

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.

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.

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Organ Prelude
William Lloyd Webber, Interlude on the Coventry Carol

THE GATHERING

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

**Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
*Evermore and evermore***

**O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy ghost conceived;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
In her loving arms received,**

**This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealèd
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!**

**Let the storm and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,**

**Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,**

The President greets everyone:

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, then the Deacon introduces the Prayers of Confession:

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

We sing Kyrie Eleison, repeating each line after the Cantor:

You were born for our salvation:



You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace:



You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives:



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.

We sing Gloria in excelsis; sing the Refrain at the start, after the cantor, and then after each verse:



Cantor: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory

All: *Refrain...*

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son, of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer..

All: *Refrain . . .*

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

All:



In silence we pray.

Silent prayer; then the President prays the Collect of the day.

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

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STAND to sing the Gradual Carol:

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,**

**Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed with him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
Past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

We sing the Gospel Acclamation, which heralds the Gospel, repeating each line after the cantor:

Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!

The cantor sings the verse:

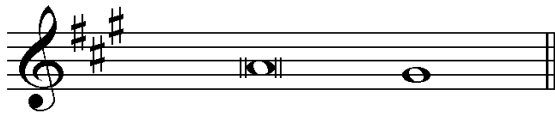
*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory*

We sing the Acclamation again:

Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!

Then:

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit.

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

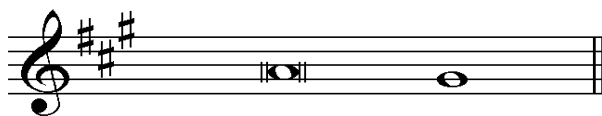


Glory be to thee, O Lord

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2:41-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to thee O Christ.

An organ fanfare sounds, in honour of the Gospel; the address follows.

We pause briefly to reflect on what we've heard, then STAND to affirm our Faith:

My brothers and sisters, 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 prayers of intercession follow:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

After each bidding is used:

Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

The prayers end

Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please STAND.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours. The peace of the Lord be always with you;
and with thy spirit.

Let us offer a sign of Christ's Peace.

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

**See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years:
*Hail, thou ever blessed morn;
hail, redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

**Say, ye holy shepherds say,
what your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?**

**“As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light:
Angels singing ‘Peace on earth’
told us of the Saviour's birth:”**

**Sacred infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this:**

**Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
by thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee,
in thy sweet humility:**

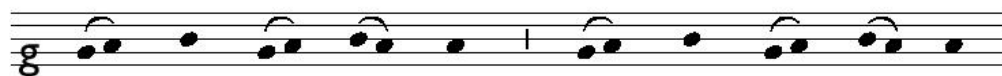
The president takes the bread and wine and says:

Jesus, true joy of loving hearts, we turn unfilled to you again. Come and be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

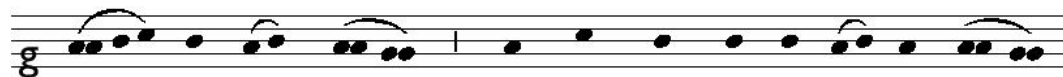
Amen.

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.



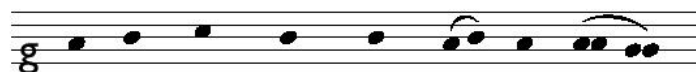
The Lord be with you **R.** and with thy spi-rit.



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.

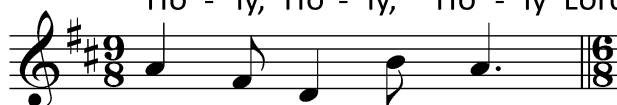
The President continues the prayer, thanking God for all his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:

(....and sing our joyful hymn of praise:)

Repeat each line after the Cantor:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,



God of pow'r and might,



Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo- ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

Repeat each line after the Cantor:

Christ_ has died,

Christ_ is ris'n,

Christ will come a - gain.

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.

C: A - men, **R:** A - men,

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Silence

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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:

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The cantor sings Agnus Dei:

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

Baptised persons who are communicant members of Churches subscribing to the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own church, may receive Holy Communion. To receive a blessing, come to the priest and bring this booklet with you.

Please follow the direction of the stewards.

All taking part online are encouraged to 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, there will be an organ improvisation on Cradle Song (Away in a manger).

Once all have received Holy Communion, we keep a few moments of SILENT PRAYER.

The President then prays the Post Communion Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please STAND

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
this Christmastide and always.
Amen

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

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
when we were astray:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.***

**From God our heav'nly Father
a blessèd angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name:**

**The shepherds at those tidings
rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
in tempest, storm and wind,**

**And went to Bethlehem straightway
this blessèd babe to find:**

**Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
all others doth deface:**

Please turn to face the southwest door as the Deacon dismisses the Eucharistic assembly:

**Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

***Organ voluntary:
David Blackwell, Adeste, fidelis: Fantasia***

Please take this booklet away with you.