

Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Augustine, Stamford



## **Christmas Dawn Mass**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017 : 9.00am

Father Simon Gillespie

Please STAND as the Procession enters the church.

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night.  
God on earth is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen his morning star:

Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill his heav'nly throne,  
gather all the nations to him: every knee shall then bow down.

*Verses 1-3, James Montgomery (1771-1854); verse 4 from 'Christmas Box', 1825*

## Entrance Rites

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Brothers and sisters, 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.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*The common of the Mass is taken from The Mass of Saint Luke, Evangelist; Words and Music: Teresa Brown*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to  
peo-ple of good-will. Glo-ry to God in the high-est and on  
earth peace to peo-ple of good-will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,  
we give you thanks for your great glo-ry. Lord God,  
hea-ven-ly King O God, al-migh-ty Fa-ther.

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,  
re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

A - men. A - men.

*At the end of the Collect all respond:*

... who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

*All SIT.*

## Liturgy of the Word

*The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah (62:1-12); Look  
your Saviour comes.*

The word of the Lord.

Amen.

*The responsorial is taken from Psalm 96 (verses 1,6,11-12)*

This day new light will shine up-on the earth: the Lord is born for us.

*The second reading is taken from Saint Paul's letter to Titus (3:4-7);  
It was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us.*

The word of the Lord.

Amen.

*All STAND for the Gospel, taken from Saint Luke (2:15-20); The  
shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the baby.*

Word of gladness, Alleluia.	Fill our hearts now.	Maranatha.
Promised Saviour, Alleluia.	True Messiah.	Maranatha.
Light of nations, Alleluia.	Light in darkness.	Maranatha.
Here among us, Alleluia.	Living in us.	Maranatha.

*Bernadette Farrell*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end of the Gospel all respond:*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*All SIT for the homily, preached by Father Simon.*

*All STAND as we profess our faith:*  
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born  
of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true  
God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven,

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

*All STAND.*  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death  
and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the  
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one  
baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The response to the Prayer of the Faithful is:*  
Lord, in your mercy.  
Hear our prayer.

*We pray to Our Lady:*  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among 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

*All SIT as the altar is prepared and the gifts are brought forward.*  
*The collection taken today is your gift for Father Simon – thank you!*

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

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far.  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

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 entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Traditional Old English*

*All STAND.*

Pray brothers and sisters, 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.

*After the Prayer over the Offerings the Preface begins:*

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
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.

*At the end of the Preface all sing:*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-  
- san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho-san - na. Ho-  
- san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho-san - na.  
Bles-sed is he who comes, bles-sed is he,  
bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
- san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho-san - na. Ho-  
- san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho-san - na.

*All KNEEL for the Eucharistic Prayer, the central part of the Mass,  
during which the bread and wine offered become the Body, Blood,  
Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. During the Prayer we acclaim:*

The mystery of the Faith:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

*At the end of the Prayer we affirm our belief:*

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 ever and ever. Amen.

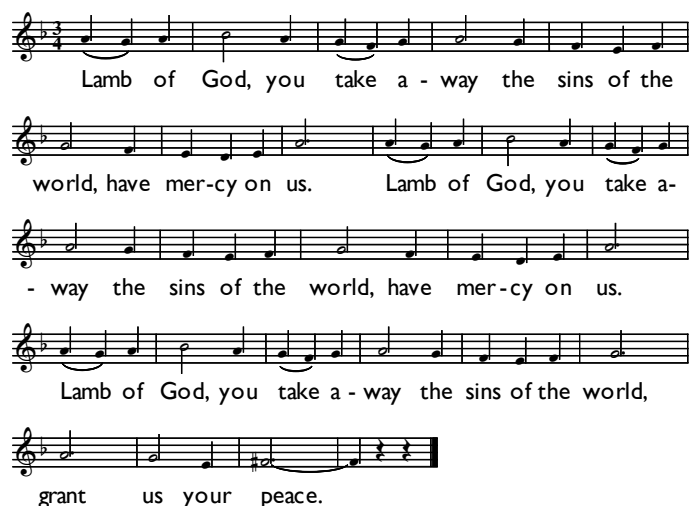
*All STAND.*

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.

... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. ... 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.

*After offering the Sign of Peace we all sing:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

*All KNEEL.*

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.

*Those who don't usually receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church are welcome to come forward for a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this. If you do wish to receive Holy Communion, say 'Amen' in response to the priest's invitation: The Body of Christ; then either receive the Sacred Host on your tongue or in your hands, and consume the Sacred Host immediately, before moving away.*

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.

Silent night, holy night.  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Saviour is born,  
Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night.  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), tr. J. Young*

*All STAND for the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which all respond:*

... for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Concluding Rites

*After announcements have been made:*

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
Bow down for the blessing.

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illuminated this most holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illuminate your hearts with the light of virtue.

Amen.  
May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

Amen.  
And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

Amen.  
And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.  
Go in peace!  
Thanks be to God!

*We conclude by singing together:*

Ding dong! Merrily on high  
in heav'n the bells are ringing,  
ding dong! Verily the sky  
is riv'n with angels singing.

*Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!*

E'en so here below, below,  
let steeple bells be swungen,  
and io, io, io,  
by priest and people sungen.

Pray you, dutifully prime  
your matin chime, ye ringers;  
may you beautifully rime  
your evetime song, ye singers.

*George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)  
Anonymous*

**Wishing you all, and to all your families,  
a truly happy, peaceful and joy-filled Christmas**