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ST ASAPH PARISH CHURCH



THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
THE NAMING OF JESUS  
1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023



## CAROL

Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, and have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed!  
When the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bare the Saviour of our race,  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him;  
Angel hosts, his praises sing;  
Powers, dominions bow before him,  
And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore.

*Prudentius Tr. J M Neale  
Tune: Divinum mysterium*

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist, and calls the people to penitence*

Turning to Christ, the Light, who has dispelled the darkness of our world,  
let us rejoice in his power to save as we ask his forgiveness.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace.  
Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary.  
Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father.  
Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,  
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!  
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:  
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,  
Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:  
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!  
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,  
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,  
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:  
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

*Tune: Camberwell*

## THE COLLECT

Gweddïwn. Let us pray: *(Please remain Standing)*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake  
and given the Name that is above every name:  
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,  
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,  
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GALATIANS 4. 4-7

*Sit*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

CAROL

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rock, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, and wonders of his love.

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748*  
*Tune: Antioch (Comfort)*

LUKE 2. 15-21

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

*Sit*

AN AFFIRMATION OF THE FAITH

*Stand*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,**

**and given him the name  
above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE INTERCESSIONS

*Sit*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Stand*

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the peace of the new-born Christ Child.

OFFERTORY 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 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 to the earth be peace;  
Good will henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.’

*Nahum Tate 1652-1715*  
*Tune: Winchester Old*

## THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.  
**We take this bread,**  
**we take this wine**  
**to follow Christ’s example**  
**and obey his command.**

O Lord our God,  
by the name of Jesus salvation has come to the world:  
may our worship and our lives glorify his holy Name,  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

Today a new light has dawned upon us.  
The song of angels fills the skies  
proclaiming news of joy and peace to all on earth;  
for Christ your Son before all time is born into this world.  
He restores our dignity, enriches our worth  
and brings to us the gift of eternal life  
for as he lived among us we too  
may experience the joy of life with you for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as a token of our love.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,  
Blessed is the one who comes to us  
                                  in your name.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
                                  as we give you thanks and praise.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,  
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be for us his body and his blood;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you;  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, Father,  
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son  
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup, your gifts to us,  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us  
who share this bread and this cup.  
Strengthen our faith, make us one  
and welcome us and all your people into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body  
for we all share in one bread.**

*The Invitation to holy communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Holy Communion is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

*All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive holy communion with us today. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, but please carry this booklet with you as an indication to the priest.*

*At the end of communion this carol is sung.*

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.

*St Germanus 639-734 Tr. J M Neale 1818-1866  
Tune: Es ist ein ros entsprungen*

*A short silence is kept*

## THE SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth  
the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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.**

## FINAL CAROL

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

They lookèd up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them afar,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

This star drew nigh to the north-west,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Cornish Carol, possibly 18<sup>th</sup> Century adapted by Michael Perry 1942-1996  
Tune: The first Nowell*

## NOTICES

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Foodbank.** The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

*God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Thank you** to all those involved in making our Christmas Services to memorable and those who decorated the Cathedral and Parish Church so beautifully.

**The Feast of the Epiphany** will be celebrated on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January with Eucharists at the usual times.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Morris Williams, Priest & Poet

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

### 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 6<sup>th</sup> Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

5pm Evening Prayer

### 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday – THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

11am Messy Church *at the Parish Church*

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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