



**Christmas Morning
The Eucharist for all ages
Thorne – Mass of St Thomas**



Processional Carol

please stand

**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:**

Refrain:

***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:
*Refrain***

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God in the highest':
*Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
*Refrain***

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

We sit and an informal welcome is given.

May the love that breathes life into all humanity and all creation
Be born in us today.

May the love that brings us healing
Be born in us today.

May the love that overcomes hatred
Be born in us today.

May the love that forgives and renews
Be born in us today.

May the love that brings the blessing of peace
Be born in us today.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

Gloria

please stand

Refrain: *Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Refrain

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

Refrain

**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.**

Refrain

The Collect

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 1-14

We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as they prepare to read the Gospel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A sentence from scripture is sung and then we respond singing:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A Sermon for All Ages

please sit

The Creed

please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayers

please sit or kneel

After the prayers this response may be used:

Loving Saviour,

hear our prayer.

At the end:

Lord Jesus Christ, child of Mary, you know us and love us,
you share our lives and hear our prayer.

Glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Peace

please stand

Unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Carol

During which the collection will be taken

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

Refrain:

***Hail! Thou ever-blessèd 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 height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim!**

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

They will become for us the bread of life and cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and we all sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper, and we use this acclamation:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

The prayer continues and ends with praise to God to which everyone responds:

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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

The Breaking of The Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

The president and people receive communion.

If you normally receive communion, you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not, please come to the altar for a blessing, holding this service book as a sign. Someone will indicate when to come up.

Anthems

Silent Night – Gruber

The Star Carol – Rutter

Prayers After Communion

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Final Carol

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.'

Refrain:

*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.

Refrain

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace,
hail, the Sun 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.

Refrain

Blessing

please stand

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

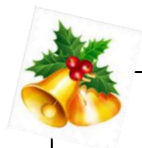
Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The choir, crucifer, acolytes, and clergy process during the voluntary.

Organ Voluntary



**Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

