

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CARSHALTON

HIGH MASS & BAPTISM



President & Preacher: Fr David Fisher, Rector of Carshalton

*Byrd, Mass for Three Voices | Wilton, Missa Brevis
MacMillan, O Radiant Dawn*

ADVENT 3 (GAUDATE SUNDAY)
15 DECEMBER 2024

A WARM WELCOME

to everyone this morning, whether you're an established worshipper, new, visiting or trying us out. God has been worshipped on this site since Saxon times and we continue the same ministry of worship, witness and pastoral care to the people of the Parish of Carshalton.

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, which was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent – often known as *Gaudete* or 'Rose Sunday', with the hangings and vestments in some places being rose coloured. Today, we light the rose coloured candle.

Baptised Christians from any Christian tradition are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion today. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward to the priest, bringing this booklet with you.

During this Mass, Calliopé Lily Kader-Smith will be Baptised – a warm welcome to her and all who have come to support her today.

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Organ Prelude

THE GATHERING

Please STAND as the sacristy bell rings, to sing the entrance hymn:

**Hills of the North, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love,
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
Lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest.**

We gather for worship 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 President adds other words of welcome; Sunday & Crypt Clubs leave.

One of the clergy leads the lighting of the second candle on the Advent Wreath:

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witness, among whom we wait in joyful expectation for Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God; we give thanks that we are receiving with them a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Holy Lord, God of your witness John the Baptist,
have mercy upon us.



have mer-cy up-on us.

May we, in word and deed, prepare others to receive your Son in their hearts.

Hear us, good Lord.



Hear us, good Lord.

May we too be heralds of peace, justice and your Good News.

Hear us, good Lord.



Hear us, good Lord.

The Deacon introduces the Prayers of Penitence:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

The choir sings Kyrie Eleison:

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
[Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.]*

We pray:

Lord God,
we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The President pronounces the Absolution:

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.

In silence, we pray.

Silent prayer; then the President intones the Collect for today:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Zephaniah 3:14-end

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND to sing the Gradual hymn:

**Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.**

**He comes the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him hurst,
the iron fetters yield.**

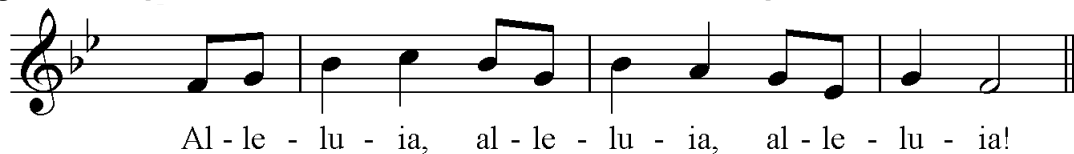
**He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.**

Words: Philip Dodderidge

Tune: *Bristol*, from Thomas Ravenscroft's *Psalmes* (1621)

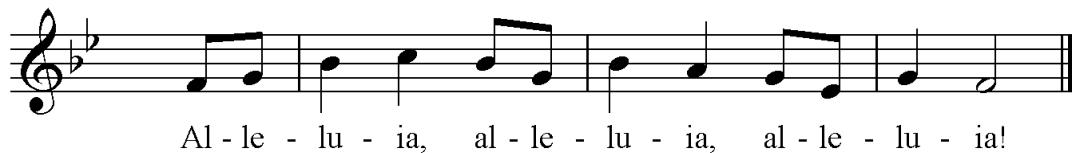
We sing the Gospel Acclamation, which heralds the Gospel:



The choir sings the verse:

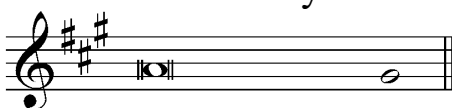
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

We sing the Acclamation again:



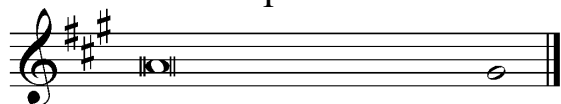
Then:

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

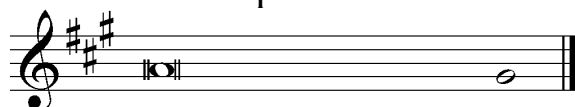


Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered them, saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ With many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Luke 3:7-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

An organ fanfare sounds in honour of the Gospel. Please SIT for the address; at the end, we pause to reflect on it.

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

The parents and Godparents stand and the candidate is presented to the congregation by the priest. Then the Priest addresses the whole congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this candidate and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Priest says to the parents and Godparents:

Parents and Godparents, the Church receives Calliopé with joy. Today, we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, Calliopé begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Priest addresses the candidate through the parents and Godparents:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Using the Oil of Catechumens, blessed by the Bishop of Southwark, the Priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying

Calliopé, Christ claims you for his own. ✠ Receive the sign of his cross.

Then:

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore you in the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

The priest and Baptismal party move to the Font, and as they do so, all sing:

**You made us, Lord, with restless hearts
And so we search for you;
You call us on with ceaseless love
Our life-long journeys through.**

**We turn towards your light that dawns
Upon our human day;
To lift the night of sin and death
And show a living way.**

**We come to Christ to be refreshed
To be re-clothed and cleansed;
And from the well-spring of his love
Flows mercy without end.**

**Forgiveness sets us free to love
For you make all things new;
You heal our futures and our past
That we may live in you.
Alleluia. Amen**

The Priest stands before the water of baptism and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God,
for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt
to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
Now sanctify ✠ this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image,
may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Priest addresses the people:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this candidate
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father
who made all things,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God,
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Priest pours water on the candidate three times, saying

Calliopé Lily,
✠ I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Calliopé, may God,
who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.
Amen.

As a reminder of our own Baptism, the priest then sprinkles the people with water from the font.

We return to our places and then the prayers of intercession follow - please either SIT or KNEEL:

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

Between each bidding:

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

At the commemoration of the faithful departed:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

The prayers end

We gather up these and all of our prayers in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints. Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Please STAND

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The Peace of the Lord be always with you;
and with thy spirit.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's Peace.

The Altar is prepared, during which we sing the Offertory hymn:

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;**

**Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

Words, Francis Stansfield 1835-1914

Tune, *Divine Mysteries*, F Stansfield 1835-1914

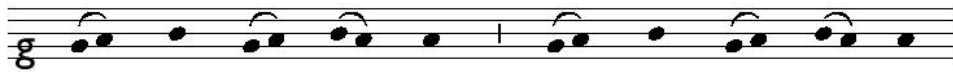
The president takes the bread and wine and says:

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may thy whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into thy kingdom.

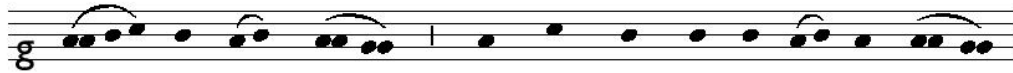
Amen.

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

May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.



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.

The President continues the prayer, thanking God for all his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:

(...and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:)

The choir sings Sanctus & Benedictus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. ✠ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

[Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.]

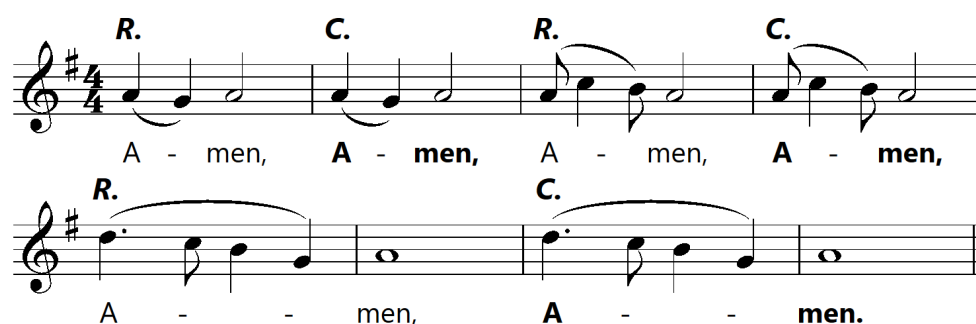
The President continues the prayer, repeating the Lord's own words over the bread and wine and asks the Father to send the Spirit on them to sanctify them. Then:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The President continues the Eucharistic Prayer, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end:

..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.



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

Silent Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray as Jesus taught us, in the language of our choice:

Our Father, who art in heaven,...

Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt y nefoedd

Notre père, qui es aux cieux.....

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지....

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel....

Nna-ayi, Nke bi n'elu-igwe....

The President breaks the consecrated bread for all to share:

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.

The choir sings Agnus Dei:

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.

[Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.]

The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:

This is 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.

All who are Baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive a blessing instead, come forward, bringing this booklet with you. Please follow the direction of the stewards.

All worshipping online make their Spiritual Communion, using the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, grant, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

During the administration, the choir sings the following motet:

O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

WORDS: antiphon for 21st December

MUSIC: James MacMillan

SILENT PRAYER when all have received Holy Communion; the President then prays the Post Communion Prayer:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices follow and we hear from Sunday & Crypt Clubs; any toys donated for RWW Foundation will then be blessed. Please then STAND:

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: ✠ and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this Advent and always.

Amen.

We sing the final hymn, during which the Altar party processes to the west end:

**Rejoice, the Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

**Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:**

**His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:**

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:**

Words, Charles Wesley 1707-88

Tune, *Gopsal*, G F Handel 1685-1759

Please turn to face the open southwest door, symbolising our living out the Gospel in the world.

The Deacon gives the newly Baptised a lighted candle:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Calliopé, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Deacon dismisses the Eucharistic assembly:

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ voluntary

Please take this booklet away with you.

Please do stay for refreshments in the North Aisle

Coming up....

Sunday 22 December

0900 All Age Mass

1030 High Mass

1830 : Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

*led by the Choir, the traditional candlelit Carol Service
followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

Christmas Eve

1500 & 1600 Crib & Christingle

(booking required)

2330 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

1000 Christmas Day Festal Mass