

Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Augustine, Stamford



## **Christmas Day Mass**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017 : 10.30am

Father Simon Gillespie

Please STAND as the Procession enters the church.

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.

God of God,  
light of light,  
lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God,  
begotten not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God  
in the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:

*18<sup>th</sup> century, translated by Frederick Oakeley (1802-80)*

## Entrance Rites

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

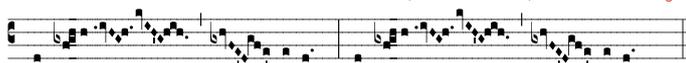
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And with your spirit.

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.

*The common of the Mass is taken from the missa De Angelis*



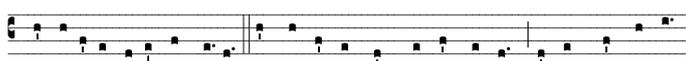
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Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae volunta-



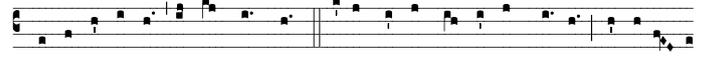
tis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus



te. Gratias agimus ti-bi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Do-



mine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omni-po-tens. Domine Fi-li



u-ni-ge-ni-te Ie-su Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fi-li-us Pa-



tris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, misere - re nobis. Qui tollis pecca-



ta mundi, suscipe deprecati-onem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexter-



am Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu



solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto



Spiritu, in glori-a Dei Patris. 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 (52:7-10); All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

The word of the Lord.  
Amen.

*The responsorial is taken from Psalm 97 (verses 1-6)*



All the ends of the earth have seen the sal-va-tion of our God.

*The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews (1:1-6); God has spoken to us through his Son.*

The word of the Lord.  
Amen.

*All STAND for the Gospel, taken from Saint John (1:1-18); The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*



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 John.

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!*

Unto us is born a Son,  
King of quires supernal;  
see on earth his life begun,  
of lords the Lord eternal,  
of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,  
comes on earth a stranger:  
ox and ass their owner know  
becradled in a manger,  
becradled in a manger.

This did Herod sore affray,  
and grievously bewilder:  
so he gave the word to slay,  
and slew the little childer,  
and slew the little childer.

Of his love and mercy mild  
this the Christmas story,  
and O that Mary's gentle Child  
might lead us up to glory!  
Might lead us up to glory!

O and A and A and O  
cum cantibus in choro,  
let the merry organ go,  
Benedicamus Domino,  
Benedicamus Domino.

*15<sup>th</sup> century, translated by G.R. Woodward*

*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:*

Sanc - tus, Sanctus, Sanc - tus, Do - minus Deus Sa - baoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et ter - ra glori - a tu - a. Hosanna in excel - sis.  
Benedic - tus qui ve - nit in nomine Domine. Hosan - na in  
excel - sis.

*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:*



A-gnus De-i qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se- ré- re no-bis

Agnus Dei, qui tol-lis peccá- ta mundi: mi-se- ré- re no- bis. A-

gnus De - i qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi: dona no-bis pa-cem

*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.*

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever-blesséd morn,  
hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies;  
he who, throned in heights sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say, what your joyful news today?  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?

'As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
angels, singing peace on earth, told us of the Saviour's birth.'

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this!

Virgin mother, Mary blest, by the joys that fill thy breast,  
pray for us, that we may prove worthy of the Saviour's love.

*Edward Caswall (1814-78)*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head,  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

*Verses 1 and 2 Anonymous; verse 3 J.T. McFarland (1851-1913)*

*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:*

Hark, the herald angels sing, glory to the new-born King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:  
joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,  
with the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark, the herald angels sing, glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings;  
mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

*Charles Wesley (1743), George Whitefield (1753), Martin Madan (1760), and others*

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