

SOLEMN  
MIDNIGHT MASS

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

*Sung by the Choir of Buckfast Abbey*

**W**ELCOMЕ to Buckfast Abbey, a Benedictine monastery. For over one thousand years, this has been a monastic site. We hope you will fully participate in this celebration of Holy Mass, and that you will experience the presence of God in this sacred place.

At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, or the Mass, to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again. The Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God for his saving work; it is a holy sacrifice, a sacred meal which nourishes us spiritually and anticipates the heavenly banquet, making present the one true sacrifice of Christ our Saviour.

Roman Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is truly present at the Mass; in the faithful gathered as the Body of Christ, through his Word made present in Scripture, but supremely under the appearance of bread and wine. In the Eucharist the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ is wholly and entirely present. Strengthened by this sacred food, we go forth into the world to build up the Body of Christ, and to bring his salvation to all peoples.

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The parish collection will not be taken during the offertory. Instead, the congregation is invited to make their offering in the basket as you exit church, or by using the digital machine.

## ORDER OF MUSIC

**PROCESSIONAL CAROL** *It came upon a midnight clear*

Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810–1876)

*Noel* English Melody, arr. Arthur Sullivan (1842–1900)  
and David Willcocks (1919–2015)

**INTROIT & ALLELUIA** *Psalm 2: 7* Gregorian chant

**KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI IX** Gregorian chant

**GLORIA & AGNUS DEI** *Messe de minuit*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643–1704)

**PSALM 95 & CREDO III INSERT** Philip Duffy (b.1943)

**OFFERTORY MOTET** *Hodie Christus natus est (SWV 456)*

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

**COMMUNION MOTET** *O magnum mysterium*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

**COMMUNION CAROL** *Silent night*

*Stille Nacht* Franz Grüber (1787–1863) arr. Barry Rose (b.1934)

**POST-COMMUNION CAROL** *Adeste fideles*

Words and melody by J. F. Wade (c.1711–1786),

arr. David Willcocks (vv. 1, 3 & 4) and

Dom Gregory Murray (1905–1992) (v. 2)

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

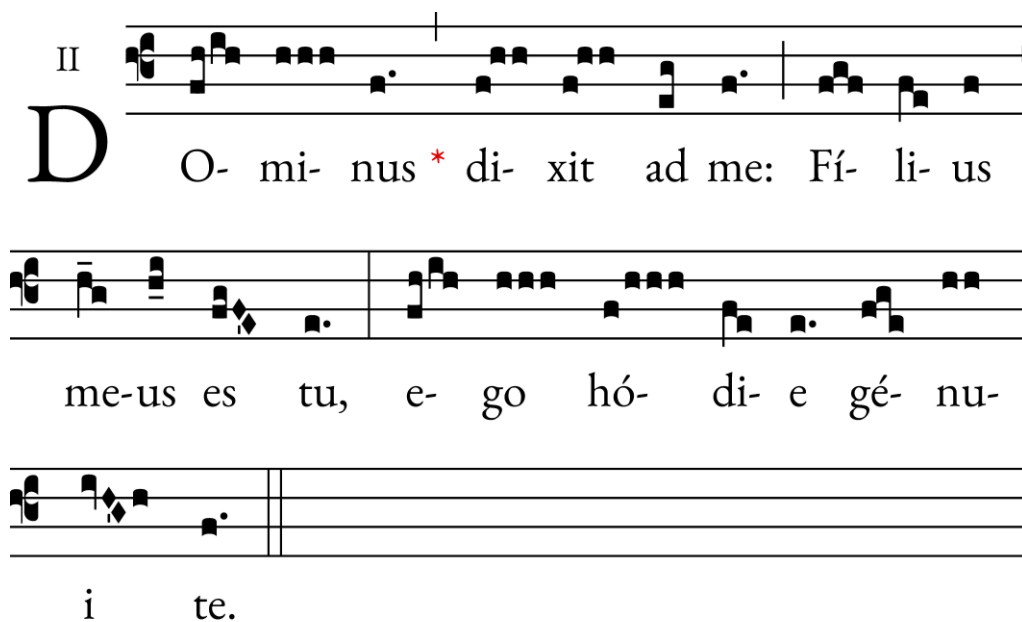
*at the sound of the Sacristy bell,  
please stand for the procession of Choir & Clergy*

### PROCESSIONAL CAROL

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
‘peace on the earth, goodwill to men,  
from heav’n’s all gracious King!’  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heav’nly music floats  
o’er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov’ring wing;  
and ever o’er its Babel sounds  
the blessèd angels sing.
- 3 For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet bards foretold,  
when, with the ever-circling years,  
comes round the age of gold;  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## INTROIT

II



**D** O- mi- nus \* di- xit ad me: Fí- li- us  
me-us es tu, e- go hó- di- e gé- nu-  
i te.

*The Lord said to me: you are my Son;  
this day I have begotten you.*

## GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Peace be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

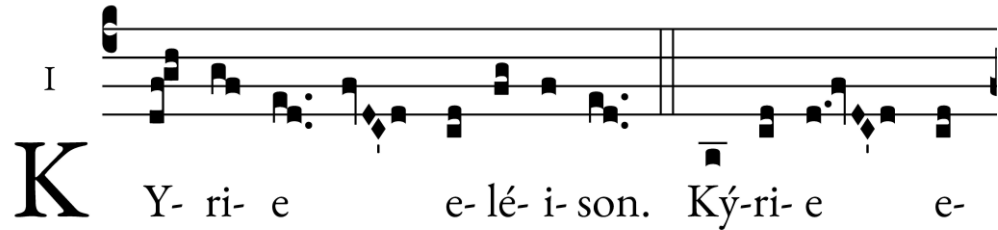
**I confess to almighty God,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

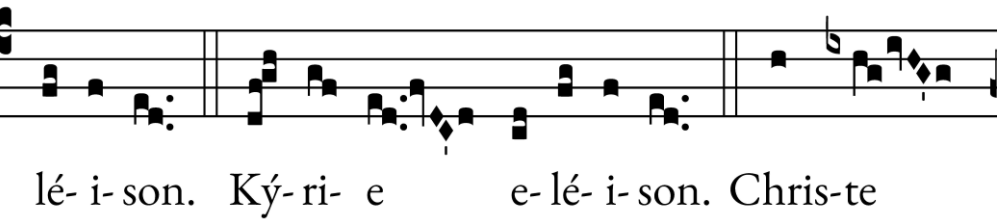
# KYRIE IX

*Choir* *All*




**K** Y-ri-e e-lé-i-son. Ký-ri-e e-

*Choir* *All*




lé-i-son. Ký-ri-e e-lé-i-son. Chris-te

*Choir* *All*



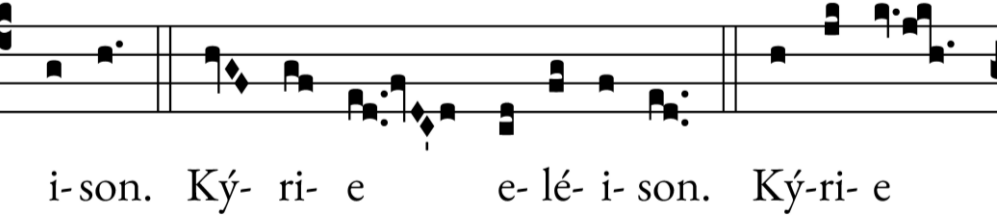
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*Choir*



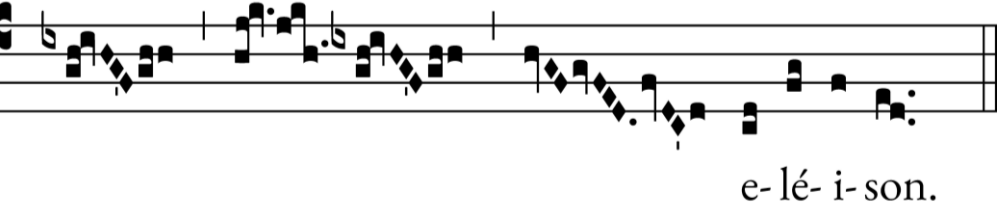
te e-lé-i-son. Ký-ri-e e-lé-

*All* *Choir*



i-son. Ký-ri-e e-lé-i-son. Ký-ri-e

*All*



e-lé-i-son.

**GLORIA** *please be seated as the Choir sings*

**G**loria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te,  
benedicimus te,  
adoramus te,  
glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,  
Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus,  
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem  
nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram  
Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will.*

*We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins  
of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God the Father. Amen*



*please stand for the*

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, who have made this most sacred night  
radiant with the splendour of the true light,  
grant we pray, that we,  
who have known the mysteries of his light on earth,  
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*please be seated*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*from the Prophet Isaiah (9:1–7)*

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow,  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.  
For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.  
For all the footgear of battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
is burned and consumed by fire.  
For there is a child born for us,  
a son is given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders;  
and this is the name they will give him:  
'Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,  
Everlasting-Father, Prince-of-Peace.'  
Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end,  
for the throne of David,  
and for his royal power,

which he establishes and makes secure  
in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever,  
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*PSALM 95 all join in singing the Antiphon after the Choir*



O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. *Antiphon*

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory,  
and his wonders among all the peoples. *Antiphon*

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. *Antiphon*

To - day a Sa - viour has been born\_ to us;

he\_\_\_ is Christ the Lord.

With justice he will rule the world,  
 he will judge the peoples with his truth. *Antiphon*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*from the letter of St Paul to Titus (2:11–14)*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race, and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the appearing of the glory of our God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

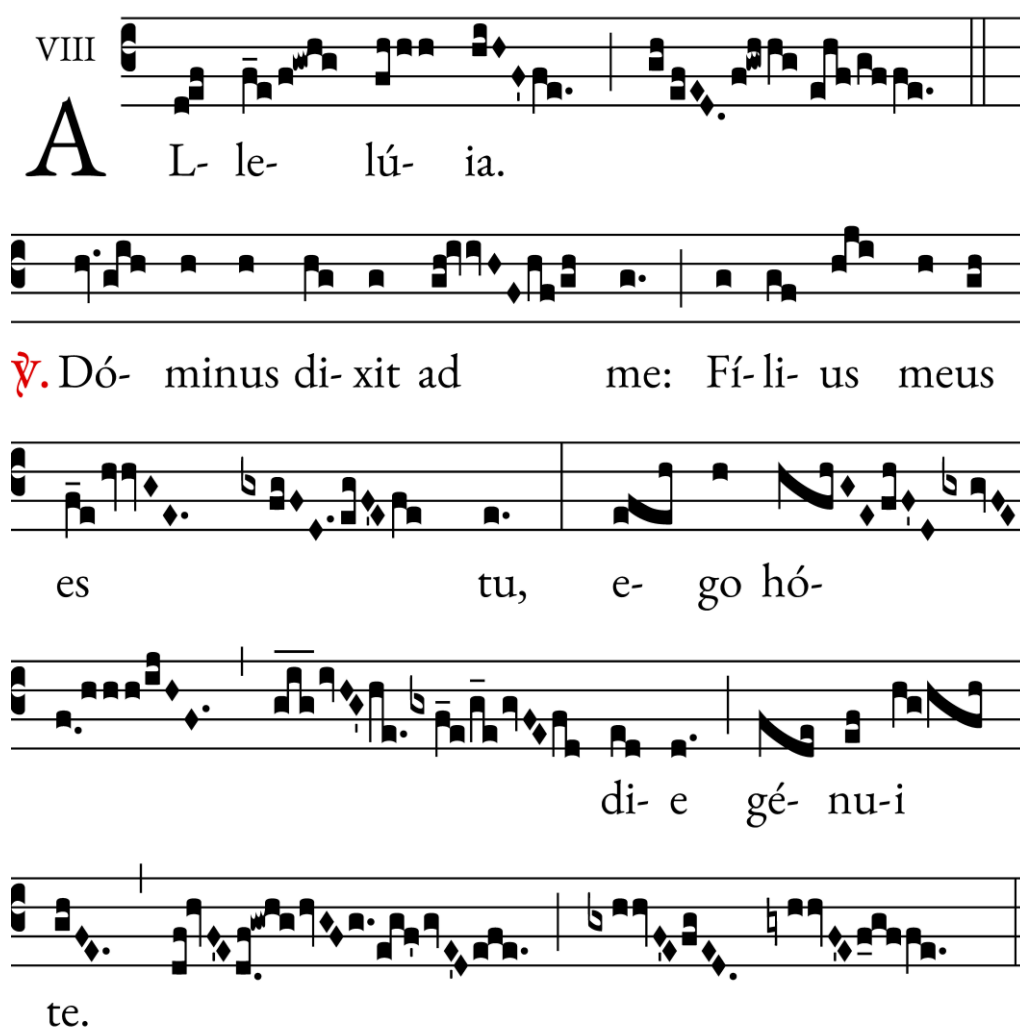
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*please stand as the Cantor intones*

## ALLELUIA

VIII



A L- le- lú- ia.

Ψ. Dó- minus di- xit ad me: Fí- li- us meus

es tu, e- go hó-

di- e gé- nu-i

te.

*Alleluia. The Lord said to me: You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day.*

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (2:1-14)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Cæsar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David’s House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, ‘Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.’

And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*please be seated for the*

## HOMILY

*please stand and join in singing the text in bold type*

### CREDO III

V

**C** Redo in unum De-um, Patrem omnipot-  
*I believe in one God, the Father almighty,*

éntem, factó-rem cæ-li et ter-ræ, vi-si-bí-lium óm-  
*maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible*

nium, et in-vi-si-bí-li-um. **Et in unum Dó-**  
*and invisible. I believe in one Lord*

**minum Je-sum Christum, Fí-lium De-i u-ni-gé-**  
*Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,*

**nitum.** Et ex Patre na-tum an-te ómni-a sá-  
*born of the Father before all ages.*



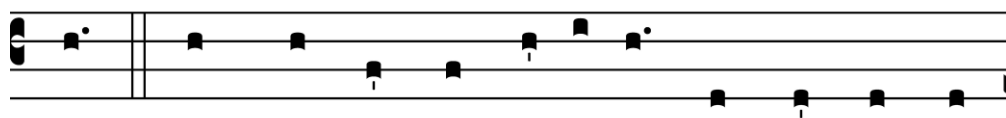
cu-la. **Deum de De-o, lumen de lúmine, Deum**  
*God from God, Light from Light,*



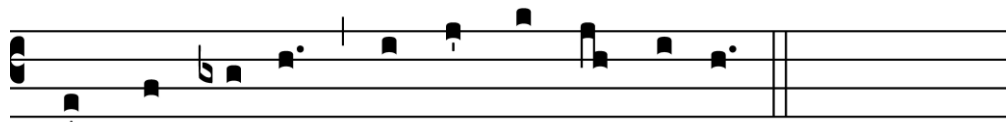
**verum de De-o ve-ro. Génitum, non fac- tum,**  
*true God from true God, begotten, not made,*



consubstanti-álem Pa-tri: per quem ómni-a fac- ta  
*consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were*



sunt. **Qui propter nos hómines, et propter nos-**  
*made. For us men, and for our salvation*



**tram sa- lútem descéndit de cæ-lis.**  
*he came down from heaven.*

*please kneel as the Choir sings*

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu  
 Sancto ex Maria Virgine:  
 et homo factus est.

*And by the Holy Spirit, was  
 incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
 and became man.*



*please stand to sing*



**Cru-ci-fí- xus ét- i-am pro nobis: sub Pónti- o**

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,*



**Pi-lá-to passus, et sepúl- tus est. Et resurré-**

*he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again*



**xit tér-ti- a di- e, secúndum Scriptú- ras. Et a-**

*on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended*



**scéndit in cæ- lum: sedet ad déxte- ram Pa-**

*into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*



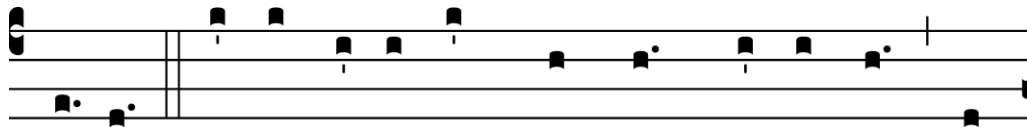
**tris. Et í- terum ventúrus est cum gló-ri- a, ju-**

*He will come again in glory*

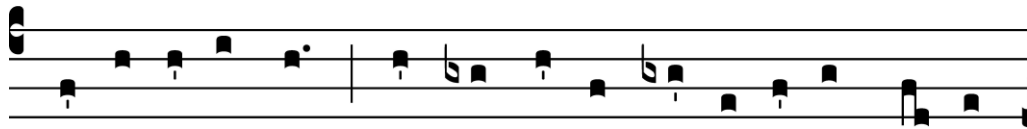


**di-cá-re vivos et mórtu-os: cujus regni non e-rit**

*to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will*



fi-nis. **Et in Spíritum Sanctum, Dóminum, et**  
*no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,*



**vi-vi-ficántem: qui ex Patre Fi-li-óque procé-**  
*the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*



**dit. Qui cum Patre et Fí-li-o simul ad-o-rá-tur,**  
*who with the Father and the Son is adored*



**et conglo-ri-fi-cá-tur: qui lo-cú-tus est per Prophé-**  
*and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*



**tas. Et unam sanctam cathólicam et apostó-**  
*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.*



**licam Ecclé-si-am. Confí-te-or unum baptísma**  
*I confess one Baptism*



**in remissi-ónem pecca-tórum. Et expécto re-**  
*for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward*



**surrecti-ónem mortu-órum.** Et vi-tam ventú-ri  
*to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world*



sá- cu- li. **A-** men.  
*to come. Amen.*

## INTERCESSIONS

*at the end of each intercession, please respond*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*the intercessions conclude with*

We pray with Mary, Mother of the Christ Child as we say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**The Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY MOTET *please be seated as the Choir sings*

**H**ODIE Christus  
natus est. Alleluia.

Hodie salvator apparuit.  
Alleluia.

Hodie exsultant iusti  
dicentes:

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonæ voluntatis. Alleluia.

*Today Christ was  
born. Alleluia.*

*Today the saviour appeared.  
Alleluia.*

*Today the just exulted,  
saying:*

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace on earth to men  
of good will. Alleluia.*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *please stand*

Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

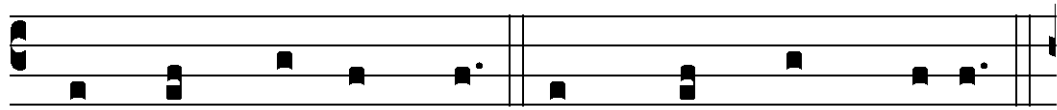
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**


May the oblation of this day's feast  
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,  
that through this most holy exchange,  
we may be found in the likeness of Christ,  
in whom our nature is united to you.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

  
**T**he Lord be with you. **And with your spi-rit.**

  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let

  
us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God.  
For in the mystery of the Word made flesh  
a new light of your glory has shone  
upon the eyes of our mind,  
so that, as we recognise in him God made visible,  
we may be caught up through him  
in love of things invisible.  
And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

## SANCTUS IX

*Cantor* *All*

S Anc- tus, \* Sanc-tus, Sanc- tus Dóminus

De- us Sá- ba-oth. Pleni sunt cæ-li et ter-

ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Hosán-na in excél- sis.

Be- nedíctus qui ve- nit in nó- mi-ne Dó-

mi-ni. Ho- sán-na in ex- cél- sis.

*please kneel*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and all you have created  
rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy,  
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:  
by the same Spirit graciously make holy  
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,  
that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

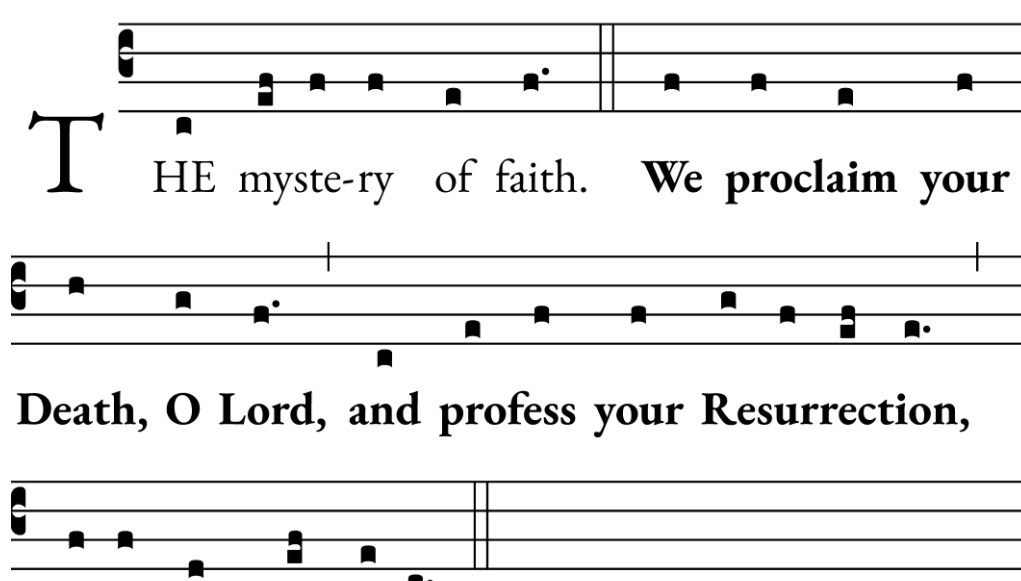
For on the night he was betrayed  
he himself took bread,  
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice,  
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



**T** HE myste-ry of faith. We proclaim your  
Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection,  
until you come again.

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you,



so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,  
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs  
and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence  
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,  
we pray, O Lord,  
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.  
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant Francis our Pope and Christopher our  
Bishop-elect, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

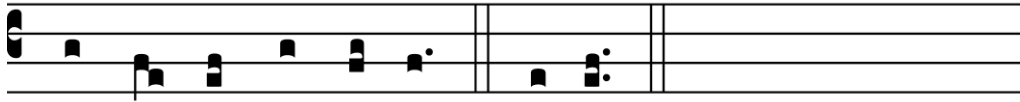
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,  
whom you have summoned before you:  
in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters  
and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.

There we hope to enjoy for ever  
the fullness of your glory  
through Christ our Lord,  
through whom you bestow on the world  
all that is good.

## DOXOLOGY

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,



for e- ver and e- ver. **Amen.**

*please stand*

## COMMUNION RITE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command,  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

## **RITE OF PEACE**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles,  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.


**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.


## AGNUS DEI IX

*Cantor* *All*

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A -gnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá- ta

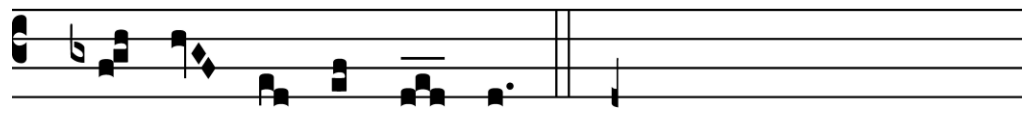


mun- di: mi- se- ré- re no- bis.

*Cantor* *All*



Agnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá- ta mundi:



mi- se- ré- re no- bis.

*Cantor* *All*



Agnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá-ta mun-di:



do- na no-bis pa- cem.

*please kneel*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word,  
and my soul shall be healed.**

### RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

It is the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church that the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of one faith and unity of belief. Therefore, it is not usual to distribute Holy Communion to non-Roman Catholics. However, they are most welcome to come forward to ask for a blessing.

### COMMUNION MOTETS *the Choir sings*

**A**GNUS Dei,  
qui tollis peccata  
mundi: miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins  
of the world: have mercy on us.*

**O** magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile  
sacramentum, ut animalia  
viderent Dominum natum,  
iacentem in præsepio! O Beata  
Virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Christum.

*O great mystery,  
and wondrous sacrament,  
that animals should see  
the new-born Lord, lying  
in a manger! O Blessed Virgin,  
whose womb was worthy to bear  
the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**COMMUNION CAROL** *please remain seated and join in singing*

- 1   **Silent night, holy night,  
      all is calm, all is bright:  
'round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
      holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
      sleep in heavenly peace.**
  
- 2   **Silent night, holy night,  
      shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
      heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ, the Saviour is born,  
      Christ, the Saviour is born.**
  
- 3   **Silent night, holy night,  
      son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams thy holy face,  
      with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
      Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

POST-COMMUNION CAROL *please stand to sing*

- 1 Adéste fidéles,  
læti triumphántes:  
veníte, veníte  
in Béthlehem.  
Natum vidéte  
Regem angelórum:  
veníte adorémus,  
veníte adorémus,  
veníte adorémus  
Dóminum.
- O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye  
to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
born the King of Angels:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*
- 2 God of God,  
light of light,  
lo, he abhors not  
the Virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens  
of heav'n above!  
Glory to God,  
in the highest:  
*O come...*

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesu, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
 word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing.  
*O come...*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
 that we, who are gladdened by participation  
 in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,  
 may through an honourable way  
 of life become worthy of union with him.  
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## PONTIFICAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

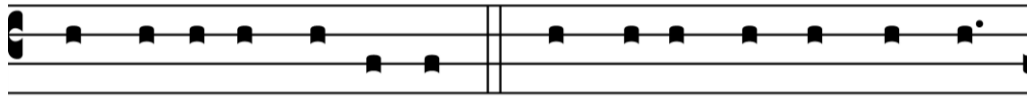
**D** O-minus vo-bíscum. **Et cum spíri-tu tu-**  
*The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.*

**o.** Sit nomen Dómi-ni be-nedíctum. **Ex hoc**  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord. Both now*





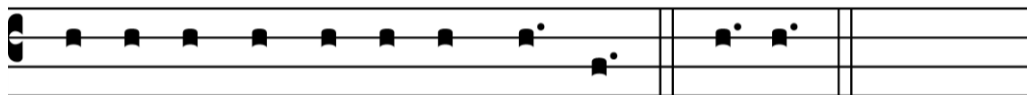
nunc et usque in sæculum. Adiu-tó-rium nostrum  
*and for ever more. Our help is in the*



in nómine Dómi-ni. Qui fecit cælum et ter-  
*name of the Lord. Who made heaven and earth.*



ram. Bene-dícat vos omní-potens De-us: Pater, et  
*May almighty God bless you, the Father,*



Fí-li-us, et Spí-ri-tus Sanctus. Amen.  
*and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



I - te, missa est. De-o gra-ti-as.  
*The Mass is ended. Thanks be to God.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** *Sortie improvisée sur 'Adeste fideles'*

Fr Abbot and the Monastic Community  
 wish you a merry and a holy Christmas.

## CONCERTS & ORGAN RECITALS 2024

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**Concert: Saturday 24th February, 19:30** *Tickets £15*  
**DARTINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR: VIVALDI GLORIA**

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**EXETER CHAMBER CHOIR: FAITH, HOPE & LOVE**

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**EXETER UNIVERSITY CHAPEL CHOIR: ST JOHN PASSION**

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**Concert: Saturday 6th April, 19:30** *Tickets £15*  
**BRENT SINGERS: FAURÉ REQUIEM**

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**Concert: Saturday 4th May, 19:30** *Tickets £15*  
**COLLATI SINGERS: RUTTER MAGNIFICAT**

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**Organ Recital: Monday 6th May, 13:30** *Admission free*  
**BANK HOLIDAY RECITAL: ANDREW REID**

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**Concert: Saturday 18th May, 19:30** *Tickets £15*  
**ALVINGTON SINGERS: TOWARD THE UNKNOWN REGION**

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**Organ Recital: Monday 27th May, 13:30** *Admission free*  
**BANK HOLIDAY RECITAL: IAIN SIMCOCK**

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**Organ Recital: Saturday 22nd June, 19:30** *Tickets £10*  
**GRAND-ORGUE RECITAL: JEREMY FILSELL**

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**Concert: Saturday 29th June, 19:30** *Tickets £15*

**TORBAY SINGERS: MISSA SALVE REGINA**

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**Concert: Saturday 6th July, 19:30** *Tickets £15*

**BRENT SINGERS: CORONATION ANTHEMS**

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**GRAND-ORGUE RECITAL: SIMON JOHNSON**

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**Organ Recital: Monday 26th August, 13:30** *Admission free*

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**GRAND-ORGUE RECITAL: LORETO ARAMENDI**

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**WEST DEVON CHORALE: MESSE BRÈVE**

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**GRAND-ORGUE RECITAL: CHARLES MAXTONE-SMITH**

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*on the Solemnity of the Epiphany*

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*sung by the Abbey Choir*

Missa O magnum mysterium *Tomás Luis de Victoria*

Omnes de Saba venient *Jacob Handl*

Ab oriente venerunt magi *Jacob Handl*

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