

**The Parish Church of
St John the Evangelist
Upper Norwood**



**Midnight Mass
Christmas 2020 at 11.30pm**

Communion Service in E

Harold Darke

Fr John Pritchard, Vicar of St John's, presides at tonight's Mass.

Communicant members of other churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Mass. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head when the priest comes to you.

A retiring collection will be taken and contactless donations are possible.

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The Gathering

We **STAND** to hear the choir sing the hymn, during which the altar party enter

NEH 34 / CfC1 p148

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The second staff continues the melody with some rests and a fermata. The third staff features a more active melody with eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth and fifth staves continue the melody, with the fifth staff ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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.

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.

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.

Mrs CF Alexander 1818-95

Irby

H J Gauntlett 1805-76

vv1-5 harmonised by AH Mann 1850-1929

Descant and organ part by David Willcocks 1919-2015

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

The president may introduce the theme of the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

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.

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.

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

The Choir sing

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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration
that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

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

We SIT.

Readings

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

52. 7-10

Read by Sarah Ikediashi

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the
nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Carol

The choir sing

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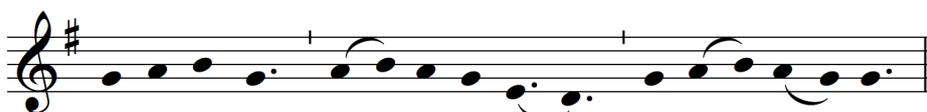
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

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.

Gospel Reading

*We **STAND** for the acclamation to welcome the Gospel.
We face the Book of the Gospels, as Christ speaks to his people.*

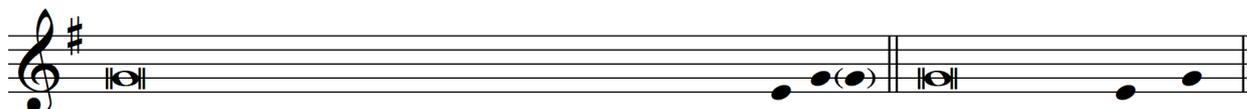


Al-le-lu-ia, * al - le-lu-ia, - al-le - lu - ia.

I bring you news of *great* joy : today a saviour has been born
to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



The Lord be with you **and al - so with you.**



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

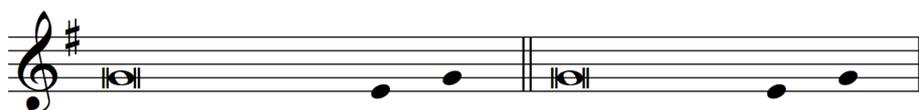
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We SIT. The sermon is followed by a short period of silence.

The Creed

We STAND.

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.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*We remain **STANDING**.*

The Peace

The president introduces 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
and also with you.

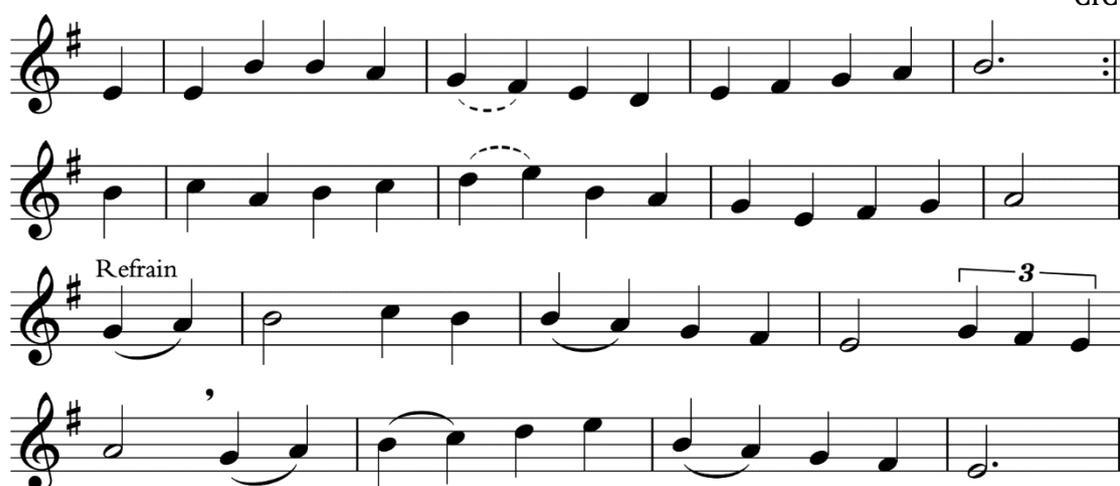
The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Maintaining a social distance, we greet those around us with the sign of Peace

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine



**God rest you merry, gentlemen,
 let nothing you dismay,
 for Jesus Christ our Saviour
 was born on Christmas Day,
 to save us all from Satan's power
 when we were gone astray:
 *O tidings of comfort and joy,
 comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.***

**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:

O tidings of comfort and joy...

**The shepherds at those tidings
rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding
in tempest, storm and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway
this blessed babe to find:**

O tidings of comfort and joy...

**But when to Bethlehem they came,
whereat this infant lay,
they found him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling,
unto the Lord did pray:**

O tidings of comfort and joy...

**Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all others doth deface:**

O tidings of comfort and joy...

'God Rest You Merry'

London carol melody

*altered and arranged by David Willcocks (1919 -
2015)*

Traditional words

The following prayers are said

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

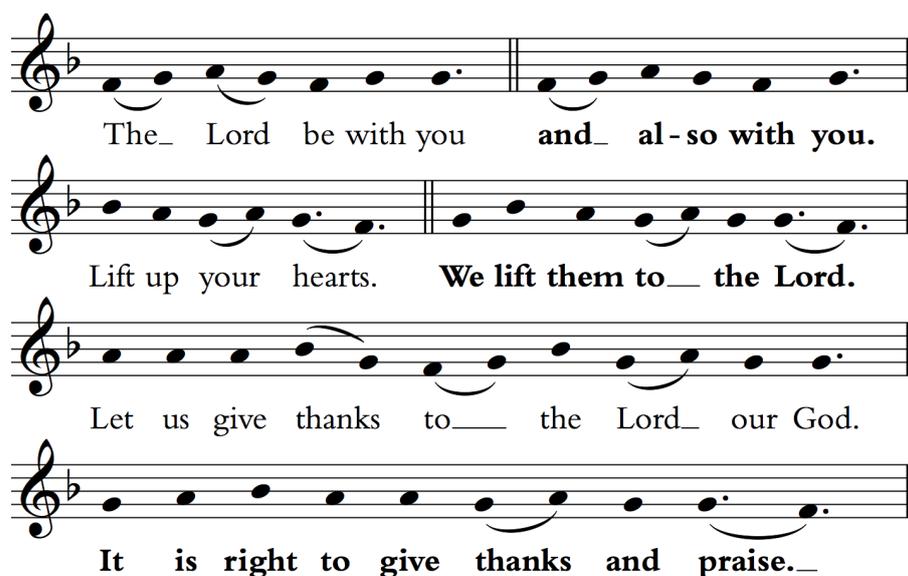
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

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.

The Eucharistic 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._

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 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:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

*We **KNEEL** or **SIT***

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace; make us grow in love,
together with Christopher our Bishop,
Justin our Archbishop, Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon,
and all your people.

Remember all those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness
or any other adversity, especially those for whom we now
pray:

Donovan Donaldson, Liz Woodhouse, Pat Parker, Nathan
Tulip,
Celeste Prinsloo, Roy Rae, Robbie Middleton,
Christopher Love, Lorna Gautier, David Maitland, Simon
Gabe, Michael Hale, Vinnette & Mike Melbourne, Michael
Cooper, Adam Phillips, Peter Bibby, Janet Kempson, Philippa
Pearce, Julie Loh, Ann Newman, Naomi Ioannou,
Alan Driedger, June McCallum, Carmen Alveraz, Paul Allen,

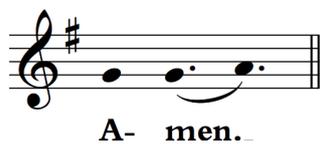
and Poh Wong

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again. George Rae, Alison O'Melia, Jeremy Westwood, Tony Croft, Michael Gwinnell, Neville Prinsloo and Terry Paxton

Remember past priests, benefactors, friends, and all whose year's mind occurs this week: Edith Winkworth, Henry Lane, Cyril Beard, Kenneth Timbers, *Priest*, Marjorie Francis, Mabel Pawsey, Brian Chapman, *Priest*, Edward Adams, Bertha Taylor, Arthur Bucknall, Pat Wong, George Poole, Eliza Dresser, Edith George, Francis Wood, Allan Cooper, Molly Hunter, Pamela Grant, Tony Albery, Douglas Ashby, Marcel Zaire, Robert Duckworth, Alexander Cassidy, Kathleen Emy, Eva Parker. Bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Look with favour on all your people,
gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Our Lady Mary, Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Alban the Martyr and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God hear among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and 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.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The choir sings the Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The sacrament will be brought to you in your places .

Communion Carols

In the bleak mid-winter
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 mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a manger full of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

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.

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch
 are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds
 worship and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him praise, the
 Babe, the Son of Mary. Why lies he in such mean estate, where
 ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians fear: for sinners here
 the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him
 through, the Cross be borne for me, for you: Hail! hail the Word
 Made Flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary. So bring him incense,
 gold and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him! The King of
 Kings salvation brings: let loving hearts enthrone him! Raise,
 raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby. Joy! joy! for
 Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

William Chatterton Dix 1837-98

Thomas Hewitt Jones b1984

In dulci jubilo,	In sweet rejoicing,
Nun singet und seid froh!	now sing and be glad
Unsers Herzens Wonne	Our hearts' joy
Leit in Praesepio;	lies in the manger;
Und leuchtet wie die Sonne	And it shines like the sun
Matris in gremio	in the mother's lap.
Alpha es et O!	You are the alpha and omega!

Old German tune arr. R L Pearsall

Prayer after Communion

We STAND

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.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president pronounces God's blessing

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.
Amen.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.
Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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Adeste, fideles

**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!

The Blessing of the Crib

The infant Jesus will be placed in the crib.

Dear friends, let us pray that God our Father will bless this Crib, and 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 lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Glory, thanks and praise to God.



**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing, in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:
*O come, let us adore him,...***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
*O come, let us adore him,...***

Latin 18th century
Tr Frederick Oakeley 1802-80
and others

Melody probably by JF Wade 1711-86
arranged by David Willcocks

Voluntary

In dulci jubilo BWV 729

J.S. Bach. 1685 -1750

We wish you a very blessed Christmas.

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