

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.**

Choir Agnus Dei Oldroyd
Draw near with faith ...

**Those receiving Holy Communion please move forward as directed.
To receive a blessing, please move forward holding this paper.**

MUSIC during the administration of the Holy Communion may include:

All CAROL 41 omit v4 **It came upon the midnight clear**
Choir In the bleak midwinter Darke
All CAROL 37 **While shepherds watched**
Choir Ballulalow Sirrett

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**

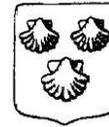
THE BLESSING

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



The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester



MIDNIGHT MASS OF THE NATIVITY 2018

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

WELCOME by The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Stand CAROL 40 **O little town of Bethlehem ...** verses 1 & 2

BLESSING OF THE CRIB



following which the choir sings verse 3, 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.**

PREPARATION

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.

Sit 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

Sit THE COLLECT for Christmas Night

READING : Isaiah 52.7-10

read by Kathryn Haynes

Stand CAROL 35 **Hark, the herald-angels sing**

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

¶ 1.1-14

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

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

at the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

Sit Sermon by The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Choir On this day

Hylton Stewart

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.**

Through him all things were made;

All **and without him nothing was made**

that has been made.

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

The Word became flesh

All **and lived for a while among us;**

we have seen his glory,

All **the glory of the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth. Amen.**

Kneel or sit

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 46 **Once in royal David's city**

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

Oldroyd

Kneel or Sit

THANKSGIVING *continues, recalling the Last Supper.*

SILENCE