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A happy and Blessed
Christmas
to everyone!

Welcome to our Church today, after the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of Church. Please join us and make yourself known to one of the clergy.

This ancient church has been a place of Christian worship of Almighty God for well over 1,000 years; as we enter the third millennium of our salvation it is salutary to remember that Christians have gather here on this spot since the first millennium.

If you would like to pray, the Lady Chapel is set aside as a place of quiet, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved or you might like to light a candle at one of the many shrines around church.

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION TODAY



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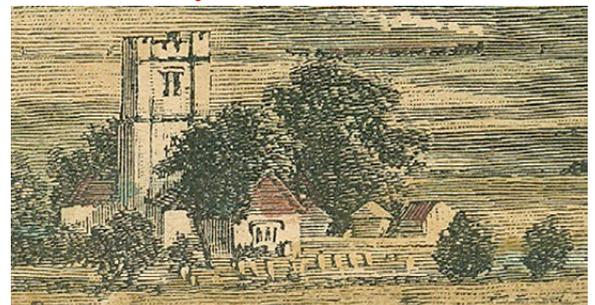


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A Forward in Faith parish under
the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Fulham,
The Right Reverend Jonathan Baker,
we are a Eucharistic community
who is worshipping in the present,
upon the Apostolic Truths of the past,
in the hope of finding our future salvation
in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

The Mass is offered daily

Sunday	8:00am
	11:00am
Monday	8:00pm
Tuesday	7:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	12:00pm
Saturday	10:00am



Exposition of the
BLESSED SACRAMENT or ADORATION
half an hour before Mass every day except Sunday.

The ROSARY of the Blessed Virgin Mary
is said after Mass on Friday and Saturday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, after the Mass
on Tuesday evenings in Lent

Confessions:

Monday 7:30-8:00pm. Tuesday 7:00-7:30pm,
Thursday 6:30-7:00pm, or by appointment.

Please turn off



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PLEASE LET FR. ANDREW KNOW OF ILLNESS
OR OTHER NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

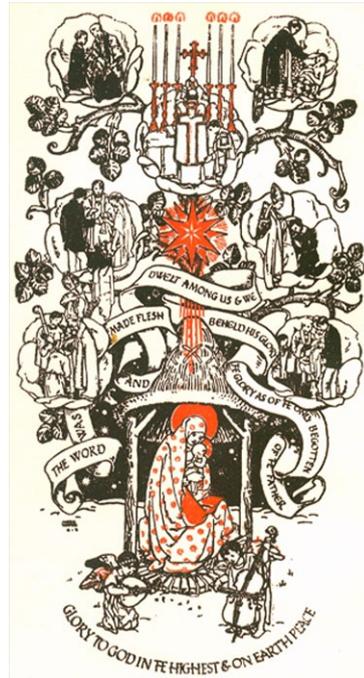
PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

The Hymns for the Midnight Mass

And through all his wondrous childhood
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feelth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

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,
When like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.



THE POST COMMUNION HYMN

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!*

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created;

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps;

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?

Sing choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God
In the Highest;

On Christmas Day

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given:
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing.

THE INTROIT HYMN

O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hope and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessed child,
Where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the mother mild:
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes one more.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

A Great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the infant
With virgin-honour pure.

*Repeat the hymn again!
"To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men"*

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high!
And Cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.

While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
Ye oceans clap your hands.

Since all he comes to ransom,
By all be he adored,
The Infant born in Beth'lem,
The Saviour and the Lord.

And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield his sceptre,
Our Lord and God for ay.

THE OFFERETORY HYMN

IT came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing!

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around,

"Fear not," said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

"To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord:
And this shall be the sign;

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song;

"All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease."

THE PROCESSION TO THE CRIB

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.

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.

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.

Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-7

PSALM Psalm 95

RESPONSE: *Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.*

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. **R.**
4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:

today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

MASS AT DAWN

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God,

Prince of peace, Father of future ages;

and his reign will be without end.

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:11-12

PSALM Psalm 96

RESPONSE: *This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R.**
2. Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart. Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; give glory to his holy name. **R.**

SECOND READING Titus 3:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and peace to men who enjoy his favour.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:15-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Rejoice, O Daughter Zion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:

Behold, your King will come,

the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

MASS DURING THE DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;

his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,

and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10

PSALM Psalm 97

RESPONSE: *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our 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.**
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. **R.**
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. **R.**
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. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

GOSPEL John 1:1-18

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Bow down for the blessing.

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. **Amen.**

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel. **Amen.**

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**