



St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge

THE DIOCESE OF LONDON



The Solemn Eucharist
of the First Sunday of Christmas

29 December 2013 at 11 a.m.

Welcome to St Paul's Knightsbridge. If you are visiting us from another church, please make yourself known to the sidesmen or to one of the clergy after the service. Members of all Christian churches are welcome to share with us in this Eucharist – and those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament are invited to approach the altar at the time of Communion, to receive a blessing.



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scheme.

During the service a collection will be taken for the work of the church in this parish, throughout the Diocese of London and further afield. Please use the special envelopes at the end of each pew to maximise your giving through the 'Giftaid'



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*Cover image: The Flight Into Egypt
Sir Sidney Nolan OM (1917-1992)*

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Introductory Rite

*At 11 o'clock, a bell is rung.
All stand to sing:*

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

**Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!**

**This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord;
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long expected,
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!**

**O ye heights of heaven, adore him;
angel-hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!**

Words: Prudentius (348-c.413) tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: melody from Piae Cantiones 1582

harmonised by Eds. of New English Hymnal (1986)

THE GREETING

When all are in their places the Celebrant says:

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.

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Deacon says:

Christ, the Light of the world,
has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine our consciences and confess our sins.

All kneel. Silence is kept.

Mary accepted thy call to be the mother of Jesus.
Father, heal us when we live by our own strength.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
Father, restore us when we live by the light of our own eyes.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Thy Son, our Saviour, was born in poverty in a manger.
Father, save us when we live for this world alone.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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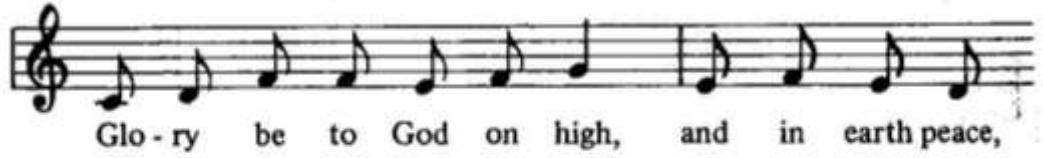
Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

All remain standing.

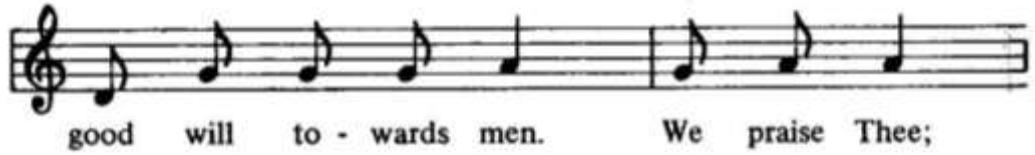
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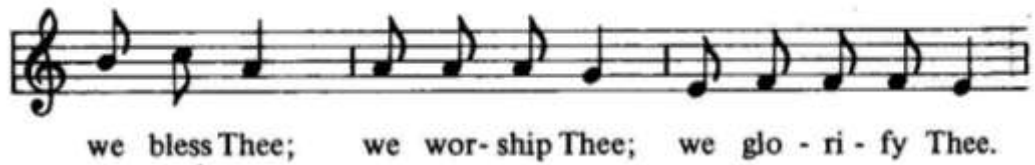
The people sing:



Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace,



good will to - wards men. We praise Thee;



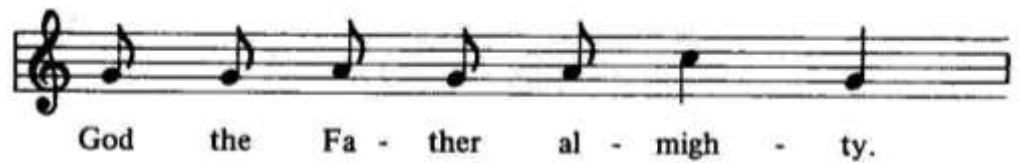
we bless Thee; we wor-ship Thee; we glo - ri - fy Thee.



We give thanks to Thee for thy great glo - ry,



O Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,



God the Fa - ther al - migh - ty.



O Lord the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,



that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,



have mer - cy up - on us.



Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,

re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,

have mer - cy up - on us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly;

thou on - ly art the Lord;

thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art the Most High in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

All remain standing.

THE COLLECT

The Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer:

Let us pray.

Thereafter, he sings:

Almighty God,
who hast wonderfully created us in thine own image
and hast yet more wonderfully restored us
through thy Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

All sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE FIRST READING

The book of the Prophet Isaiah 63.7-9

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in

his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

The Cantor sings:

O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord :

for he spake the word, and they were made;

he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever :

he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children,

praise the Name of the Lord :

for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Psalm 148

THE SECOND READING

The letter to the Hebrews 2:10-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

And again,

'I will put my trust in him.'

And again,

'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing:

THE GRADUAL HYMN (387)

*Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
bye, bye, lully lullay.*

O sisters too, how may we do,
for to preserve this day,
this poor youngling for whom we sing,
bye, bye lully lullay.

Herod the king in his raging,
charged he hath this day,
his men of night, in his own sight,
all young children to slay.

Then woe is me, poor child, for thee!
And every morn and day,
for thy parting not say nor sing
bye, bye, lully lullay.

*Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
bye, bye, lully lullay.*

Words: English 15th cent.

Music: 'Coventry Carol', English 15th cent., arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings:



All respond:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

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.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Matthew 2:13-23

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Sloane
Associate Vicar

Silence is kept.

THE CREED

All stand with the Celebrant, who says: Let us make affirmation of our faith.

**I 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.**

All remain standing.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

All kneel and keep silence.

To the words, Lord hear us, we respond:

Lord, graciously hear us.

And:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

And:

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

All sit.

THE NOTICES

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces 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 with thy spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All exchange the Peace by shaking hands with those standing close by.

THE OFFERTORY

The gifts of the people are carried to the altar and presented. A collection is taken to support our work, ministry and charitable giving. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided, remembering to fill in all the details. When the altar is prepared, the gifts of bread and wine are censed, then all stand to be censed.

THE COLLECTION HYMN

**Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle Child of gentle Mother,
In a stable born our Brother,
Give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to man the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!**

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: 'Quem Pastores', German 14th century Latin carol

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by Marie Degodet

*'COME SING AND DANCE'
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

From far the Angels draw near,
Eia, Eia;
Sweet is the Day Spring that heals our fear;
Come sing and dance,
Come pipe and play.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear.

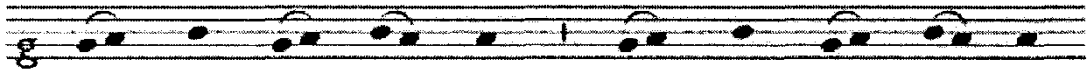
A child this day to us is born
Eia, eia;
Sing all ye shepherds, proclaim the morn.
Come sing and dance,
Come pipe and play.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear.

Now all mankind doth say and sing
Eia! Eia!
This is the day of Christ and King.
Come sing and dance,
Come pipe and play.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant sings:

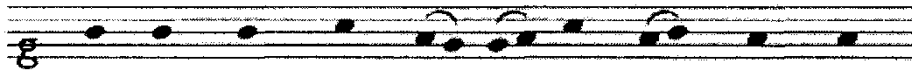
All respond:



The Lord be with you *R.* and with thy spi-rit.



Lift up your hearts. *R.* **We lift them up un-to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.



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

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty that we should,
at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord.

For he is thy living Word;
through him thou hast created all things from the beginning,
and fashioned us in thine own image.
Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman, to die upon the cross,
and to rise again for us.
Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession,
exalting him to thy right hand on high,
and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

And now we give thee thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary,
his mother, that, being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and singing:

All sing:



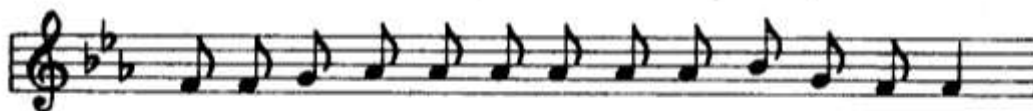
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts,



hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry.



Glo - ry be to Thee O Lord most high.



Bles-sed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The prayer continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,
inspire us with thy love,
and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

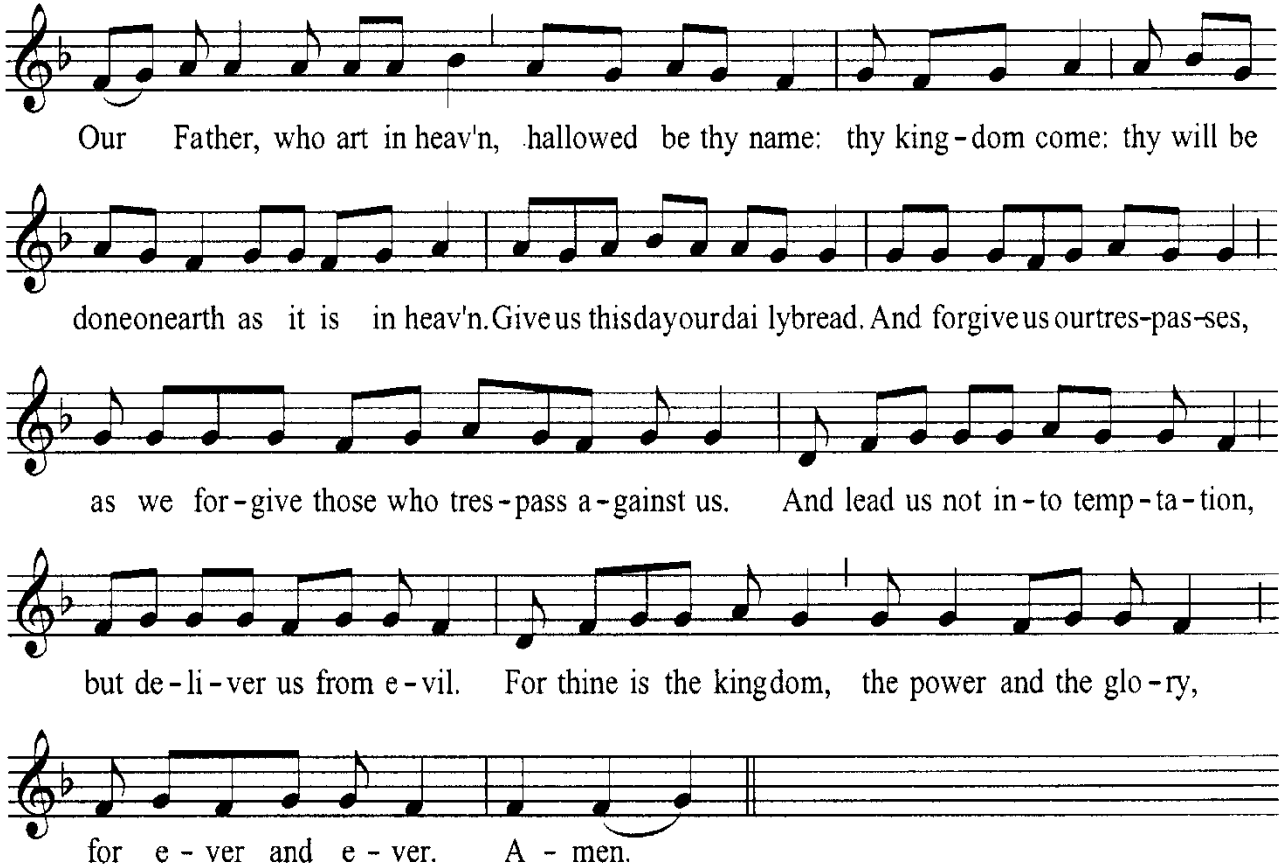
A short period of silence is kept.

All kneel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant sings:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.



Our Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name: thy king-dom come: thy will be
done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai ly bread. And forgive us our tres-pas-ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,
but de-li-ver us from e-vil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry,
for e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

All sing:



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

By way of invitation to receive the Sacrament the Celebrant says:

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

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

The Sacred Ministers and Servers receive Communion, followed by the people, beginning with those seated at the front of the Nave. All who normally do so in their own Church are invited to receive the Sacraments. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to approach the altar to receive a blessing, carrying this booklet in their hands as an indication to the Priest.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sung by Marie Degodet

Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben,
Den Schönsten, den Liebsten bald bei dir zu sehn!
Deine Wangen
Müssen heut viel schöner prangen,
Eile, den Bräutigam sehnlichst zu lieben!

*Make yourself ready, Zion, with tender desires
to see with you soon him who is most beautiful, most dear!
Your cheeks
must today be far more beautifully resplendent,
hasten, to love your bridegroom with the greatest longing!*

*From The Christmas Oratorio
By J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray.

All kneel.

Heavenly Father,

whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:

grant to thy Church grace to live as one family,

united in love and obedience,

and at the last bring us all to our home in heaven;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

The Concluding Rite

THE CONCLUDING HYMN

Unto us a boy is born,
King of all creation:
Came He to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was He
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That He all men surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'In Jewry!'
All the little boys he killed
At Bethl'em in his fury.

Now may Mary's Son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha He!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.

Latin 15th cent., tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: 'Puer Nobis' - melody from Piae Cantiones 1582

All remain standing.

THE BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant says:

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Deacon says:

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

All remain standing as the Servers and Sacred Ministers depart.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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