

**ST BOTOLPH**  
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# Midnight Vigil Mass



William-Adolphe Bouguereau *Song of Angels* (1881)  
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**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**6:30pm**

# CHRISTMAS EVE

Organ Music before the service  
**Bach: Chorale Preludes**

¶ *Please stand*

## WELCOME – Fr Stephen

### THE INTROIT

#### Hymn NEH 34 *Once in Royal David's city*

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| 1 Once in royal David's city<br>Stood a lowly cattle shed,<br>Where a mother laid her baby<br>In a manger for his bed:<br>Mary was that Mother mild,<br>Jesus Christ her little Child.                                 | 3 And through all his wondrous childhood<br>Day by day like us he grew,<br>He was little, weak, and helpless,<br>Tears and smiles like us he knew:<br>And he feeleth for our sadness,<br>And he shareth in our gladness. |
| 2 He came down to earth from heaven<br>Who is God and Lord of all,<br>And his shelter was a stable,<br>And his cradle was a stall:<br>With the poor and mean and lowly,<br>Lived on earth our Saviour holy.            | 4 And our eyes at last shall see him<br>Through his own redeeming love,<br>For that Child so dear and gentle,<br>Is our Lord in heaven above:<br>And he leads his children on<br>To the place where he is gone.          |
| 5 Not in that poor lowly stable,<br>With the oxen standing by,<br>We shall we see him: but in heaven,<br>Set at God's right hand on high,<br>Where like stars his children crowned,<br>All in white shall wait around. |  |

¶ *Please sit*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in 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**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**A**Lmighty God,  
Aunto 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.  
**Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**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 EPISTLE (*read by Dan Jones*)

*The portion of scripture appointed for the Epistle is written in the ninth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the second verse*

**T**HE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they

joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

*Here endeth the reading.*

#### *THE GRADUAL*

##### **Gradual Hymn NEH 42** *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*

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| 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,<br>All seated on the ground,<br>The angel of the Lord came down,<br>And glory shone around. | 4 The heavenly Babe you there shall find<br>To human view displayed,<br>All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,<br>And in a manger laid.' |
| 2 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread<br>Had seized their troubled mind);<br>'Glad tidings of great joy I bring<br>To you and all mankind. | 5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith<br>Appeared a shining throng<br>Of angels praising God, who thus<br>Addressed their joyful song: |
| 3 'To you in David's town this day<br>Is born of David's line<br>A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;<br>And this shall be the sign:           | 6 'All glory be to God on high,<br>And on the earth be peace;<br>Good-will henceforth from heaven to men<br>Begin and never cease.      |

¶ *Please stand*

#### *THE GOSPEL*

*The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke, beginning at the first verse*

##### **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

##### **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*THE NICENE CREED (sung by the choir)*

**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 and 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 Catholick and Apostolick 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.

¶ *Please sit*

*THE SERMON – Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes, Fellow of Queens*

*THE OFFERTORY*

**Offertory Hymn NEH 29** *It came upon the midnight clear*

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| 1 It came upon the midnight clear,<br>That glorious song of old,<br>From angels bending near the earth<br>To touch their harps of gold:<br>'Peace on the earth, good-will to men,<br>From heaven's all-gracious King!'<br>The world in solemn stillness lay<br>To hear the angels sing. | 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife<br>The world has suffered long;<br>Beneath the angel-strain have rolled<br>Two thousand years of wrong;<br>And man, at war with man, hears not<br>The love-song which they bring:<br>O hush the noise, ye men of strife,<br>And hear the angels sing! |
| 2 Still through the cloven skies they come,<br>With peaceful wings unfurled;<br>And still their heav'nly music floats<br>O'er all the weary world;<br>Above its sad and lowly plains<br>They bend on hovering wing;<br>And ever o'er it Babel sounds<br>The blessèd angels sing.        | 4 For, lo! the days are hastening on,<br>By prophet bards foretold,<br>When, with the ever-circling years,<br>Comes round the age of gold;<br>When peace shall over all the earth<br>Its ancient splendours fling,<br>And the whole world give back the song<br>Which now the angels sing.  |

*THE INTENTIONS*

. . . Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here on earth:

*THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT*

**A**LMIGHTY and ever living 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 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.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially 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.

And 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. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

#### *THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION*

**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 a 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.

#### *THE CONFESSION*

**A**LMIGHTY God,  
**F**ather of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, 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.**

#### *THE ABSOLUTION*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### *THE COMFORTABLE WORDS*

**H**ear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. COME unto me  
H all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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.

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.

*¶ Please stand*

#### *THE SURSUM CORDA*

**T**he Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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.

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 Ghost, 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 singing:

*THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (setting by Charles Wood)*

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen. + Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *Please sit or kneel*

*THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS*

**W**E do not presume 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.

*THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION*

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ 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 memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit, 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: Who, 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.* Likewise, 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 Testament, 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.* Amen.

*THE AGNUS DEI (setting by Charles Wood)*

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

*THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

**T**HE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving. Amen.

¶ *In accordance with the Anglican tradition, Holy Communion is administered in both kinds i.e the consecrated Bread and Wine. During the current pandemic, this can only be offered by intinction i.e the consecrated wafer dipped in the consecrated wine, as the sharing of the Common Cup (Chalice) by sipping the consecrated wine is not permitted.*



## Communion Anthems

### Traditional *This is the truth sent from above*

This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God, the God of love,  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all both rich and poor.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose;  
And so a promise soon did run  
That he would redeem us by his Son

The first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create;  
The next thing which to you I'll tell  
Woman was made with man to dwell.

And at that season of the year  
Our blest Redeemer did appear;  
He here did live, and here did preach,  
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,  
To show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way,  
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

### German Traditional *O du fröhliche*

O du fröhliche, O du selige, Gnadenbringende Weihnachtszeit.  
Welt ging verloren, Christ ward geboren, Freue, freue dich, o Christenheit!

### Franz Gruber *Silent Night*

1 Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
radiant, beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
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3 Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing  
"Alleluia" to our King,  
"Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born."

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR Father,  
**which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE PRAYER OF OBLATION

**O**LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants 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 here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, 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; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*THE GLORIA (sung by the Choir)*

GLORY be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*THE BLESSING*

**T**HE 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. **Amen.**

¶ *Please stand*

**Recessional Hymn NEH 26** *Hark the herald angels sing*

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| 1 Hark! the herald angels sing<br>Glory to the new-born King;<br>Peace on earth and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled:<br>Joyful all ye nations rise,<br>Join the triumph of the skies,<br>With the'angelic host proclaim,<br>Christ is born in Bethlehem:<br><i>Hark! the herald angels sing<br/>Glory to the new-born King.</i>                       | 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,<br>Christ, the everlasting Lord,<br>Late in time behold him come<br>Offspring of a Virgin's womb!<br>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,<br>Hail the'incarnate Deity!<br>Pleased as man with man to dwell,<br>Jesus, our Emmanuel: [Refrain]<br><i>Hark! the herald angels sing<br/>Glory to the new-born King.</i> |
| 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!<br>Hail the Sun of Righteousness!<br>Light and life to all he brings,<br>Risen with healing in his wings;<br>Mild he lays his glory by,<br>Born that man no more may die,<br>Born to raise the sons of earth,<br>Born to give them second birth:<br><i>Hark! the herald angels sing<br/>Glory to the new-born King.</i> |  |

**Organ Voluntary**

**Eric Thiman** Postlude on *Adeste Fidelis*