

# The Nativity of Our Lord

Thursday, 25 December 2025

11:00 a.m. Sung Mass



S. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Regent Park  
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# Sung Mass

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**PREPARING FOR MASS:** WE SHOULD ALWAYS TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GATHER OUR ATTENTION, SO AS TO ENTER WITH OUR INTENTION INTO THE SILENCE AND STILLNESS OF GOD BY AN ACT OF FAITH. OFFER TO GOD YOUR WHOLE SELF — SOUL AND BODY — TO BE OFFERED WITHIN OUR LORD'S OFFERING AT THIS MASS. RECALL TO MIND THOSE WHOM YOU WISH TO REMEMBER AT THIS CELEBRATION, AND RECALL THEM AGAIN AT THE APPROPRIATE SILENT SPACE DURING THE PRAYER FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

PLEASE STAND WHEN THE BELL RINGS.  
THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE INTROIT.

## Prelude

### English Hymnal N° 21

Stockport

Christians awake, salute the happy morn

*Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,  
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;  
Rise to adore the mystery of love,  
Which hosts of Angels chanted from above;  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son:  
Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth  
To you and all the nations upon earth;  
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,  
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'  
He spake; and straightway the celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire.  
The praises of redeeming love they sang,  
And heaven's whole orb with Alleluyas rang:*

*God's highest glory was their anthem still,  
 Peace upon earth, and mutual goodwill.  
 To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shepherds ran,  
 To see the wonder God has wrought for man,  
 And found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid,  
 Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid;  
 Amazed the wondrous story they proclaim,  
 The first apostles of his infant fame.  
 Like Mary let us ponder in our mind  
 God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;  
 Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
 From his poor manger to his bitter cross;  
 Then may we hope, angelic thrones among,  
 To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.*

## THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

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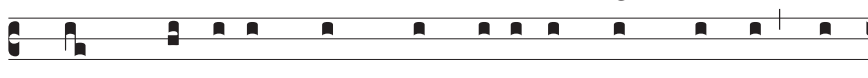
### THE ENTRANCE RITES

**Introit** — *Puer natus est*

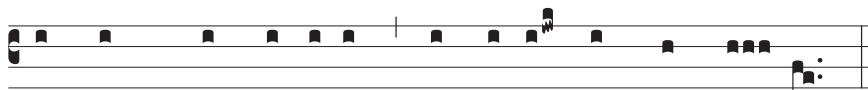
*Isaiah 9*

(PLEASE KNEEL)

CANTORS: Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given: \*

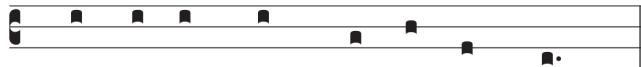


ALL: And the government shall be upon his shoulder; and



his Name shall be called, Angel of migh-ty Coun-sel.

CANTORS: O sing unto the Lord a new song: \*



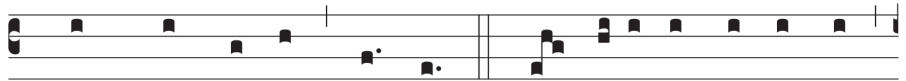
ALL: For he hath done mar-vel-lous things.

*CANTORS:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \*

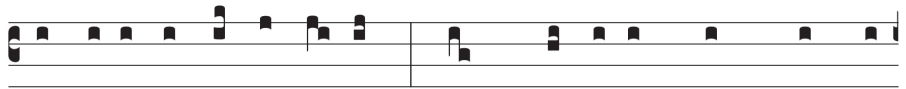


*ALL:* As it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be,

*ANTIPHON*



world with-out end. A-men      Un-to us a child is born,



unto us a Son is giv-en:      and the government shall be



upon his shoulder;      and his Name shall be callèd,



Angel of migh-ty Coun-sel.

*CELEBRANT:* 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 them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

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.

R̃ Amen.

### The Summary of the Law

CELEBRANT: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment

And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments

hang all the Law and the Prophets.

ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie Eleison (CANTORS)

*Missa Stelliferi Conditor orbis – Mode i*

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

# Gloria in Excelsis (PLEASE STAND)

## Missa de Angelis

*Celebrant* *People*

Glo - ry be to God on high, And in earth peace, good will to - wards men.

*Choir* *People* *Choir* *People*

We praise thee, We bless thee, We wor - ship thee, We glo - ri - fy thee,

*Choir* *People*

We give thanks to thee, for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,

*Choir*

God the Fa - ther. Al - migh ty. O Lord, the on - ly be got - ten Son, Je - su Christ;

*People*

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

*Choir*

That tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People*

Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

*Choir*

Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People* *Choir*

For thou on - ly art Ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord;

*All*

Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## The Collect

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

**A**Lmighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1 (*PLEASE BE SEATED*)

The Epistle is written in the first chapter of the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews, beginning at the first verse.

**G**OD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time,

*Thou art my Son,*

*This day have I begotten thee?*



And again,

*I will be to him a Father,  
And he shall be to me a Son?*

And again, when he bringeth the first-born into the world, he saith,  
*And let all the angels of God worship him.*

And of the angels he saith  
*Who maketh his angels spirits,  
And his ministers a flame of fire.*

But unto the Son he saith,  
*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever;  
A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom:  
Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;  
Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee  
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

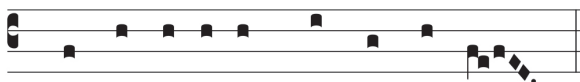
And again he saith,  
*Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth;  
And the heavens are the works of thine hands:  
They shall perish, but thou remainest;  
And they all shall wax old as doth a garment;  
And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up,  
And they shall be changed;  
But thou art the same,  
And thy years shall not fail.*

Here endeth the Epistle.

## Gradual — *Viderunt*

## Psalm 98

*CANTORS:* All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: \*



*ALL:* O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

*CANTORS:* The Lord hath declared his salvation: \*



*ALL:* In the sight of the heathen hath he openly show-ed his



righteous-ness.

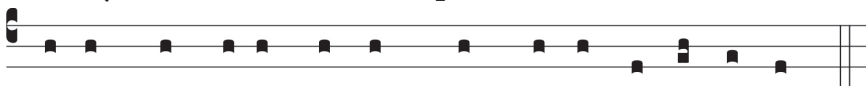
**Alleluia** — *Dies sanctificatus* (PLEASE STAND)

*CANTORS:* Alleluia.



*ALL:* Al-le-lu-ia.

*CANTORS:* A hallowed day hath dawned upon the earth;  
come, ye nations, and worship the Lord: \*



*ALL:* For on this day a great light hath descended up-on us.



Al-le-lu-ia.

## The Holy Gospel: S. John 1:1 *(PLEASE STAND)*

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to S. John, beginning at the first verse.

℟ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

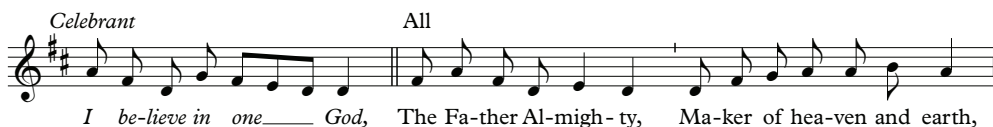
**I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness overcame it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.

℟ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

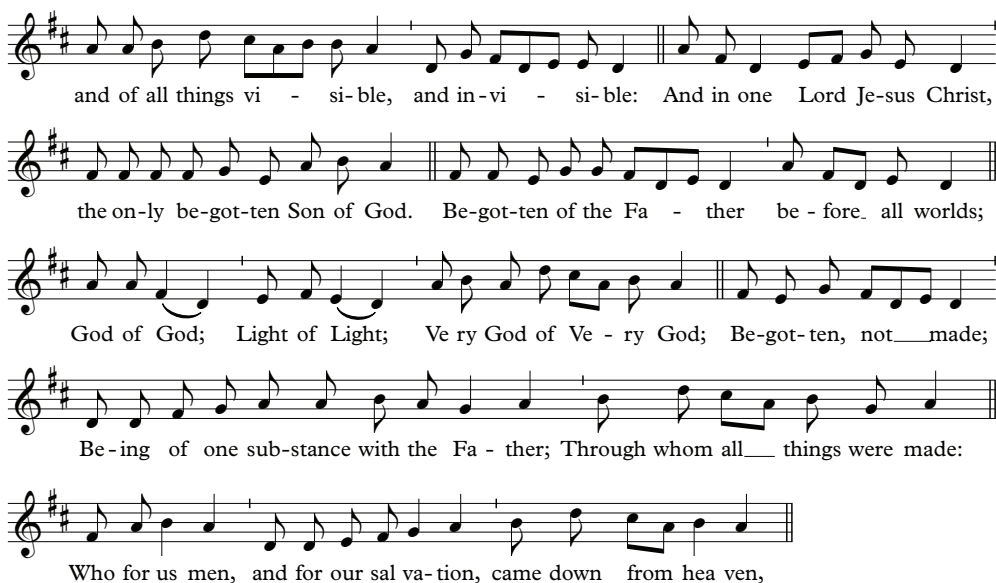
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## *Missa de Angelis*

*Celebrant* *All*



I be-lieve in one God, The Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,



and of all things vi - si-ble, and in-vi - si-ble: And in one Lord Je-sus Christ,  
the on-ly be-got-ten Son of God. Be-got-ten of the Fa - ther be - fore all worlds;  
God of God; Light of Light; Ve ry God of Ve - ry God; Be-got-ten, not made;  
Be-ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; Through whom all things were made:  
Who for us men, and for our sal va-tion, came down from hea ven,

*ALL KNEEL AS THE CANTORS SING:*

AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST  
OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN:



And was cru - ci-fied, al - so for us, un-der Pon-tius Pi - late.  
He suf-fer-èd, and was bu - ri - èd. And the third day he rose a - gain  
ac-cord-ing to the Scrip- tures, And as-cend-ed in - to hea - ven,  
And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther.  
And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost,

The Lord, The Gi-ver of Life, Who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the Son,  
 Who with the Fa-ther and the Son to-ge ther is wor-ship-pèd, and glo-ri - fi - èd,  
 Who spake by the Pro - phets. And I be-lieve One, Ho - ly, Ca - tho - lic,  
 and A-po-sto-lic Church. I ac-know-ledge one\_ Bap - tism for the re-mis-sion of sins.  
 And I look for the Re-sur-rec-tion of\_ the dead, And the\_ life of the world to\_ come.  
 A - - - - - men.

The Prone (Bidding of the Bedes, Feasts & Fasts, Parish Announcements)

Sermon: The Father Vicar

## THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

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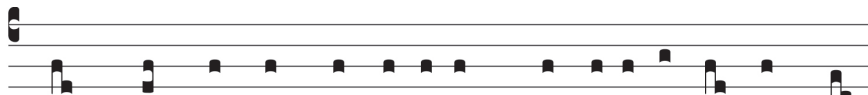
### OFFERTORY *(PLEASE KNEEL)*

✠ The Lord be with you.  
 ✠ And with thy spirit.  
 Let us pray.

## Offertory Antiphon — *Tui sunt caeli*

*Psalm 89*

*CANTORS:* The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine;  
thou hast laid the foundations of the round world,  
and all that therein is: \*



*ALL:* Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy



seat.

## Offertory Motet (CANTORS)

Hodie nobis de caelo

*Hodie nobis de caelo  
pax vera descendit,  
alleluia.*

*Hodie per totum mundum  
melliflui facti sunt caeli,  
alleluia.*

*Hodie illuxit nobis dies  
redemptionis nostrae,  
reparationis antiquae,  
felicitatis aeternae,  
alleluia.*

*Alessandro Grandi (1610)*

*Today, true peace has come  
down to us from heaven,  
alleluia.*

*Today, throughout all the world  
the heavens are sweetly resounding,  
alleluia.*

*Today, the day of our redemption  
has dawned, the day  
of our long-expected restoration  
and eternal felicity,  
alleluia.*

## English Hymnal N° 18

S. Venantius

From east to west, from shore to shore

*From east to west, from shore to shore,  
Let every heart awake and sing  
The holy Child whom Mary bore,  
The Christ, the everlasting King.*

*Behold, the world's Creator wears  
The form and fashion of a slave;  
Our very flesh our Maker shares,  
His fallen creature, man, to save.*

*For this how wondrously he wrought!  
A maiden, in her lowly place,  
Became in ways beyond all thought,  
The chosen vessel of his grace.*

*She bowed her to the Angel's word  
Declaring what the Father willed,  
And suddenly the promised Lord  
That pure and hallowed temple filled.*

*He shrank not from the oxen's stall,  
He lay within the manger-bed,  
And he, whose bounty feedeth all,  
At Mary's breast himself was fed.*

*And while the Angels in the sky  
Sang praise above the silent field,  
To shepherds poor the Lord most high,  
The one great Shepherd, was revealed.*

*All glory for this blessed morn  
To God the Father ever be;*

*All praise to thee, O Virgin-born,  
All praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee. Amen.*

**Orate Fratres** *(CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)*

*CELEBRANT:* Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice, and yours,  
may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*PEOPLE:* The Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands,  
to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit,  
and that of all his holy Church.

**Secret** (Prayer over the Gifts)

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, that by this new birth of  
thy only-begotten Son thou wouldest vouchsafe to  
sanctify these our oblations: and to cleanse us from the  
defilement of all our iniquities. Through the same Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*R̄* Amen.

**Prayer for the Catholic Church** *(CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)*

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast  
taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks,  
for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our  
alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer  
unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the  
universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And  
grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the  
truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.



**W**E beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

**G**IVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Andrew our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, † and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

**A**ND we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired. †

**W**E ✠ remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: † and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

**G**RANT this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

℞ Amen.

† *HERE THE CELEBRANT REMEMBERS THOSE FOR WHOM HE IS SPECIALLY BOUND TO PRAY, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BIDDING OF THE BEDES. YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE OFFERING HOLY MASS, OR ANY PERSONS OR CLAIMS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO PRAY.*

## Confession and Absolution

**Y**E that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,  
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,  
and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments  
of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:  
Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament  
to your comfort; and make your humble confession  
to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*Almighty God,*

*ALL:* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and confess  
our manifold sins and wickedness,  
Which we from time to time  
most grievously have committed,  
By thought, word, and deed,  
Against thy Divine Majesty.  
We do earnestly repent,  
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may ever hereafter  
Serve and please thee In newness of life,  
To the honour and glory of thy Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance  
and true faith turn unto him:  
Have mercy upon you;  
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
℟ Amen.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith  
unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you. *S. Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life. *S. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
*1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 S. John 2:1,2*

# CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

## Sursum Corda and Preface

*Celebrant* *People*



✠.The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spi-rit.

*Celebrant* *People*



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

*Celebrant*



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

*People*



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,  
Creator and Preserver of all things.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to  
be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of  
the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the  
Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to  
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 saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

*Missa Stelliferi Conditor orbis*

(CANTORS)

– Mode viii

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli  
et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

HOLY, 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.



# CANON OF THE MASS

(CELEBRANT)

**B**LESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

**H**EAR us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

**W**HO, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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."

**L**IKEWISE after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, 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 REMISSION OF SINS:  
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,  
in remembrance of me."

**W**HEREFORE, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and

glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

**A**ND we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and ✠ heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

R̃ Amen.

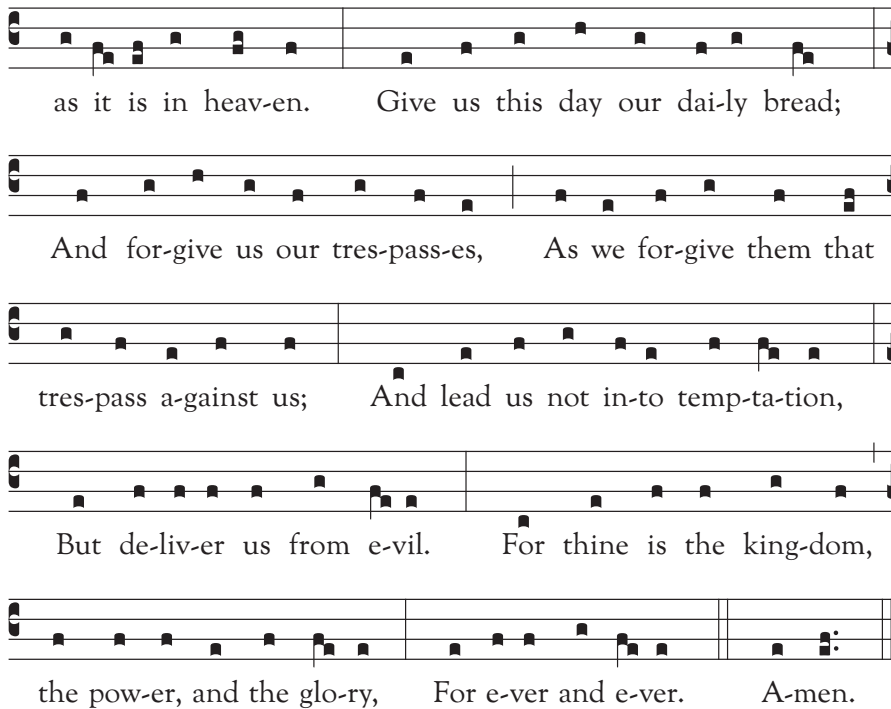
## COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

### Pater Noster

*CELEBRANT:* Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,  
we are bold to say,

	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>All</i>	
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as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;

And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give them that

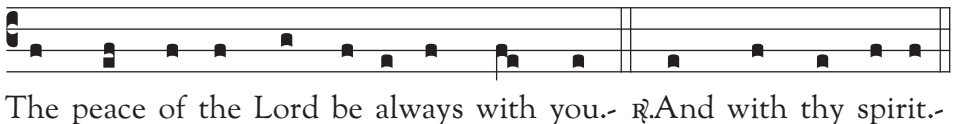
tres-pass a-against us; And lead us not in-to temp-tation,

But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,

the pow-er, and the glo-ry, For e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

## Fraction and Pax

*Celebrant*



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

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*CELEBRANT:* We do not presume

*ALL:* to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
Trusting in our own righteousness,  
But in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy  
So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord,



Whose property is always to have mercy:  
 Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
 So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
 And to drink his Blood,  
 That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,  
 And our souls washed through his most precious Blood,  
 And that we may evermore dwell in him,  
 And he in us. Amen.

**Agnus Dei** (CANTORS)

*Agnus Dei,  
 qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 miserere nobis.  
 Agnus Dei,  
 qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 miserere nobis.  
 Agnus Dei,  
 qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 dona nobis pacem.*

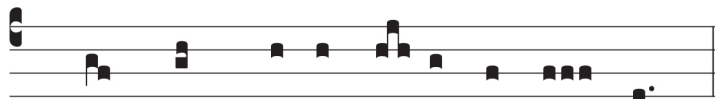
*Missa Stelliferi Conditor orbis – Mode i*

O Lamb of God,  
 that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God,  
 that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God,  
 that takest away the sin of the world,  
 grant us thy peace.

**Communion Antiphon —**  
*Viderunt omnes*

*Psalm 98*

CANTORS: All the ends of the world: \*



ALL: Have seen the sal-va-tion of our God.

THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.  
 THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God,  
 behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

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

ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED WITH WATER IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND ARE COMMUNICANT MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN CHURCHES, ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

THE SACRED HOST WILL BE PLACED UPON YOUR TONGUE OR IN THE PALM OF YOUR RIGHT HAND. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING, PLEASE FOLD YOUR ARMS ACROSS YOUR CHEST TO SIGNIFY THIS TO THE PRIEST.

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO MANAGE STEPS, HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE ADMINISTERED AT YOUR PEW. PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE SIDESMEN, WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

THE FIRST PRAYER-BOOK EXHORTATION ENCOURAGES US TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT IN FAITH AND REPENTANCE, 'DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY'

## English Hymnal N° 25

Cranham

In the bleak midwinter

*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 mid-winter, 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 Cerubim 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.*

*Angels and Archangels May have gatehred there,  
Cherubim and Seraphim Thronged the air –*

*But only his mother In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Belovèd With a kiss.*

*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.*

**Communion Motet** (CANTORS)

An earthly tree

William Byrd (1589)

*An earthly tree, a heav'nly fruit it bare,  
A case of clay contained a crown immortal,  
A crown of crowns, a King whose cost and care  
Redeemed poor man, whose race before was thrall  
To death, to doom, to pains of everlasting,  
By His sweet death, scorns, stripes and often fasting.*

*A star above the stars, a sun of light,  
Whose blessèd beams this wretched earth bespread  
With hope of Heaven and of God's Son the sight  
Which in our flesh and sinful soul lay dead.  
O faith, O hope, O joys renown'd for ever,  
O lively life, that deathless shall persever.*

*Then let us sing the lullabies of sleep  
To this sweet Babe, born to awake us all  
From drowsy sin that made old Adam weep,  
And by his fault gave to mankind the fall.  
For lo! this day, the birth-day, day of days,  
Summons our songs, to give him laud and praise.*

# THANKSGIVING

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

℟ Amen.

## Post-Communion Collect

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that like as thy Son, born this day the Saviour of the world, hath been made the author of our heavenly birth; so he may bestow upon us the gift of everlasting life, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

## Blessing *(CELEBRANT)*

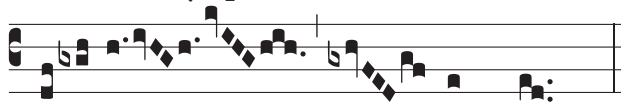
THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of  
God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing  
of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be  
amongst you and remain with you always.

R Amen.

## Dismissal *(PLEASE STAND)*

V The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spirit.



V De- part- in peace.



R Thanks be to God.

## The Last Gospel: S. Matthew 2:1 *(PLEASE REMAIN STANDING)*

V The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spirit.

✠ The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R Glory be to thee, O Lord.

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of  
Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to  
Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we  
have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When  
Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all  
Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests  
and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where

Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, (*ALL KNEEL*) AND FELL DOWN, AND WORSHIPPED HIM (*ALL RISE*): and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

R̃ Thanks be to God.

## DEVOTIONS AFTER MASS

### Angelus

℣ The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

R̃ *And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.*

OFFICIANT: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

PEOPLE: *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.*

℣ Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

℟ *Be it unto me according to thy word.*

OFFICIANT: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

PEOPLE: *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.*

℣ And the Word was made flesh.

℟ *And dwelt among us.*

OFFICIANT: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

PEOPLE: *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.*

℣ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟ *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

OFFICIANT: Let us pray:  
We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;  
that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel, so by his Cross ✠ and Passion,  
we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ our Lord.

℟ *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

See, amid the winter's snow

*Humility*

*See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below.*

*See, the gentle Lamb 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, thron'd in height sublime, Sits amid the Cherubim.  
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

*Sacred Infant, all-divine, What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this!  
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

*Teach, O teach us, holy Child, By thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble thee, In thy sweet humility.  
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

**Postlude** Improvisation

*Fr David Smith*