

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

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:

*Choir* What Sweeter Music

Rutter

*All* CAROL 89

**While shepherds watched**

*Choir* Ballulalow

Sirret

*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 78 **O come, all ye faithful ...**

*Please turn to face the door of the church in readiness to go out as witnesses*

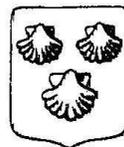
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo - J.S. Bach

*Please remain standing whilst the Choir depart and be aware of those listening*



Welcome to  
The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



## MIDNIGHT MASS OF THE NATIVITY 2019

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

WELCOME by The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

*Stand* CAROL 79 **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.

*Kneel* The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

*or sit* 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

*Stand for the GLORIA*

THE COLLECT for Christmas Night

*Sit* READING : Isaiah 52. 7-10 read by Kathryn Haynes  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand* CAROL 66 **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

*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;**

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.**

*This response may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

OR Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us**

*And at the end* Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Stand* THE PEACE

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

*All* **And also with you.**

CAROL 81 **Once in royal David's city**

***A collection is taken – please be generous***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 and BENEDICTUS

*Kneel or Sit*

THANKSGIVING *continues, recalling the Last Supper.*

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer concludes and all respond* **Amen.**