



# Order of Service **Christmas Day**

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Sunday 25 December 2024, 11am

Presider: **The Revd Dr John Barker**  
Preacher: **The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam**

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## **WELCOME**

**to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.**

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## **Music Before the Service**

*Vom Himmel hoch, da Komm ich her BWV 700 – JS Bach*

Organist: David Cook

## **The Gathering**

*Please stand.*

### **Hymn**

**See, amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the Lamb of God appears,  
promised from eternal years!**

*Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!*

*Hail, redemption's happy dawn!*

*Sing through all Jerusalem:*

*Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

**Lo, within a manger lies  
he who built the starry skies,  
he who, throned in height sublime,  
sits amid the cherubim!**

**Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
what your joyful news today;  
wherefore have ye left your sheep  
on the lonely mountain steep?**

**'As we watched at dead of night,  
lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
angels, singing "Peace on earth,"  
told us of a Saviour's birth.'**

**Sacred Infant, all divine,  
what a tender love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss  
down to such a world as this!**

Edward Caswall 1814-78 Tune: Humility

## Welcome and Opening Responses

'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the Lord.

*All* **Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.**

From eternity to eternity you are God,

*All* **and now we see you as a newborn child.**

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

*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction are said.*

## Prayers of Confession

*Please sit or kneel.*

Christ the light of the world has come  
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Father,  
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **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.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love,  
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **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.**

## The Gloria

*Please stand.*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
 earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and  
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are  
 sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our  
 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

- lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the  
 Fa - - ther. A - - - - - men.

## The Collect

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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52.7-10 *read by Kate Price*

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for **The Psalm: 98** sung by Sarah Alder

All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of our God.



Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His own right hand and his holy arm  
have won for him the victory. **R/**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness  
towards the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **R/**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;  
break into singing and make music.  
Make music to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the voice of melody. **R/**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sound praises before the Lord, the King.  
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,  
the world and all that dwell upon it. **R/**

Let the rivers clap their hands  
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity. **R/**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4** read by Tilia Midgley-Adam

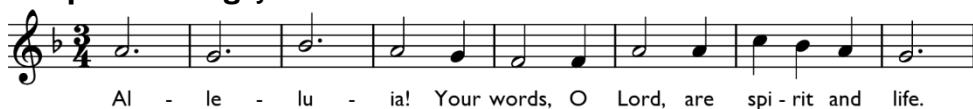
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and face the Gospel for the* **Gospel Acclamation**

## **Gospel Reading: John 1.1-14**



Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.

*All* **Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**

**Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.**

Today a Saviour is born who is Christ the Lord.

God's word is with us and lives among us within our world.

*All* **Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**

**Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All* **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.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand.*

*All* **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.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

**Prayers of Intercession** *led by Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam*

Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,

*All* **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## 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

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn

*During the next carol a shared collection will be taken for the **Bow Foodbank** who offer food and emergency items to people in crisis in Tower Hamlets, and the **Amos Trust**, who are supporting health services impacted by the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza.*

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**Of 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.**

**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.**

**This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
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.**

**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.**

Latin, Prudentius 348-413 tr R F Davis 1866-1937 Tune: Divinum Mysterium

## **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 be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,\_\_\_  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na  
 in the high - - - est. Bles - sed is he who  
 comes in the name\_\_\_ of the Lord, Ho -  
 - san - na in the high - - - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
 and according to your holy will,  
 these gifts of bread and wine  
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
 took bread and gave you thanks;  
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
 he gave it to them, saying:  
 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died;  
 Christ is risen;  
 Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us so we pray:

*All* **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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

All **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, grant us peace.

## Invitation to Communion

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

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

*Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.*

## Music During Communion

*Christmas Cradle Song – Alfred Hollins*

## 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.**

*All* **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.**

## **Notices**

### **The Dismissal**

*Please stand.*

#### **The Blessing**

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

Having worshipped at the stable, go in peace  
and proclaim the Word made flesh.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**



## Hymn

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.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, and wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

### **Music after the Service**

*A Carol Medley – Howard McKinney*

***Please join us for festive refreshments after the service.***



## NOTICES

### **Christmas Collections**

This year the collections at our two carol services, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day services will be supporting the **Bow Foodbank**, who offer food and emergency items to people in crisis in our local area, and the **Hygiene Bank**, supporting local people in hygiene poverty

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### **Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Carol Services**

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the refreshments at our carol services, please use a Gift Aid envelope and mark it 'Refreshments', or use the donations machine and send an email to [parish@ahbtt.org.uk](mailto:parish@ahbtt.org.uk). Thank you!

### **Christmas & New Year Opening Times**

After today's service the church will be closed until we re-open at 8.00am on Thursday 2 January, when normal opening and service times will resume.

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