



CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY



St John
the Evangelist
Anglican Parish
of Dee Why

The Word became flesh

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn

NEH 24

At 10.00am only:

Let us proceed in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

- 1 **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.**

- 2 **Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,
I bring you tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations on the earth:
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'**

- 3 **He spake; and straightway that 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 on the earth, and unto men goodwill.**

- 4 **To Bethl'em straight the enlightened shepherds ran
To see the wonder God had wrought for man,
And found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid,
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
Joyful, the wondrous story they proclaim—
The first apostles of his infant fame.**

5 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 hosts among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.

John Byrom 1691–63

INTRODUCTORY RITES

These acts of prayer and penitence prepare us as a worshipping community to hear God's Word, to offer the Holy Sacrifice, and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Priest may introduce the Liturgy.

PENITENTIAL RITE

This prayer of preparation may be said.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Deacon invites the people to recall their sins, then there is a short silence for reflection.

REMAIN STANDING

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest pronounces the Absolution.

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Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

This ancient hymn of praise is sung:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

THE OPENING PRAYER

*The Priest says 'Let us pray'. After a pause for silent prayer he says the Opening Prayer,
to which all respond: **Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The proclamation of God's Word is always centred on Christ. Old Testament writings prepare the way for him; New Testament books speak of him directly. All Scripture calls us to believe afresh and respond in our lives.

THE FIRST READING

SIT

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 52: 7–10

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97: 1–6. R. v. 3

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1 Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

2 The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

Rx All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

3 All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Rx All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

4 Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

Rx All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 1: 1–6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

At 10.00 am only:

Sequence Hymn AHB 215

- 1 **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.**

- 2 **O that birth for ever blessèd
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving
bore the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
 evermore and evermore.**

- 3 **This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old 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.**

- 4 **In the heights of heaven adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
all dominions bow before him
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert sing
 evermore and evermore.**

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348–c. 413
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66
Henry Williams Baker 1827–77 *and others*

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

REMAIN STANDING

Alleluia, Alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 1: 1–18

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

I the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
and lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me
ranks before me
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received—
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

SIT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

(Please kneel briefly)

***was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.***

(Please stand)

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.****

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

REMAIN STANDING

As a priestly people we pray together for needs of the Church and the world.

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy, *or* Lord, hear our prayer, hear our prayer
 Hear our prayer. **Lord, hear our prayer, hear our prayer**

At the conclusion:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
 **Grant that what we have asked in faith
 we may by your grace receive,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We prepare to participate in the Eucharistic meal by expressing the unity we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are the Body of Christ.
 His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange the greeting of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Offertory Hymn NEH 30

Adeste, fiddles

- 1 **O COME, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
 *O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***

- 2 **God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
 *O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***

- 3 **See how the Shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
 *O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***

- 4 **Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
 *O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***

5 Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Latin 18th century
Tr Frederick Oakley 1802–80 and others

During the Hymn the Priest receives the gifts. He offers the bread and wine to God.

STAND

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Priest then says the Prayer over the Gifts

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In this prayer we give thanks to God for all he has done for us in Christ; by the Power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become for us the Body and Blood of Christ; and we offer ourselves with Christ to the Father.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Priest continues with the Preface, after which all say:

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.

KNEEL

The Priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

After the Words of Institution, when he has replaced the chalice on the altar and genuflected, the Priest says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with these words:

. . . in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

We make our final preparation to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As he begins to break the Bread, the Priest says:

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one Bread.

**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 your peace.**

The Priest then invites the people to Communion:

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

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only
say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Those who are to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing come forward.

Communion Hymn [NEH 22](#)

- 1 AWAY in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.**

- 3 **Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.**

Anonymous
Philadelphia 1883

CONCLUDING RITE

STAND

The Priest says the Prayer after Communion. Then may be said the following prayer:

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Priest gives the blessing and all respond: **Amen.**

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

Final Hymn **NEH 26**

- 1 **HARK! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem:
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

2 **Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

3 **Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth:**

Charles Wesley 1707–88
and others

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