

Kneel or Sit

THANKSGIVING *continues, recalling the Last Supper.*
Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
in faith and trust we pray.

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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

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

Draw near with faith ...

Those receiving Holy Communion please move forward as directed.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward holding this paper.

MUSIC *during the administration of the Holy Communion may include:*

Choir Balulalow – Sirrett

All CAROL 43 **A great and mighty wonder ...**

Choir Away in a Manger – Wilcocks

All **God our father,
tonight you have made known to us again
the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ;
may our Christmas celebration
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen**

THE BLESSING

Stand CAROL 34 **O come, all ye faithful ...**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Noël Suisse

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Welcome to
The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester



MIDNIGHT MASS OF THE NATIVITY 2014

Hearing-aid users should switch to position 'T' to benefit from the inductive loop

WELCOME by Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Stand CAROL 40 **O little town of Bethlehem ... up to verse 3**
BLESSING OF THE CRIB
following which the choir sings an extra verse, then all sing verse 4

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

All **And also with you.**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness from our
hearts and minds. In his light let us prepare to confess our sins.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will. We have sinned:

All **Forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

All **Forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned:

All **Forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you. We have sinned:

All **Forgive and heal us.**

ABSOLUTION is pronounced

Choir GLORIA

Darke in F

THE COLLECT for Christmas night

Sit READING : Isaiah 9.2 – 7

Stand CAROL 37 **While shepherds watched ...**

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

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

(Luke 2.1-16)

at the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit SILENT NIGHT 1914 / 2014



Remain sitting All sing

**Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,**

**Silent night, holy night,
God's great love giving life
Let the world together rejoice,
Sing forever with one voice,**

Sleep in Heavenly peace.

Heaven's hope is here.

Stand AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God

All In the beginning was the Word,
**and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

All Through him all things were made;
**and without him nothing was made
that has been made.**

All In him was life,
and that life was the light of all people.

All The Word became flesh
and lived for a while among us;

All we have seen his glory,
**the glory of the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth. Amen.**

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THE PRAYERS *after each prayer there is a brief silence followed by:*
Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Stand THE PEACE

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

All **And also with you.**

CAROL 41 *omit verse 4* **It came upon the midnight clear ...
A collection is taken – please be generous**

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

... 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:

Choir SANCTUS

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