

The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
And Cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.

While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains! Ye oceans, clap your hands!

Since all He comes to ransom, By all be he adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em, The Saviour and the Lord!

And idol forms shall perish, And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield His sceptre, Our Lord and God for ay.
Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.

Amen

The Mass is ended. Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing



**Have a very
Happy & Blessed
Christmas —
from all at St George's
Anglican Church.**

Notices :

Christmas Communion: Fr Mark is very willing to bring Holy Communion to the sheltering. Please encourage those who continue to shelter to contact Fr Mark to receive Holy Communion.

The Carol Service this year is online. A huge thanks to all those who recorded material for this service.

Giving at St George's: now is the time to consider if you would like to top-up your giving to St George's for this tax year. If you pay tax in France and give by either standing order or cheque, you can have up to 66% of your giving to St George's deducted from your income tax liability. More details are available from Fr Mark or our Treasurer, Mike Orrin.

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St George's, Paris

Solemn Mass of Christmas Day : 2020

A warm welcome to St George's online worship this week. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. The choir will sing the **Missa brevis** by Palestrina (1524-1595) and the motet is **Chanticleer** to a traditional arrangement.

Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve 1730	Family Eucharist with Carols
Friday 25th	Christmas Day 2200 0830 1030 1615 1745	Midnight Mass of Christmas w Blessing of the Crib Holy Communion (1662) Solemn Mass with Prayers at the Crib Messe Malgache Messe Malgache
Saturday 26th	Stephen, deacon 1200	Mass
Sunday 27th	1st Sunday of Christmas 0830 1030	Holy Communion (1662) Solemn Eucharist
Monday 28th	The Holy Innocents	
Tuesday 29th	John, Apostle 1800 1830	Evensong Mass
Wednesday 30th	Christmas Feria 1200	Mass
Thursday 31st	St Sylvester 1800 1830	Evensong Mass
Friday 1st	Naming and Circumcision of Jesus 1200	Mass
Saturday 2nd	Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzus 1200	Mass
Sunday 3rd	The Epiphany 0830 1030 1630	Holy Communion Solemn Mass Messe Malgache

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**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.**

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:**

**See how the Shepherds, Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw night with lowly fear;
We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps:**

**Child for us sinners Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee, Loving us so dearly?**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God, in the Highest:**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.**

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

The celebration is introduced and we are invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation for our celebration together. The choir sings the Kyries.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For you Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Gloria (Merbecke)

Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee we bless thee, we worship thee we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God,

**Jesu, to thee be glory given:
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him...**

At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen. We remain standing to pray together

**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 is here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sing 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.*

Invitation to Communion

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

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come forward and bow your head for a blessing. If you don't want to receive Holy Communion you may like to use the following prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul.
As though you were already there I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.*

Please follow the directions of the Sides-people. During Communion the Choir sing the motet.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through
him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure!
The virgin bears the Infant With virgin honour pure!
Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!**

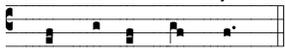
**I bring you tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations on the earth:
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."**

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

**To Bethl'hem 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;
Joyful, the wondrous story they proclaim—
the first apostles of his infant fame.**

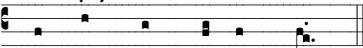
**Like Mary, let us ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
From his poor manger to his bitter cross.
Then may we hope, angelic hosts among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.**

The Lord be with you



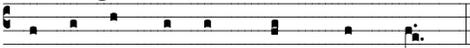
and also with you.

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.

The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the Choir sings the Sanctus.

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.

*During the Eucharistic Prayer we proclaim the mystery of faith by using the final verse of **O Come all ye faithful:***

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;**

heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born 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 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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-end

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for this evening (Psalm 97).

*The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof * yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him * righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat. There shall go a fire before him * and burn up his enemies on every side. His lightnings gave shine unto the world * the earth saw it, and was afraid. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens have declared his righteousness * and all the people have seen his glory. Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods * worship him, all ye gods. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced * and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth * thou art exalted far above all gods. O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil * the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly. There is sprung up a light for the righteous * and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous * and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.*

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gradual

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 guard and angels sing:
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!
 Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, The cross be bourne for me, for you:
 Hail, hail, the Saviour comes, 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 your song on high While Mary sings a lullaby,
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the son of Mary.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: [1-7] 8-15

[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.

Sermon

Please be seated for the sermon.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (**Merbecke**)

We believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
 begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made,
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried,
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
 And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
 who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
 And I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We remain standing to prayer together. At the end of each petition this response is used

Holy God: **be born in us today.**

After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
 and also with you.

We are invited to give one another a sign of peace without touching—please use the Namaste or a bow of the head (a smile is really good too!). Our financial offering will be brought up by the Sidespeople from the Lower Landing table.

Christians, 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,