

**The Benefice of St. Wilfrid Cantley
with St. Hugh of Lincoln,
New Cantley
St. Wilfrid's Church,
Church Lane, Cantley, DN4 6QR**



Midnight Mass



The Opening Carol

Please stand when the bell rings

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 Heav’n’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 heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hov’ring 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;
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast’ning 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.

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The Introductory Rites

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

All: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The Priest introduces the Mass and invites the congregation to confess their sins.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

The Kyrie

All: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King.
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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

P: Let us pray.
O God, who have made this most sacred night
radiant with the splendour of the true light,
grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth,
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please sit down for the readings

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

R: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96

R: Today a Saviour has been born to us;
who is Christ the Lord..

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

R: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

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 simply wrapped in swaddling 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 to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from heaven to man
begin and never cease."

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The Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Cantor: I bring you good news of great joy:
for unto us is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

Please sit down

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all kneel or bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day 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.

I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Intercessions

R: Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

After the prayer for the faithful departed:

R: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

All: Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. **Amen.**

Carol

*During this carol the bread and wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared.
A collection will be taken for the work of the church. All donations are gratefully received.*

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the heav'n-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! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

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

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Prayer over the Gifts now follows.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

The preface continues until we sing:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.

Please kneel or sit

P: The Mystery of faith

All: We proclaim your death O Lord, And profess your Resurrection
Until you come again..

P: ... for ever and ever

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand

P: At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: 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.

P: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

The Priest continues.....

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

B: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion is now distributed. All those who are regular communicants in their own church are welcome to receive the Sacrament at this celebration.

Please bring a service book with you if you would like to simply receive a blessing.

Carol

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.

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."

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.

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The Concluding Rite

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

The priest blesses the congregation: the response to each statement is:

All: **Amen**

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest:

*The crib is blessed and the image of the child
Jesus is placed in the manger. We then sing
the final verse, welcoming the Lord into our
hearts and the world.*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

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