

## Christmas Day

10.00 am Festal Eucharist with Carols

First Sunday of Christmas 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The Holy Innocents

10.00 am Parish Sung Eucharist

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025, The Epiphany

10.00 am Festal Eucharist

Fr Andrew, The Parochial Church Council and all  
the people of  
All Saints, **your** Parish Church, wish you a  
Happy and Peaceful Christmas !



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Newton Heath, All Saints Parish Church

8.30 pm

## The First Eucharist of Christmas

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, Christmas  
Night



**Before the service**

*Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her BWV 700 J.S. Bach*

### THE GATHERING

*We sit in silence and prepare our hearts to worship God.*

*As able, we stand for*

### The Introit Hymn

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy
2. In Bethlehem, in Israel,  
This blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger  
Upon this blessed morn  
The which His Mother Mary  
Did nothing take in scorn  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

3. From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

4. "Fear not then," said the Angel,  
"Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Saviour  
Of a pure Virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him  
From Satan's power and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

5. The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind:  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
The Son of God to find.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

6. And when they came to Bethlehem  
Where our dear Saviour lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His Mother Mary kneeling down,  
Unto the Lord did pray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

7. Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

*The president says:*

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

#### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**and also with you.**

*Seasonal notices may be shared*

#### **Hymn**

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!*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the 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!*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son 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! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born King!"*

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788) (CCLI 5386491, OL 08975)*

#### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### **Voluntary**

*In dulci jubilo* BWV 729

J.S. Bach

*Please stay behind for seasonal refreshments  
(Correct at the time of printing)*

## Hymn after Communion

*Silence is kept*

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,  
shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia:  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.

3. 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,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*John Freeman Young (1887)*

*based on Joseph Mohr (1818)*

## Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us  
again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our  
hearts.

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup  
bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope  
you have set before us,  
so we and all your children  
shall be free,  
and the whole earth live  
to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Prayer of Preparation

*Please sit or kneel.*

**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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*Invitation to confession:*

Christ the light of the world has come to dis-  
pel the darkness of our hearts.  
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.  
God our Father,  
you sent your son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,  
you were born in poverty  
and laid in manger:  
forgive our greed  
and rejection of your ways.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love,  
your servant Mary  
responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
+pardon and deliver you  
from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you  
in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand*

**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**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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**

### **The blessing of the Crib**

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father on this night  
your Son Jesus Christ was born  
of the Virgin Mary  
for us and for our salvation:  
+ bless this crib which we have prepared  
to celebrate that holy birth;  
may all who see it be strengthened in faith  
and receive the fullness of life  
he came to bring,  
who is alive and reigns for ever.  
**Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues to the  
Doxology*

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour  
has taught us:

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

### **The Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God:  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

Christ is the true bread which has come  
down from heaven.

**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*If you wish to come forward for a Blessing instead please bring this booklet with you or keep your arms folded.*

*Please stand, as you are able*  
*The President introduces the Peace with this*  
*or another preface*  
 Unto us a child is born,  
 unto us a son is given,  
 and his name shall be called  
 the Prince of Peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

**Amen**

#### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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 President recites the Preface, ending*

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
 we lift our voices  
 to proclaim the glory of your name  
 and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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 Eucharistic prayer continues to*  
 Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*Please sit*

### Hebrews 1.1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual 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 hopes 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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
 descend to us, we pray;  
 cast out our sin and enter in,  
 be born to us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels  
 the great glad tidings tell:  
 O come to us, abide with us,  
 our Lord Emmanuel.  
*Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)*

### Gospel Reading

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

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1.1-14*

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### The Sermon

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,  
he became incarnate  
from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
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**

### Prayers of Intercession

*Please sit or kneel*

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light.

*The intercessions may conclude thus:*

Father *on this holy night* angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**