

Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru

The Church in Wales

Deanery of Radnor and



*The Holy Eucharist on Christmas
Night*

Led by the Rev Rachael Storer

The Preparation

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

Amen.

Grace and peace be with you,

and keep you in the love of Christ.

Carol led by Adeline Jennings

**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:
O come, let us adore him.....**

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest
O come, let us adore him.....**

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lord Jesus, mighty God and Prince of Peace.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary.

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh and splendour of the Father.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peruvian Gloria – led by Rev Mark Beaton

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia amen. Alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia amen. Alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament reading: Isaiah chapter 9 verses 2 to 7 - read by Michael Capstick

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and for ever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament reading: Titus chapter 2 verses 11-14 - read by Pat Borland

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people that are his very own, who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol led by Ann Dean

**O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all the earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.**

**How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven:
no ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him - still
the dear Christ enters in.
O holy child of Bethlehem,**

**descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Reading from Chapter 2 verses 1-20 – read by Gina Ayling

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Rev Janet Day

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born
of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

**He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church *Led by Sue Moore*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table,

**merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore gracious Lord
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to
drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.**

The Peace

Glory to God in the highest heaven
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Carol led by Rev Mark Beaton

**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.

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread, we take this wine,
to follow Christ's example and obey his command.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer 3)

The Lord be with you or

The Lord is here.

And also with you.

His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please sit or kneel

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise holy Father, heavenly
King, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

He is the Word made flesh.

Through him you give to the eye of faith

a new vision of your glory;

you reveal your perfect love,

and invite us to love and worship you,

the unseen God.

Therefore with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

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.**

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be for us his body and his blood;
who in the same night that he was betrayed
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink from this, all of you;
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son,
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup,
your gifts to us,
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us
who share this bread and this cup.
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
for we all share in one bread.
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace.**

Come, let us receive the body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ, given for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

his love is everlasting.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Carol – led by Jess Squire

**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!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!**

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
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 we no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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