent he lay....

Love in that stable was born
Into our hearts to flow;
Innocent dreaming babe,
Make me thy love to know.

Far away silent he lay....

Words and Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.

*O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom,
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Saviour.

O the rising of the sun ...

The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to do us sinners good.

O the rising of the sun ...

The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn.

O the rising of the sun ...

The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

O the rising of the sun ...

Words: English Traditional Carol

Music: Matthew Owens (b. 1971)

COMMUNION HYMN *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)

COMMUNION HYMN *if needed*



1. Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon Virgin Mother and child;
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glory streams from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing 'Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!'

3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Words: German, Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)
Translation by John Freeman Young (1820-85)

Tune: *STILLE NACHT* REH 48
Franz Grüber (1787-1863)

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.

FINAL HYMN *during which the altar party leaves in procession.*



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 th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Off-spring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n 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 (1707-88) et al.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN CC1 14
Felix Mendelssohn (1808-47)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata (from Symphony No 5)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Once the clergy have departed, you are invited to sit to listen quietly to the organ voluntary. If you wish to leave at this point, please do so without disturbing those who may still wish to listen or pray. The clergy will stand outside the north door to greet you on your way out.

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SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion with Carols | BCP | Quire |
| 10.00am | Cathedral Eucharist | CW | Nave (and live-streamed) <i>sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> |
| 11.15am | Festal Mattins | BCP | Quire <i>sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> |
| 12.15pm | Holy Communion | BCP | Quire |
| 3.30pm | Evening Prayer with Carols | BCP | Quire |

After Christmas our next choral services will be Evensong at **5.30pm on Saturday 4 January** (sung by the choir of St Peter's, Nottingham) and Evensong at 3.30pm on **Sunday 5 January** (sung by the choir of St Mary's, Newark). The Cathedral Choir will resume singing services with Evensong at 5.30pm on **Monday 6 January**.

The Three Miracles : The Cathedral Epiphany Procession service will be held at **3.30pm on Sunday 12 January** and will include music by Palestrina, Poulenc, Allain, Holst and Bingham.

We wish you a holy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.



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