

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain
with you always.

Go in peace to love your neighbour.
Go in power to work for reconciliation.
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.

Amen

Voluntary

Chant de joie

Langlais



About us and



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Newton Heath

All Saints' Parish Church

With St Wilfrid's, St Ann and St Cuthbert's

21st December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Sung Eucharist



Doubting Joseph

We began Year A for readings on Advent Sunday. This means it's Joseph rather than Mary who is the focus of the Gospel reading today, the Sunday when we light the candle on the Advent Crown traditionally associated with her not him.

Joseph too has clearly been selected by God, but it's not made easy as doubt is sown initially about the probity of his fiancée. She had been unfaithful to him, as she was with child and the child wasn't his, so he would have thought, quite reasonably too. However, the nativity is not about reason: it's about love from the very beginning of the world.

After having been challenged by the initial knowledge that Mary was pregnant, clearly he passes that test and proves he is a decent man. Then the backfilling of the story begins.

Whichever account of we read how Jesus came to be born, I hope we can be drawn into the mystery and beauty, rather than distracted by the biology.

The mystery is epitomised in four words on Christmas Night, this time from St John:

The word became flesh

O come, let us adore him.

Fr A

Welcome to the Eucharist, also known as
Holy Communion or The Mass

This act of worship is a partnership between the priest and the people who:

- greet each other in the Lord's name
- confess their sins and, if repentant, are assured of God's forgiveness
- keep silence and pray a Collect (a special prayer or collection of thoughts for that day)
- proclaim and respond to the word of God in scripture and reflect on it
- pray for the Church, the world and those in need
- exchange the Peace (this should be a simple gesture, not a major interruption to the flow of the service)
- prepare the table (it is only a table, but it becomes an altar)
- pray the Eucharistic Prayer (listen along and pray, and over time these words will become more familiar to you.
- break the bread (which recalls Christ's body, broken on the Cross)
- receive communion (or a blessing instead)
- depart with God's blessing, to go in peace to love and serve the Lord

If you have arrived very late, relax! Sit still and make your confession knowing God understands and loves you. Then read the Gospel, and join us in full when you are ready.

Safeguarding Policy



**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
In the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Parish news may be shared

Hymn

People look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People look East, today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People look East, today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People look East, today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People look East, today:
Love the Lord is on the way

Words: Eleanor Farjeon.

Music: Besançon Carol, arranged

Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
comfort and assure you of his love
in this world and the next;

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,
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sins of the world.

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

Giving of Communion

Hymn after Communion

Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame,
All hail, said he, thou lowly maiden Mary!
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold,
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy
Name."
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will
ever say,
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

Traditional Basque carol
English translation, by Elizabeth Baring-Gould

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the
promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will and with her rejoice in your sal-
vation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Music before the service

Priere a Notre Dame

Boellmann

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

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.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Invitation to Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness, and will
disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess
our sins

**Most merciful God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we confess that we have sinned
 in thought, word and deed.
 We have not loved you
 with our whole heart.
 We have not loved our neighbours
 as ourselves.
 In your mercy forgive what we have
 been,
 help us to amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be;
 that we may do justly, love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you,
 our God.
 Amen.**

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.

Collect

God our redeemer,
 who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
 to be the mother of your Son:
 grant that, as she looked
 for his coming as our saviour,
 so we may be ready to greet him
 when he comes again as our judge;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 7.10-16

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,
 saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God;
 let it be deep as Sheol or high as heav-
 en. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will
 not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isai-
 ah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it
 too little for you to weary mortals, that
 you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the
 Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the
 young woman is with child and shall bear
 a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He

*The Preface continues until the invitation
 to say*

**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 Words of Institution follow as far as
 Great is the mystery of faith

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the
 Doxology which is sung*

..by whom and with whom and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
 and honour be unto you Almighty Father,
 world without end.
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.**

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break
upon us, to give light to those who dwell
in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Eucharistic Prayer

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the
hillside are now united on this table in
bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole
Church soon be gathered together from
the corners of the earth into your king-
dom.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

shall eat curds and honey by the time he
knows how to refuse the evil and choose
the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows
how to refuse the evil and choose the
good, the land before whose two kings
you are in dread will be deserted.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Romans 1.1-7

1Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to
be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of
God, ²which he promised beforehand
through his prophets in the holy scrip-
tures, ³the gospel concerning his Son,
who was descended from David according
to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son
of God with power according to the
spirit of holiness by resurrection from the
dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through
whom we have received grace and
apostleship to bring about the obedience
of faith among all the Gentiles for the
sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves
who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are
called to be saints: Grace to you and
peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. who spoke in the name of
the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

As you are able, please stand

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of
God.

cf Isaiah 40.3-5

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ

according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1.18-25

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

**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,
was 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.**

Cycle of Prayer

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus. Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Cycle of Prayer

Our bishops: David, Mark and Matthew

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Porvoo Communion

Church of England: Diocese of Durham

Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo

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