

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

ST. BONIFACE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
OKEHAMPTON



24.12.2017



CAROL SERVICE BEFORE MASS

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem - No. 127

First Reading

Hymn: Infant Holy— No. 138

Second Reading

Hymn: The Silver Stars are in the Sky—Choir

Third Reading

Hymn: Christmas Bush for His Adorning—Choir

Fourth Reading

Hymn: Joy to the World— No. 156



FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

ENTRANCE HYMN

Once in Royal David's City - No. 128 V. 1: Georgina Ward

*(After the second verse the Crib will be
blessed and the baby placed in the
manger, the hymn will then continue.)*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Mass of St. Dunstan by C. Cleverdon)

Penitential Act - Kyrie

Each "Lord/Christ have mercy" is first sung by the Priest or Cantor and then by all.

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. Each staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria

(Mass of St. Dunstan by C. Cleverdon)

f Refrain:

Glor - i - a, glor - i - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

3
Glor - i - a, glor - i - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

5
Glor - y to God in the high - est, and on earth

7
peace to peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -

11
dore you, we glor - i - fy you, we give you

14
thanks for your great glor - y, Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, O

18
God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther. *f* Refrain: Glor - i - a, glor - i - a

21
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glor - i - a, glor - i - a

23
in ex - cel - sis De - o. *p* Lord Je - sus

25

 Christ, On - ly Be - gott - en Son, Lord God,

28

 Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

31

 you take a - way the sins of the world, have

35

 mer - cy on us; you take a - way the

39

 sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are

45

 sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have

49

 mer - cy on us. *f* *Refrain:* Glor - i - a, glor - i - a

54

 in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glor - i - a, glor - i - a

56

 in ex - cel - sis De - o. For you a - lone are the

58

 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

61
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 64
 Spi - rit, in the glor - y of God the Fa - ther.
 67
 A - - - men. A - - - men.
 72 *f* Refrain:
 Glor - i - a, glor - i - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.
 74
 Glor - i - a, glor - i - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



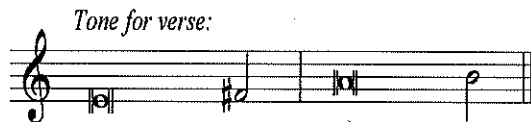
LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm: Choir

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation (*Mass of St. Dunstan by C. Cleverdon*)

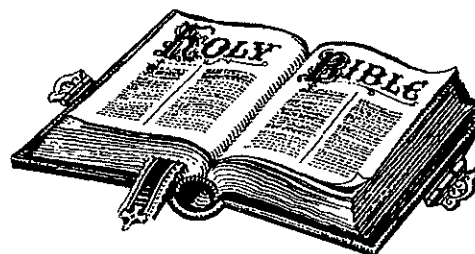


**I bring you news of great joy:
Today a Saviour has been born to us,
Christ the Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Lk2: 1-14

Homily



Creed

(At Christmas it is customary to kneel during the words of the incarnation as marked)

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,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all Kneel).

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
And became man. (*All Stand*)
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.

Bidding Prayers



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts

Come, Come, Come to the Manger: No. 139

Sanctus: (Mass of St. Dunstan by C. Cleverdon)

Musical score for the Sanctus, featuring a single melodic line with lyrics. The score is written in 3/8 time and includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *f*, and *pp*.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, 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.

Memorial Acclamation (Mass of St. Dunstan by C. Cleverdon)

Priest:
The Mystery of Faith

① *p*

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a -
gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Doxology & Great Amen
(Mass of St. Dunstan by C. Cleverdon)

Priest:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours for e - ver and e - ver.

All: f

A - men, A - men, A - - - - men.

Agnus Dei:

(Mass of St. Dunstan by C. Cleverdon)

p

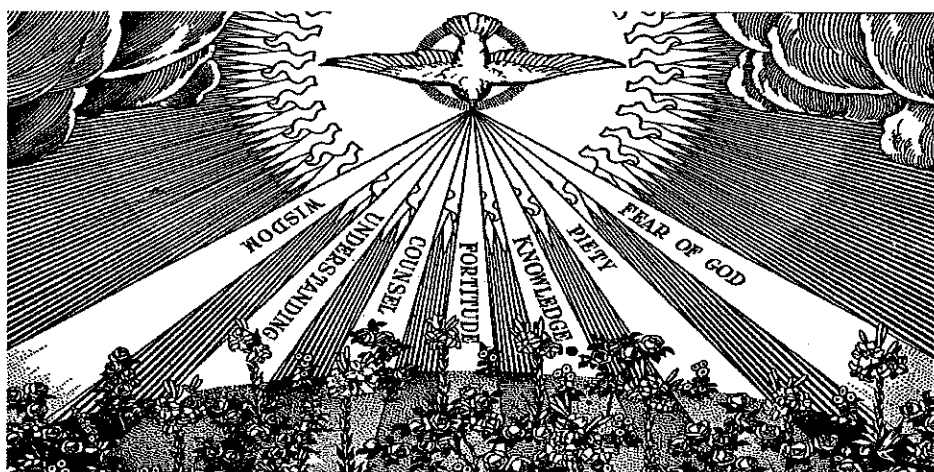


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

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

pp

world: grant us peace, grant us peace.



COMMUNION

Please allow the Choir to receive the communion first

(Roman Catholic teaching on the reception of Holy Communion is that it is a sign and reality of one faith and a unity of belief. Therefore we are not permitted to give Communion to non-Catholics, although they are most welcome to come up and ask for a blessing instead)

Choir: Hush be Still

It came upon a midnight clear - No. 135



SOLEMN BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Priest: *May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day),
drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.*

All: **Amen.**

Priest: *May God, who willed that the great joy
of his Son's saving Birth
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,
fill your minds with the gladness he gives
and make you heralds of his Gospel.*

All: **Amen.**

Priest: *And may God, who by the Incarnation
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,
fill you with the gift of his peace and favor
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.*

All: **Amen.**

Priest: *And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.*

All: **Amen.**



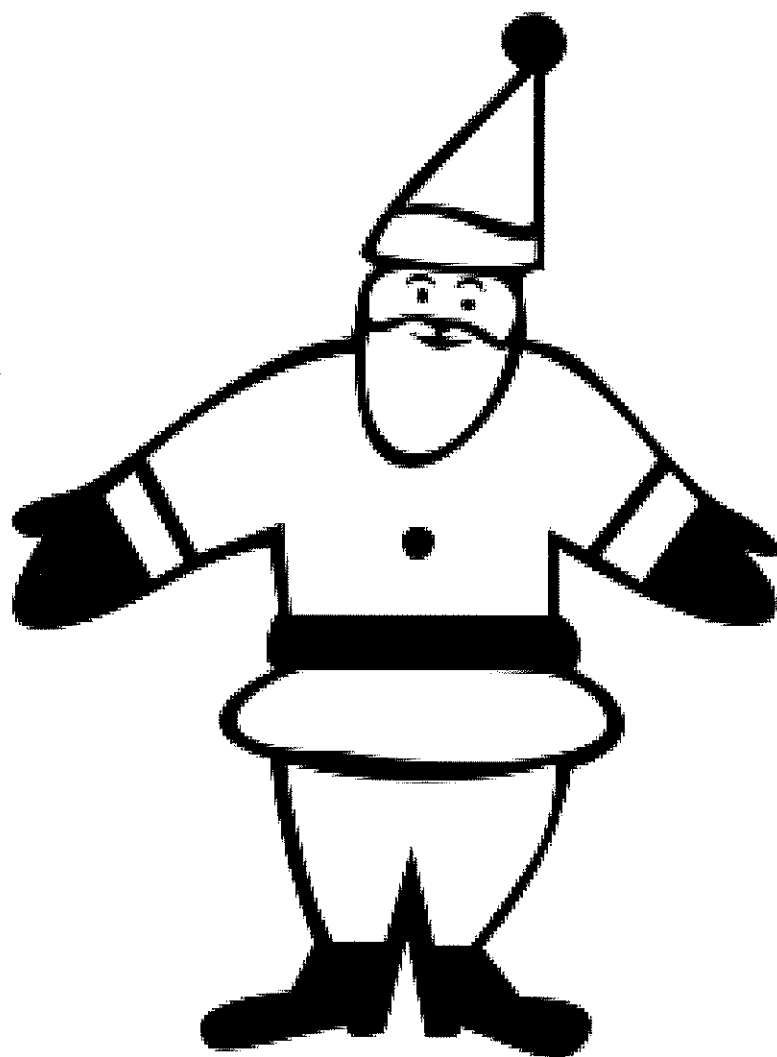
FINAL HYMN

1. Adeste Fideles laeti triumphantes;
Venite, venite in Bethlehem;
Natum videte regem angelorum:
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus, dominum!

2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,
Gestant puellae viscera,
Deum verum, genitum non factum.
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus, dominum!

3. Cantet nunc io chorus angelorum,
Cantet nunc aula caelestium,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!!!
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus, dominum!

4. Ergo qui natus die hodierna
Iesu tibi sit gloria
Patris aeterni verbum caro factum.
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus, dominum!



We wish you all
Merry Christmas

