

... for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me✠.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The priest continues: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,...

... all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven... for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread *The priest breaks the consecrated host, saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The priest says the invitation to communion

✠ Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The Agnus Dei is played on the Organ **M. Dupre** (1886-1971) - Chorale prelude on "O

Lamm Gottes unschuldig" (Op.28 No.61) **followed by the Communion Antiphon:**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us: we have seen the glory of our God.

After that is intoned, the people then come forward walking up the centre aisle to received Holy Communion in one kind only, standing at the Chancel Step. No accompanying words will be given, but mediate on Christ's body. Then return via the North Aisle to their places. Please keep a 2 meter gap!

Organ Voluntaries during Holy Communion

M. Dupre (1886-1971) - Chorale prelude on "In dulci jubilo" (Op. 28 No. 41)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) - Pastoral in F Major (2nd mvmt) (BWV 590ii)

there follows the Communion Motet sung by our Choir: Away in Manger

Prayer after Communion *Silence is kept.*

God our Father, we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour.

May we share his life completely by living as he has taught. **All Amen.**

The Recorded Carol **O come all ye faithful** is then played. *During this carol the Christ-child is carried by the priest to the Crib. The Carol stops before the final verse. The Crib as it is aspersed, blessed, and censed. After the blessing the final verse is sang.*

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you **All and also with you.**

May God give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **All Amen.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Postlude: **J.S. Bach** (1685-1750) - Chorale prelude on "In dulci jubilo" (BWV 729)

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Midnight Mass 2020

Organ Preludes *played before the service* **L-C. Daquin** (1694-1772) - Noel Suisse;
D. Buxtehude (1637-1707) - Chorale prelude on "In dulci jubilo"; **J. Brahms** (1833-1897) -
Chorale prelude on "Es ist ein Ros entsprungen"

The Gathering

The Altar party enter to the Organ Processional: **F. Couperin** (1688-1733) *Plein chant du premier Kyrie, en Taille (from Messe pour les Paroisses) and the recorded Introit from our choir, It came upon a midnight clear is sung.*

During the Introit the Altar is censed. The priest says

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**

The Greeting *The priest greets the people*

The Lord be with you **All and also with you.**

The Welcome is given.

Invitations to Confession

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.

followed by a Kyrie **J.S. Bach** (1685-1750) - Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 672) *played on the Organ. Followed by:*

All Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be ✠ cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

The Gloria *is said. This is the song of the Angels the Shepherds heard on the first Christmas Night*

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.

The Collect

Let us pray. 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. **All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9.2-7 *is read by Noel Chardon*

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

The New Testament Reading Titus 2.11-14 *is read by Linda Williams*

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He 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. This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading *Stand as an Organ Fanfare: On a theme by E. Gigout (1844-1925) heralds the Gospel* The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke **All ✠✠✠Glory to you, O Lord.** In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon followed by The Creed

On this most holy of nights we acknowledge the incarnation by bowing or genuflecting at the italicised words.

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 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.

Prayers of Intercession *are led by Nicholas Robinson. After each petition the following is said:*

Holy God **All reply: hear our prayer.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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 **All and also with you.**

During The Offertory this organ voluntary is played: F. Couperin (1688-1733) - Offertoire sur les Grands jeux (from Messe pour les Paroisses)

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Almighty God, accept our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation. By our communion with the Word made flesh in bread and wine, may we become more like Christ who joins our lives to yours, for he is Lord forever and ever.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The priest continues:

Father, all powerful and ever-living God,

we do well always to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the wonder of the incarnation

your eternal Word has brought a radiant vision of your love and glory to our eyes.

In him we see God made visible and so,

we join with Angels and Archangels and the whole company of heaven, saying:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness, grant that by the power...