



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

# CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24 December 2025

9:30PM CHORAL EUCHARIST



# Welcome to St Paul’s

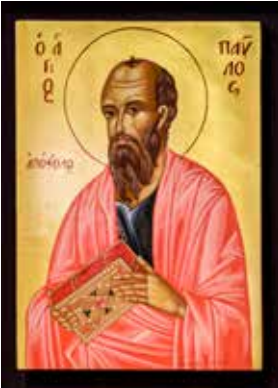
We warmly welcome you and are glad that you have come to worship God with us tonight, Christmas Eve, as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord.

I pray that, at this Christmas-tide and through the coming year, you will experience the love of Jesus Christ, the One who comes to us in such humility, and that the tenderness and gentleness of Mary, Jesus' Mother, will fill your lives, and that you will know the peace of God, Jesus' Father and our Heavenly Father, and that God's peace will strengthen and sustain you both now and forever more. Amen.

Peace,  
Fr James Collins OAM  
Rector

*Please take this order of service home.*

The Rector Fr James Collins, and Dr Helen Collins, along with Fr Michael and Mrs Antonia Deasey, together with the Church Wardens and Parish Councillors and the Parish Staff and Ministry Team: Ms Rosemary King, Fr Mark Battison, Mr David Russell, Mr Bailey Yeates, Mr Brian Luhr, Ms Natalie McDonald, and Mrs Caroline Badra, extend to all Parishioners and their families, and to all friends of St Paul's, every blessing for a holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.  
May the love of God enfold you.



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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady

*Please STAND as the bell is rung. The choir sings the introit from the West Door.*

## Introit

*Stille Nacht* Franz Grüber (1787-1863)  
arr. Meißner

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, alles schläft einsam wacht,  
nur das traute hoch heilige Paar, das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,  
bei dem himmlischen Kind.

Douce nuit! Sainte nuit! Dans les cieux l'astre luit.  
Le mystère annoncé 'saccomplit. Cet enfant sur la paille endormi.  
C'est l'Amour infini.

Silent night, Holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia!  
Christ the saviour is born.

*Silent night, holy night, all are sleeping,  
only the holy pair in the stable at Bethlehem are awake  
with the heavenly child.*

*Sweet night, holy night, in the heavens the star shines,  
the foretold mystery comes true, this child sleeping on the hay  
is infinite love.*

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

*Remain standing as the choir, servers and clergy process into the Chancel.*

*The Processional Hymn is introduced with the following:*

Let us proceed in peace.  
✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

ADESTE FIDELIS Irregular Melody probably by J.F. Wade (1711-86)  
Descant by Sir David Willcocks CME MC (1919-2015)

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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:
- 3

See how the Shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither, bend our joyful footsteps:

*The Blessing of the Crib occurs at the end of verse 3*

## Blessing of the Crib

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

Joy to the world, the Lord has come.  
**Let earth receive her king.**

Let us pray:  
Almighty and everlasting God,  
who did cause your only begotten Son  
to come down to earth from heaven on this night,  
to be born of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary for our salvation,  
vouchsafe to ✠ Bless, ✠ Hallow and ✠ Sanctify this Crib  
wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth;  
may we, beholding the same glory,  
ponder and adore the mystery of His Holy Incarnation  
and be fulfilled with your heavenly benediction until eternal life.  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Heavenly Father  
Bless all who visit and look upon this Crib;  
May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus  
and raise our thoughts to Him  
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all  
and who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever.

**Amen**

Now let us go to Bethlehem and worship the Christ-Child.

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn continues from verse 4:*

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| 4 | Lo! star-led chieftans, Magi, Christ adoring,<br>Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;<br>We to the Christ Child bring our heart's oblations:<br><i>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i> |
| 5 | Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,<br>Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;<br>Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?   |
| 6 | Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exultation,<br>sing all ye citizens of heaven above.<br>Glory to God in the Highest:   |

Latin 18<sup>th</sup> century  
Tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-80) and others

## Greeting

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The priest continues with the opening sentence:*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Let us pray:  
**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Advent Wreath Liturgy

Tonight all the candles of the Advent wreath will blaze with light. We relight the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We light the Christ candle and celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Christ, the Light of the World.

**Loving God, we are people of hope, peace, joy, love and light. As we  
hear again the good news of great joy, we pray that your light will  
shine in our daily lives so that we may bring light to others. Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, ruler of all, in whose kingdom peace and righteousness abound; have mercy on our broken and divided world, especially on the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and all areas of conflict. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all people and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all may live in peace according to your laws, through him for whom we wait, the Prince of peace.

**Amen.**

## Kyrie eleison

*Remain standing for the Kyrie anad Gloria which is sung by the choir.*

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



## Gloria

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 God's 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.*

*Remain standing for the collect of the day.*

## Collect

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 our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please SIT for the readings and psalm.*

## First Reading: 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.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

## Psalm: 96

Chant: Stephen Elvey (1805-1860)

*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations: and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and glory are before him: beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:  
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:  
he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:  
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
- 12 Let the fields rejoice and everything in them:  
then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

## Second Reading: Titus 2.11–14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

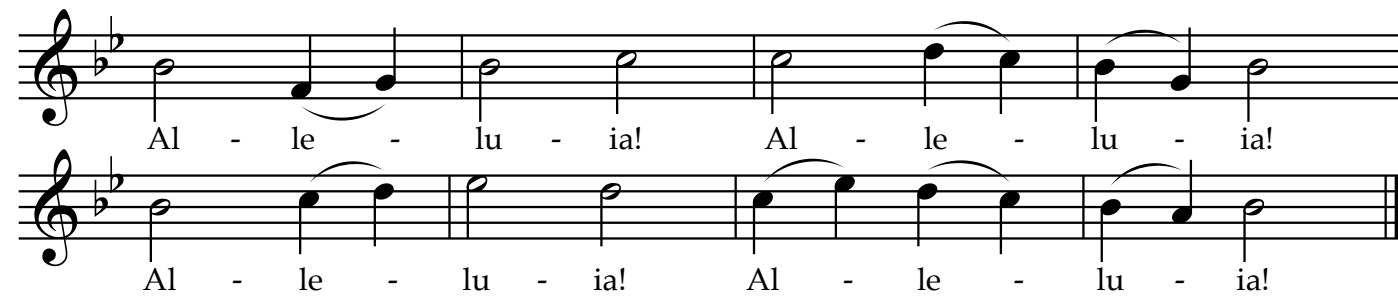
For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND with the Celebrant for the gospel acclamation.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*The Alleluia is sung first by the choir alone and then repeated by the congregation.  
At the end of the sentence, the choir and congregation repeat the Alleluia.*



*Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia.*

*The Alleluia is repeated by all.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel: Luke 2.1-20

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

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken

place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

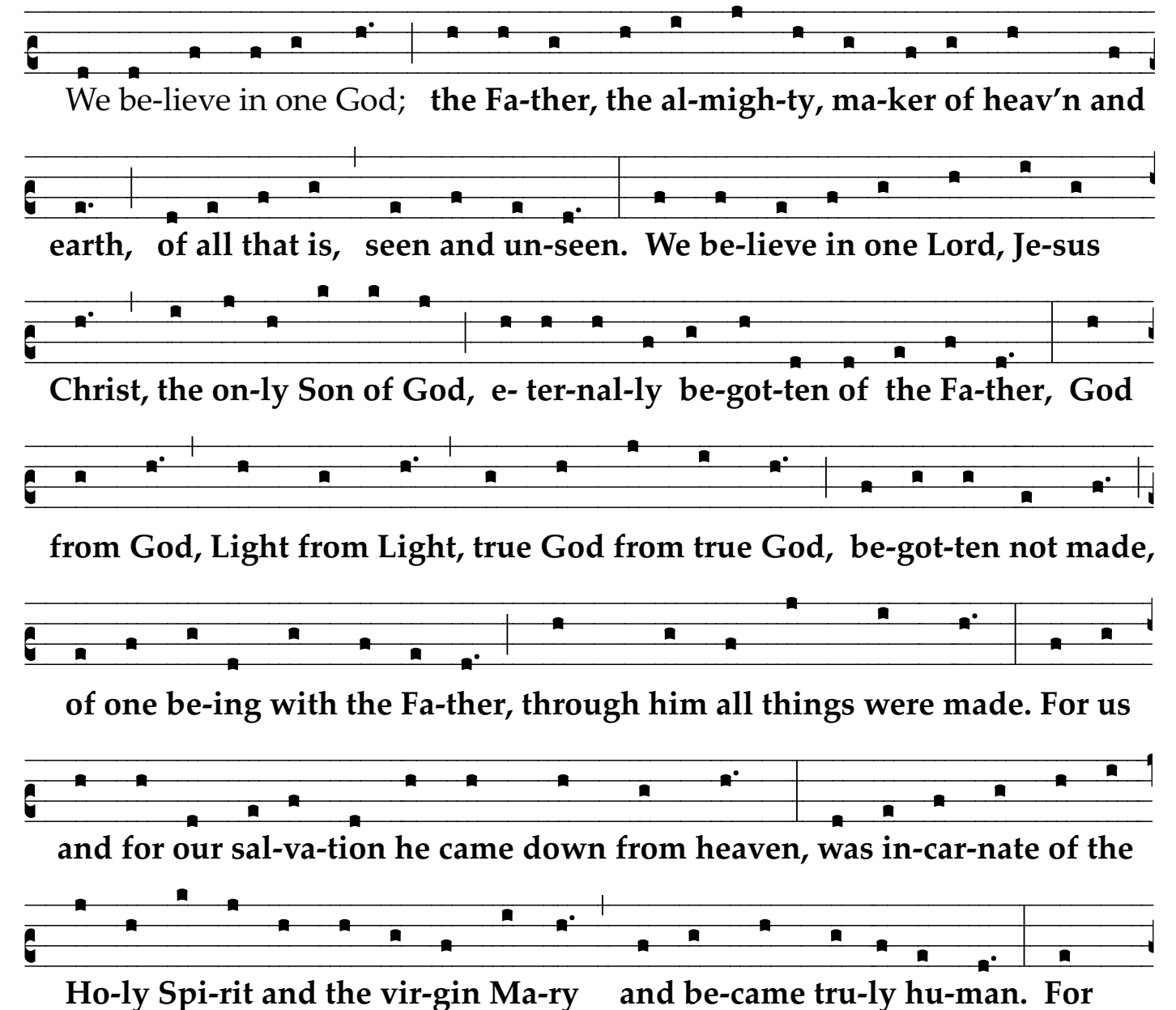
*Please SIT.*

## Sermon

**Fr James Collins**  
*Rector*

*Please STAND for the Creed.*

## Creed



our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bu-ried. On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cor-dance with the Scrip-tures; he as-cen-ded in-to heav'n and is sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the gi-ver of life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied, who has spo-ken through the pro-phets. We be-lieve in one ho-ly ca-tho-lic and a-po-sto-lic Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-ti-sm for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. A-men.

## Prayers of the Faithful

*Please KNEEL. The intercessor leads the prayers from the lectern.*

*The following response is used:*

Christ, the saviour is born:

O come let us adore him.

*At the end of the prayers, the following is recited:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith

we may by your grace receive,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A selection of Scripture sentences may be used concluding with the Prayer of Approach recited together:*

We do not presume

to come to your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that we may evermore dwell in him

and he in us. Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*The priest introduces the confession.*

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

*(Silence may be kept)*

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The priest pronounces the Absolution.*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,



strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All STAND.**

## Greeting of Peace

*The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these words:*

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

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The greeting of peace is exchanged through a silent bow towards those seated around you.*

*Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

*An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 18 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.*



*There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.*

## Offertory Hymn

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H.J. Ganutlett (1805-76)

Revised by A.H. Mann (1850-1929) & Editors; Descant: Bailey Yeates (b.2006)



- 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ, the little Child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:  
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth  
our Saviour holy.
- 3 And through all his wondrous childhood  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see him through his own  
redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above:  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

- 5 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him: but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high,  
Where like stars his children crowned, all in white  
shall wait around.

Mrs C.F. Alexander (1818-95)

## The Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

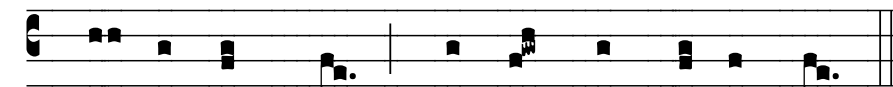
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

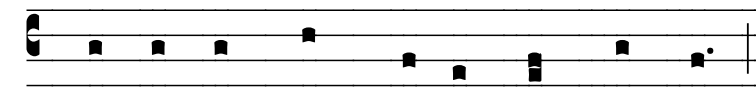
## Great Thanksgiving



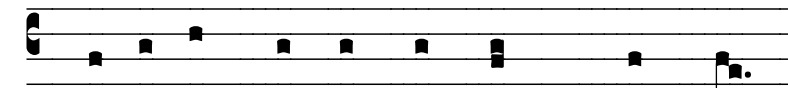
The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.*

*Please KNEEL as the sanctuary bell is rung three times.*

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sung by the choir.*

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,*

*Dominus Deus sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit*

*in nomine Domini*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth 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 with the Prayer of Consecration.*

## Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

✠ **Blessing and honour and glory and power,  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The priest says or intones:*

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



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven hal-lowed be your name;

Your King-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread for-give us our sins as we for-give

those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er

us from e- vil For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,

now and for e- ver. A-men.

## The breaking of the bread

*The priest breaks the bread and says the following:*

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

We who are many are one body,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

*Sung by the choir.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

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

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, grant us your peace.

## Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

## Communion

*Communion is distributed along the full length of the communion rail.*

*Please form a single line on the Organ side of the nave and return on the Pulpit side.*

## Communion Motet

### Candlelight Carol

John Rutter (b.1945)

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How do you measure the love of a mother Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.*

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him Seraphim round him their vigil will keep Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep

*Candlelight, angel light...*

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

*Candlelight, angel light...*

John Rutter (b.1945)

*Please remain kneeling or seated to sing the communion hymn on the following page.*



# Communion Hymn

NOEL DCM

Traditional English Melody adapted  
by Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)



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| 1 It came upon the midnight clear,<br>That glorious song of old,<br>From angels bending near the earth<br>To touch their harps of gold:<br>'Peace on the earth, good-will to men,<br>From heaven's all gracious King!<br>The world in solemn stillness lay<br>To hear the angels sing. | 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife<br>The world has suffered long;<br>Beneath the angel-strain have rolled<br>Two thousand years of wrong;<br>And man, at war with man, hears not<br>The love-song which they bring:<br>O hush the noise, ye men of strife,<br>And hear the angels sing! |
| 2 Still through the cloven skies they come<br>With peaceful wings unfurled;<br>And still their heavenly music floats<br>O'er all the weary world;<br>Above its sad and lowly plains<br>They bend on hovering wing;<br>And ever o'er its Babel sounds<br>The blessed angels sing.       | 4 For lo! the days are hastening on,<br>By prophet bards foretold,<br>When, with the ever-circling years,<br>Comes round the age of gold;<br>When peace shall over all the earth<br>Its ancient splendours fling,<br>And the whole world give back the song<br>Which now the angels sing.   |

Edmund Sears (1810-76)

*All STAND for the post-communion prayer.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*The priest says the following seasonal prayer:*

God of heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all people.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Blessing

*The priest says this seasonal Blessing:*

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**✠ In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Remain standing to sing the final hymn.*

## Final Hymn

MENDELSSOHN 7777 7777 77

From a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)  
Descant by Sir David Willcocks CME MC (1919-2015)

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| 1 Hark! the herald angels sing<br>glory to the new-born King;<br>Peace on earth and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled:<br>Joyful all ye nations rise,<br>join the triumph of the skies,<br>with the angelic host proclaim,<br>Christ is born in Bethlehem:<br><i>Hark the herald angels sing<br/>Glory to the new-born King.</i>                       | 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,<br>Christ, the everlasting Lord,<br>Late in time behold him come<br>offspring of a Virgin's womb!<br>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,<br>Hail the incarnate Deity!<br>Pleased as man with man to dwell,<br>Jesus, our Emmanuel:<br><i>Hark the herald angels sing<br/>Glory to the new-born King.</i> |
| 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!<br>Hail the Sun of Righteousness!<br>Light and life to all he brings,<br>risen with healing in his wings;<br>Mild he lays his glory by,<br>born that man no more may die,<br>Born to raise the sons of earth,<br>born to give them second birth:<br><i>Hark the herald angels sing<br/>Glory to the new-born King.</i> |   |

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*Remain standing as the choir, servers and clergy depart during the postlude.*

## Postlude

Final variation *Vivace* from Variations on "Adeste Fidelis"

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

*To maintain the prayerfulness of the liturgy, it is requested that there be no applause at the end of the organ postlude. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay, listen or pray.*

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## TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

**Introit:** *Stille nacht* (Franz Grüber, 1787-1863)  
**Setting:** *Missa Omnes Sancti* (Malcolm Archer, b.1952)  
**Carols:** *Candlelight Carol* (John Rutter, b.1945)

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## UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day

**9:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
**Collegium Regale** (Harold Darke, 1888-1976)  
**The Infant King** (arr. Desmond Ratcliffe, 1917-2001)

Sunday 28 December – Holy Innocents

Sunday 4 January – The Epiphany

Sunday 11 January – Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday 18 January – Second Sunday after Epiphany

**9:00am** Sung Eucharist  
**Mass of St Francis** (Paul Taylor, b.1957)

Sunday 25 January – The Conversion of Paul

**8:00am** Said Eucharist

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist  
*Missa Brevis* (G.P. da Palestrina, c.1525-1594)  
**Give us the wings of faith** (Ernest Bullock, 1890-1979)



## HOLY INNOCENTS

**Sunday 28 December 2025**

**9:00am Sung Eucharist**



## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

**Sunday 4 January 2026**

**9:00am Sung Eucharist**



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**9:00am** Sung Eucharist

Sundays throughout the year: (resume on Sunday 25 January 2026)

**8:00am** Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Wednesdays: (resume on Wednesday 4 February 2026)

**10:30am** Eucharist

Fridays: (resume on Friday 30 January 2026)

**5:40pm** Evening Prayer

**6:00pm** Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

**6:00pm** Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

*Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.*

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

**5:00pm** Choral Evensong – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

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