

St Andrew's, Chesterton

All-Age Communion

25 December 2024
Christmas Day

Copyright acknowledgement (where not indicated below):
Settings for Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei - A Christmas Sung Eucharist based on carol tunes. © Christopher J. Pountain 1992. Some material included in this service is copyright: © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA.; © The Archbishops' Council 2000-20. Copyright hymns are reproduced under CCLI Licence no. 30093 and One Licence 632880-A.

Please be aware this service is livestreamed. If you or anyone accompanying you does not wish to be visible on camera, remain behind the front row. Those receiving Communion will not be filmed.

We are welcomed

I bring you good news of great joy:
A Saviour has been born to us!
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

The Service is introduced.

We light the Advent Wreath

People of God: shout and sing!
Tell the good news of peace on earth.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace.
All God's people *shout*: **Amen!**

Angels dance and the bright star shines.
All creation bows to the Lord of all.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's light.
All God's people *shout*: **Amen!**

One with us, yet born to save,
he will show us the way to God.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's love.
All God's people *shout*: **Amen!**

People of God: shout and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

We sing

- 1 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:
O come, let us adore him,...
- 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:
O come, let us adore him,...

4 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God
in the highest:
O come, let us adore him,...

5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,...

Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition*, no. 78. Adeste, fideles, (Latin, 18th century) transl. by FREDERICK OAKELEY (1802-1880) & others.

We say sorry

As we kneel with the shepherds before the newborn
Christ-child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

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.

We receive God's forgiveness

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

To the tune of Angels from the realms of glory

'Glory be to God in heaven;
peace on earth,' the angels sing.
Worship, thanks and praise be given,
Lord, to thee, our heav'nly King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus, Son of God Almighty,
Lamb of God and Father's heir,
Bearer of our sin, have mercy;
Judge of all, receive our prayer.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

For thou only art most holy,
for thou only art the Lord:
Most High, in the Father's glory,
with the Spirit, be adored.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

We pray the Collect Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder
at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.**

We listen to our Gospel Reading

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

Luke 2:1-20

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!'

¹⁵When 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.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Talk

We sing

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition*, number 72.
Words: ISAAC WATTS (1674–1748) Tune: Antioch

We affirm our faith

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.

We pray for others and ourselves

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



A collection for the ministry and mission of St Andrew's will be taken at this point of the service. Thank you to all who give to the life of our church in so many ways.

It is also possible to make electronic donations via the machines at the back or this QR code here.

We sing while our Offerings are received

- 1 See him lying on a bed of straw,
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore —
the Prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of glory when he came!*

- 2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world!
- 3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
sing that Beth'lem's little baby can
be salvation to the soul.

Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition*, number 82. MICHAEL PERRY (1942–1996) Words and Music: © Mrs B. Perry / The Jubilate Group. Used by permission.

The Preparation of the Table

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 is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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 president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and God of might,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Slower
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

[Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.]

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with
Amen.

We kneel and keep a moment's silence

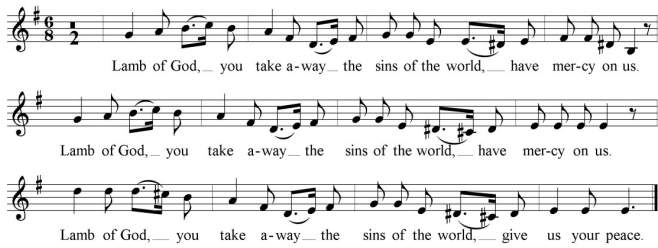
We pray the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Bread is broken

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.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, give us your peace.

We are invited to share Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

The president and people receive communion. Visitors who are communicant members of their home churches are welcome to receive communion at St Andrew's. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please signify this by bringing your order of service with you.

There will be two communion stations – one at the Nave altar and one at the South Aisle altar (for those wishing to kneel). If for health reasons you would prefer to receive the bread and wine by intinction by the priest, please come forward to the Nave altar and indicate this by pointing to the chalice held with the bread. Please also indicate if you require gluten-free bread.

Music during Communion

- 1 Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round the virgin and her child:
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace;
sleep in heavenly peace!
- 2 Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quail at the sight,
glory streams from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born!'
- 3 Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light:
radiant beams your holy face
with the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Reproduced from Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition, number 84 Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht! Joseph Mohr (1792–1848) translated by John Freeman Young (1820–1885)

We pray after Communion

**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.**

We sing

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

Reproduced from Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition, number 66 Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88) and others. Music: F Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–47), last verse arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

A Happy Christmas to you all! If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and take a welcome leaflet or fill out a card. We look forward to welcoming you again soon.

Organ Voluntary: Toccata from Symphony no.5 by C.-M. Widor (1844-1937).