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DAY MASS OF  
THE NATIVITY  
OF THE LORD



# WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

*If this is your first visit,  
you are very welcome.*

*Some notes to help you:*

Please make sure *ALL* mobile phones  
are switched *OFF*.

A collection is taken about half way through the service.  
If you are a UK taxpayer, then please consider “*gift aid*”  
and fill in an envelope.

It is our custom  
to keep a sense of stillness and reflection before the service  
and especially during the time of Holy Communion.

Please **do** take this booklet away with you.

There is a Sunday school for our younger children in the hall.

**SUNDAY MASS**

**10.00am**

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# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*The hymn pauses when the altar party arrives at the Crib.*

**C**hristians, awake, salute the happy morn  
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;  
Rise to adore the mystery of love,  
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice: "Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth,  
To you and all the nations on the earth:  
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,  
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

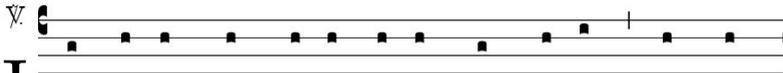
He spake, and straightway the celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;  
The praises of redeeming love they sang,  
And heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang;  
God's highest glory was their anthem still,  
Peace on the earth, and unto men good will.

To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shepherds ran  
To see the wonder God had wrought for man,  
And found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid,  
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid;  
Then to their flocks, still praising God, return,  
And their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

O may we keep and ponder in our mind  
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
From his poor manger to his bitter cross;  
Treading his steps, assisted by his grace,  
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

Then may we hope, the angelic thrones among,  
 To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;  
 He that was born upon this joyful day  
 Around us all his glory shall display;  
 Saved by his love, incessant we shall sing  
 Eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

GREETING

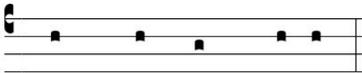


In the name of the Fa-ther, and of the Son, and of



the Ho-ly Spi- rit. *R.* Amen.

*The Priest greets the congregation, who reply:*



*R.* And with your spi-rit.

*The Priest introduces today's Mass and invites us to confess our sins.*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
 forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glo \_\_\_\_\_ ri - a!

In ex - cel - sis De \_\_\_\_\_ o!

THE COLLECT

**O** God,  
who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature  
and still more wonderfully restored it,  
grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 52, 7-10*

*At the end, the reader says:*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**B**ehold, the great Creator makes  
Himself a house of clay,  
A robe of virgin flesh He takes  
Which He will wear for aye.

2. Hark, hark, the wise eternal Word  
Like a weak infant cries!  
In form of servant is the Lord,  
And God in cradle lies.

3. This wonder all the world amazed,  
It shook the starry frame;  
Squadrons of spirits stood and gazed,  
Then down in troops they came.

4. Glad shepherds ran to view this sight;  
A choir of angels sings,  
And eastern sages with delight  
Adore this King of kings.

5. Join then, all hearts that are not stone,  
And all our voices prove,  
To celebrate this holy One,  
The God of peace and love.

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 1, 1-6*

*At the end, the reader says:*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
STAND

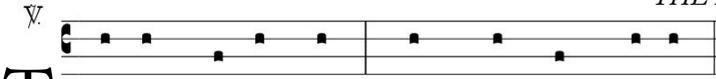
*Please join in singing the verse as well as the Chorus*

*Alleluia! Your words, O Lord are spirit and life.  
Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.*

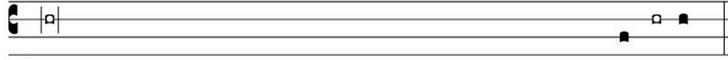
**The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five;  
To see her own Son Jesus Christ, Raising the dead to life.**

**The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six;  
To see her own Son Jesus Christ upon the Crucifix.**

**The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven;  
To see her own Son Jesus Christ ascending into Heaven.**



**T**he Lord be with you. **R: And with your spi- rit.**



**V:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

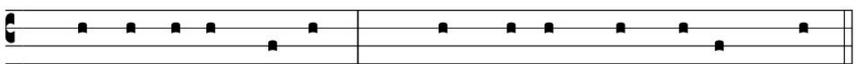


**R: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*we kneel during the words in italics*

**I**n the beginning was the Word:  
 and the Word was with God and the Word was God.  
 He was with God in the beginning.  
 Through him all things came to be,  
 not one thing had its being but through him.  
 All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men,  
 a light that shines in the dark,  
 a light that darkness could not overpower.  
 The Word was the true light that enlightens all men;  
 and he was coming into the world.  
 He was in the world that had its being through him,  
 and the world did not know him.  
 He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.  
 But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,  
 to all who believe in the name of him  
 who was born not out of human stock  
 or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.  
*The Word was made flesh,*  
 he lived among us, and we saw his glory,  
 the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,  
 full of grace and truth.

**KNEEL**



**V:** The Gos- pel of the Lord. **R: Praise to you, Lord Je- sus Christ.**

**I** believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary  
and became man.*

*KNEEL*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.

I 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 adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

OR

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

**O**f 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.*

2. 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.*

3. 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.*

4. 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.*

5. This is he, whom seer and sybil  
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.*

6. 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.*

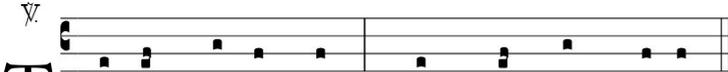
Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**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 holy Church.**

*THE PRAYER OVER THE OBLATION*

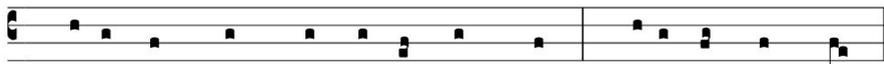
*To which we respond:*

**Amen.**

  
**T** he Lord be with you. **R: And with your spi-rit.**



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



**V: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R: It is right and just.**

*The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer until we sing:*



  
**Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. Lord, God of Hosts.**

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

*We all KNEEL as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*After the Lord's words are said over the bread and the cup we use the following response:*

The Mystery of Faith:

**O come, let us adore him,  
 O come, let us adore him,  
 O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord.**

*At the end of prayer, we all sing:*

**Amen.**

**Y**ea, Lord, we greet thee, present on this altar.  
 Jesu to thee be glory given.  
 Altar and Manger, one eternal moment  
 O come, let us adore him...

# COMMUNION RITE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER*  
*STAND*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

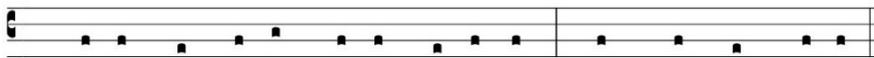
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.

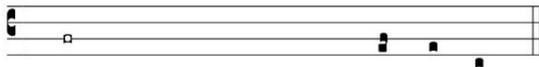
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*If you are not already standing, please STAND.*



∇ The peace of the Lord be with you always. **℟ And with your spi-rit.**



∇ Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*AGNUS DEI*



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the



world, have mer - cy up - on\_ us. Lamb of God, you



take away the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on\_ us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the



world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*When offered the Host and the Chalice or when given a blessing the response is always:*  
**Amen.**

DURING HOLY COMMUNION

**S**ee amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See, the gentle Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years.

*Hail thou ever blessèd morn,  
Hail redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

2. Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who, thronèd in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim.

6. Teach, O teach us, holy Child,  
By thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble thee,  
In thy sweet humility.

3. Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
What your joyful news today.  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?

4. "As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels singing 'Peace on earth'  
Told us of the Saviour's birth."

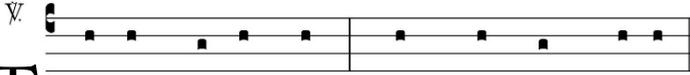
5. Sacred Infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this.

*To which we respond:*  
**Amen.**

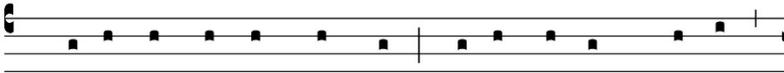
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  
STAND

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

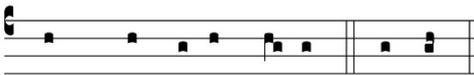
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
STAND



**T**he Lord be with you. *R.* And with your spi-rit.



*Psi* May al-mighty God bless you, the Fa-ther, and the Son,



and the Ho-ly Spi-rit. *R.* Amen.



**G**o in peace. *R.* Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN

**U**nto us is born a Son,  
King of Quires supernal:  
See on earth His life begun,  
Of lords the Lord eternal,  
Of lords the Lord eternal.

3. This did Herod sore affray,  
And grievously bewilder  
So he gave the word to slay,  
And slew the little child,  
And slew the little child.

2. Christ, from heav'n descending low  
Comes on earth a stranger;  
Ox and ass their owner know,  
Be cradled in the manger,  
Be cradled in the manger.

4. Of His love and mercy mild  
This the Christmas story;  
And O that Mary's gentle child  
Might lead us up to glory!  
Might lead us up to glory!

5. O and A, and A and O,  
*Cum cantibus in choro,*  
Let our merry organ go,  
*Benedicamus Domino.*  
*Benedicamus Domino.*



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