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PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS! **and please do sit at any part of the Liturgy if you are more comfortable doing so. We appreciate that the choir cannot wear masks while singing but the congregation must, on the recent recommendation of the CofE, to keep everyone safe.**

## 10 a.m. PARISH EUCHARIST

### MASS SETTING: ST THOMAS

Introit at the West End – Hodie Christus Natus Est - Simon Clover

*All stand*

**Processional Hymn – 24 vv 1-4 – Christians awake, salute the happy morn**

### THE GATHERING

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen**

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

**All**

**LIGHTING OF OUR CENTRE (WHITE) ADVENT CANDLE, *after which everyone says:***



**A candle burns,  
the sign of your presence  
God amongst us,  
born as one of us  
may we live in the light of your  
presence  
the light who gives life to all.  
Amen**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

**Deacon** Christ the light of the world  
has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light, let us examine ourselves  
and call to mind our sins in penitence and faith.

You were born for our salvation;  
**All sing** **Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace  
**All sing** **Christ, have mercy, Christ have Mercy**

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives  
**All sing** **Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

May God who loved the world so much,  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,  
forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All** **Amen**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All sing** **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.**

**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 Collect**

**Rector** Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

**All** **Amen**

*Please sit*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading – Isaiah 52. 7-10**

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’ <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes 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

**All** **Thanks be to God**

**GRADUAL HYMN – 34 vv 1-4 – Once in Royal David’s City**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Deacon** Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**All** **Alleluia**

*When the Gospel is announced the Deacon says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2. 8-20

**All sing** **Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All sing** **Praise to you, O Christ**

**INTERACTIVE TALK!** *(followed by a period of silent reflection)*

*Please stand*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All** Let us declare our faith in God  
**We believe in God the Father,**  
**from whom every family**  
**in heaven and on earth is named**  
**We believe in God the Son,**  
**who lives in our hearts through faith,**  
**and fills us with his love.**  
**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**who strengthens us**  
**with power from on high.**  
**We believe in one God;**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**  
**Amen**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – Alison Davis**

- ❖ We pray for all who are sick and for all who are caring for them.
- ❖ We pray for the departed, may they rest in peace.

*Response each time*

**All** Emmanuel, God with us:  
**we welcome you!**

*At the end*

**All** **Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary,**  
**you know us and love us,**  
**you share our lives**  
**and hear our prayer.**  
**Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**The Peace**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**Deacon** Let us offer one another a sign of peace

**OFFERTORY HYMN** – See him lying on a bed of straw  
*(during which the collection is taken)*

See Him lying on a bed of straw  
A draughty stable with an open door  
Mary cradling the babe she bore  
The Prince of Glory is His name  
*Oh now carry me to Bethlehem  
To see the Lord appear to men  
Just as poor as was the stable then  
The Prince of Glory when He came*

Star of glory sweep across the skies  
Show where Jesus in the manger lies  
Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise  
To see the Saviour of the world  
*Oh now carry me to ...*

Angels sing the song that you began  
Bring God's glory to the heart of man  
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can  
Be salvation to the soul  
*Oh now carry me to Bethlehem*

Mine are riches from Your poverty  
From Your innocence eternity  
Mine forgiveness by Your death for me  
Child of sorrow for my joy  
*Oh now carry me ... ..*

*Oh now carry me to Bethlehem  
To see the Lord appear to men  
Just as poor as was the stable then  
The Prince of Glory when He came*

**Prayer of Preparation**

Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your spirit may we share in your riches.

**All Amen**

**The Eucharistic Prayer A** (Please remain standing throughout)

*The president says*

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*An extended Proper Preface now follows....*

**All sing 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 prayer continues and the words of Institution are recalled...*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer concludes until the president says:*

We worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen**

*Please kneel or sit for the Lord's Prayer*

As our Father taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.....**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Sung Agnus Dei**

**All sing** **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.**

**Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All** **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*Everyone is invited to receive the Host silently or a Blessing.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM – Ding Dong Merrily on High**

**COMMUNION HYMS 22 – Away in a manger  
40 – What child is this**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

**All**      **Amen**

### THE NOTICES

### THE BLESSING

**Rector**    Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one  
things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
and the blessing ...

### THE DISMISSAL

**Deacon**    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**          In the name of Christ, Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN – 30- vv 1,2,3,6&7 – O come all ye faithful**

Tomorrow's Benefice Said Eucharist (on the Feast of St Stephen) starts at the later time of 11am! It will only last half an hour.

**NATIVITY TRAIL – lasting until Epiphany!**

**Please take a poster/map with you and discover more and find out about each link with the popular carols.**

**New Year's Eve – 6pm Short Vigil Prayer service at St Mary's Woodbridge. All welcome.**

**Our huge thanks to - The Altar Guild, our Bell-ringers, the Flower Group, the Intercessors, Janice Poulson for her photos, Katherine in the Benefice Office, all our Readers, to Rita James for live-streaming and organizing another Nativity Trail, our Servers and Sidespeople, to Simon Clover and the choir and to Sue Todd and all our volunteer church shop assistants and anyone else we may have forgotten...**