

Please, when you come to the priory at the present time, wear face-covering, respect social distancing, avoid physical contact, use hand gel on arrival, and do not exchange the Peace physically. Members of the congregation, providing they are wearing face-coverings, may join in singing the usual things. Holy Communion will be given in just one kind, and with no spoken words. Please pay careful attention to directions from the 'Sidesmen'

When the sacristy bell rings, all stand and sing (tune 34)

1. **Once in Royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a Mother laid her Baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**
2. **He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all.
and his shelter was a stable
and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.**
3. **Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him: but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.**

The CELEBRANT greets the people

+ 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 CELEBRANT welcomes the people and introduces SILENCE while we recall our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came into the world to save sinners. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Our sin has brought sorrow and hurt to you, to others, and to ourselves. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution.

All sing the Gloria in Excelsis in verse form.

Glory be to God, and on the earth be peace.
Tidings from the angels begin and never cease;
Worship, blessings, praise and glory do we bring,
unto God almighty – Heavenly King.

Jesus in the manger, Father's only Son,
Born to take away the sins that we have done.
Hear us, holy Jesus, listen to our cry;
Shower mercy on us, ever Lord Most High.

You alone are holy, you alone are Lord,
you alone the Most High, ever adored;
With the Father's glory, Holy Spirit be
with the Christ our Saviour, King eternally.

All remain standing for the special prayer of the Day called the Collect.

Let us pray.



**CHRISTMASS
MORNING**

**FAMILY
CHRISTMASS
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PRIORY**

IN THE PANDEMIC

2021

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen *All sit.*

First reading - 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. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as the choir begins the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Remain standing and face towards the Gospel Reader

GOSPEL READING - John 1: 1-14

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In 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 comprehended 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. · This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ *SIT. A SERMON is preached, then all Stand for the Creed. Please genuflect, kneel or bow during the section marked in red.*

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made ;who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, **and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,** and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The CELEBRANT introduces the Intercessions.

The CELEBRANT introduces the Peace, and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** *All join in singing*

**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...

**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.**

Hark

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

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

The CELEBRANT sings the Prayer over the giftsAmen.

All stand for the Eucharistic Prayer. (Remain seated if necessary)

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 thanks and praise. *The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

All sing

**HOLY, holy, holy,
Lord, of power and might.
You are coming to us
Clothed in heavenly light
Heavenly hosts of angels
Join with us on earth:
Glory be to God, for
This his holy birth.**

**BLESSED be the Infant
Sent by God's decree
To this world so sinful
That we should be free.
Glory and Hosanna
Let us ever sing
Glory in the highest, Ho-
-sanna to the King.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

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

The Eucharistic Prayer continues... At the conclusion all sing **Amen!**

All kneel or sit. The Celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

¶ *All sing the Agnus Dei*

*JESUS our redeemer
hallowed be thy birth;
you forgive the sins, that
we have done on earth.*

*Show your mercy to us,
Let it never cease.
Holy, loving Saviour,
Grant to us your peace.*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Church of England welcomes regular communicants from other main Christian Churches (who are in good standing with their own Church) to receive Holy Communion at this service. Those who are not communicants are most welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. During communion the choir sings a carol or motet.
After the administration of Holy Communion all stand and the Celebrant sings the Post-Communion prayer.*

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All then say

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

Brief notices may be given. All sing this carol during which the altar party moves to the crib.

**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;**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God
in the highest:" O come,,,**

*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...**

**4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given:
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: O come...**

O God, whose mighty Son was born in Bethlehem long ago, lead us to that same poor place where Mary laid her tiny Child, and as we look on in wonder and praise, help us welcome him in all new life, see him in the poor, and care for his handiwork. the earth, the sky and the sea. O God, bless us again in your great love. We pray for this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest gives the Blessing and then sends people into the world, saying

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