

Hymn

See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim! [Refrain]

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
what's your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep? [Refrain]

"As we watched at dead of night,
Lo! we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing 'Peace on earth'
told us of the Savior's birth." [Refrain]

Sacred Infant, all divine,
what a tender love was Thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this! [Refrain]

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
by Thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble Thee,
in Thy sweet humility! [Refrain]

Edward Caswell (1814-1878)
Tune: *Humility* John Goss (1800-1880)

Voluntary

Little Fugue BWV 578

J.S. Bach

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Newton Heath All Saints
Sunday 28th December 2025



Innocents' Day

10,00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)



*Herod the king, in his raging,
Chargèd he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight
All young children to slay.*

In our own time, the slaughter of innocent lives continues. Millions of children around the world suffer from malnutrition. Countless others are killed in war. Some conflicts, such as those in Ukraine and Gaza, are very familiar to us; others, such as the conflicts in Sudan and Myanmar, are almost forgotten. We sanitize our complicity by using language such as 'collateral damage', whereas, in reality, each dead child represents a life-changing loss. That loss ripples outwards from the unique and irreplaceable life that has been taken, affecting their family, their community and our common humanity. We, too, must refuse to be consoled or to accept easy platitudes. In the face of such loss, we must bring before God our outrage and our heartfelt desire for change.

In all these conflicts, it is the children who suffer most. They are deprived of their homes, their schools, and often their parents and siblings. They lose opportunities for play and, in short, are deprived of their childhood and the security that enables them to grow up in a loving, secure environment.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and may
For thy parting neither say nor sing,
"Bye bye, lully, lullay."

Fr A (with acknowledgement RSCM)

Image: from the Great East Window, St Peter Mancroft, Norwich.
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Music before the 10.00 service

The Holy Boy

John Ireland

Introit Hymn

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to man now displayed.

All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal son to thee,
All glory as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete.

Amen
St Ambrose of Milan

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice and peace;
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

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1.26-29

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many
wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many
noble, are called:

²⁷But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world
to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak
things of the world to confound the things which are
mighty;

²⁸And base things of the world, and things which are
despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are
not, to bring to nought things that are:

²⁹That no flesh should glory in his presence.

Gospel

Matthew 2.13-18

¹³And when they were departed, behold, the angel of
the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying,
Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and
flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee
word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy
him.

¹⁴When he arose, he took the young child and his
mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

¹⁵And was there until the death of Herod: that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the
prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of
the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth,
and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem,
and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old
and under, according to the time which he had dili-
gently enquired of the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jere-
my the prophet, saying,

¹⁸In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation,
and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping
for her children, and would not be comforted, be-
cause they are not.

Cycle of Prayer

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Our bishops: David, Mark and Matthew

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Church of England: Diocese of Durham

Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo

Schools and Colleges

All Saints; St Wilfrid's; Briscoe Lane Academy;
Christ the King; Co-op Academy Broadhurst;
Oldham Blue Coat; Trinity High School; Bowdoin Col-
lege, Maine; Churchill College, Cambridge; University
of Coventry; Edge Hill University; University of Leeds.

Parish

Assheton Road, Audax Walk, Averill Street, Ballentine
Street, Baltimore Walk, Bardsley Street.

Book of Remembrance

Margaret Bradley; Isabella Hadfield; Ernest Booth;
(Baby) Edward Farnell-Coleman; Elizabeth Burgess;
Samuel Revett; Margaret Briggs; Tom Howard; Edith
Corlett; Rita Flynn; George Potkin; Joe Farrell; John
Palmer; John Hill; Val Hobson; Harry Booth; May
Hatch; Frances Yole.

Music after Communion

The Coventry Carol

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.
Thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing,
"Bye bye, lully, lullay?"

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Arr David Ogden
Sung by St Martin's Voices