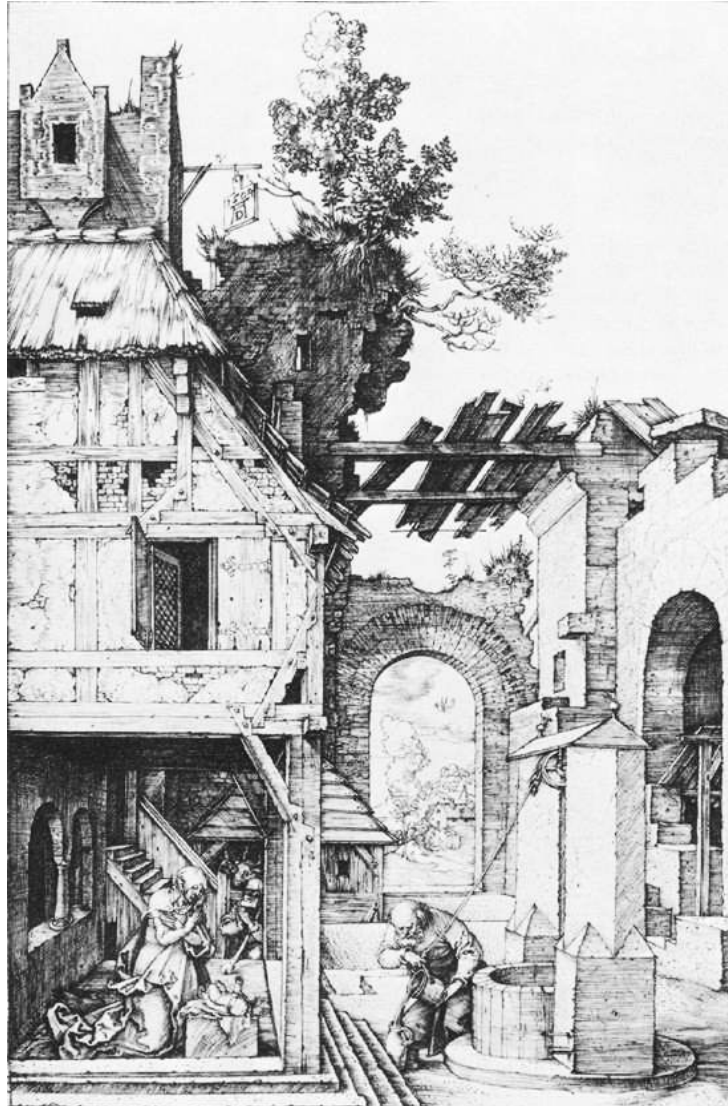


# ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET



## VIGIL MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2024*

*6.30pm*



§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *the first two verses are sung by the choir.*

**O**nce 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 her little Child.

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.

§ *All sing:*

**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.**

**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.**

**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,  
When like stars his children crowned,  
All in white shall wait around.**

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

**IRBY**

H.J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

*Revised* A.H. Mann, 1850-1929

**THE INTROIT** Hodie Sciētis

## **INTRODUCTION & GREETING**

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

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Almighty God, **our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, ☩ have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

<b>K</b> yrie eleison	Lord, have mercy
Christe eleison	Christ, have mercy
Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**G**lory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will 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, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu 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 most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## MISSA BREVIS IN C K220

*“Spatzenmesse”*

W. A. Mozart, 1756-1791

## THE COLLECT

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING Isaiah 62.1-5

**F**or Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 89.3-4, 15-16, 26, 28

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen I have sworn unto David my servant.

4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever, and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat; mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

16 Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee; they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

26 I will set his dominion also in the sea, and his right hand in the floods.

28 And I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

## THE SECOND READING Acts 13.16-17, 22-25

**S**o Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: ‘You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, “I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.” Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, “What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

§ *All stand.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

On the morrow the iniquity of the earth shall be blotted out: and the Saviour of the world shall reign over us.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 1.18-25

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**T**he birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

Fr Julian Browning, Honorary Assistant Priest

§ *All stand.*

## **THE CREED**

**I** believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, of all things visible and invisible:  
**A**nd 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 heav'n,

§ *All genuflect.*

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,

§ *All stand.*

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 heav'n, 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 will 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

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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

## THE PEACE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to all on whom his favour rests.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

## THE OFFERTORY

**MOTET** *sung by the choir*

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him- give my heart.

Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

**In the Bleak Mid-winter**  
Harold Darke, 1888-1976

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

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that like as we do anticipate the glorious Nativity of thy Son, so we may obtain with gladness his reward of everlasting life; who liveth and reigneth, world without end. **Amen.**

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

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

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

### **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

**H**oly, 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.

*The canon continues.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*The canon concludes:*

O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**ur 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.

## 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.

*§ As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people, saying:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*§ All respond:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION CHANT Revelabitur gloria

*§ Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. It is distributed at the High Altar, and at the Lady Altar in the North Aisle, where gluten-free Hosts are available and which involves no steps.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

**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: *O come...*

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? *O come...*

Godhead and Manhood, Sacrament most holy  
Here is our Beth'lem - angels worship thee here.  
Altar and Manger, one eternal moment: *O come...*

Yea Lord we greet thee, living on this altar  
Jesu to thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father, Flesh and Blood now giving: *O come...*

Latin 18<sup>th</sup> century  
*Tr* Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880  
*with local additions*

**ADESTE FIDELES**  
J.F. Wade, 1711-1786

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord, we beseech thee: that like as thine Only Begotten Son hath in this heavenly mystery given himself to be our Food and Drink; so as at this time we may be inwardly renewed by the remembrance of his birth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

§ *All respond: Amen.*

FINAL HYMN *The Bambino is taken from the Altar & placed in the Crib.*

**H**ark! 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 newborn King.*

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 angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of thy Son hast revealed unto us the holiness of creation; ✕ bless and hallow we beseech thee this likeness of his most sacred birth, that we who gaze upon it may regard this mystery, whereby humanity shareth in thy true nature; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

§ *As the Sacred Ministers retire, the final hymn resumes:*

**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 we no more may die,**

**Born to raise the sons of earth,**

**Born to give them second birth.**

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Glory to the newborn King.*

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

*and others*

**MENDELSSOHN**

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809-1847

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

**Carillon-Sortie**

Henri Mulet, 1878-1967



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