

Midnight Mass – St Mary’s Portsea



As we gather please respect other people’s space, do not move around the Church and please remember to wear a face covering.

Please Stand for the Carol

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, etc.

Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee with love
and awe;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?
O come, let us, etc.

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
“Glory to God
in the highest:”
O come, let us, etc.

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

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
All Amen
The Lord be with you
All And also with you

The final candle on the Advent wreath is lit, at the end of the prayer

All Blessed be God for ever

We are sorry

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Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

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Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

God forgives us

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Amen

We offer praise to God as we sing the Angels' Song

Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All sing **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father.

Glory to God, glory in the highest.

Peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you, **glory in the highest.**

Give you thanks, **glory in the highest.**

Praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory in the highest.

Peace to his people, peace on earth.

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; **have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer, **receive our prayer**

Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

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 glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Amen. **Amen.**

Coventry Gloria by Peter Jones

We pray to God

The Priest prays the collect of the day

Amen

Please sit

We listen to God's word

We hear a reading from the Prophet Isaiah

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Please stand

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 first saw 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;
radiance beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

We hear the Gospel

The Lord be with you
All And also with you
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end ...

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

A reflection

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.

We pray to God

Lord in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

The final response

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

We share Christ's love and peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you**

We share the peace with a wave or a bow.

The gifts of bread and wine are prepared and offered to God.

Carol

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 men on 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.

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 Priest offers thanks to God, ending:

All sing **Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory,
your power and might.**

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.***

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, etc etc

Paul Inwood: Gathering Mass

The Priest continues the prayer, asking that the Spirit may come upon the gifts and recalling the action of Jesus at the Last Supper

Christ is the bread of life

All **When we share this bread and this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
Until you come in glory.**

The Priest continues the prayer, at the end all respond

Amen.

We pray as Jesus taught us

**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.
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 the bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life**

As the bread is broken the Choir sings a choral setting of the following words:

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, give us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to His supper:

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Body of Christ

Amen

We are blessed

The Priest will bring communion to you – please extend one hand as far as you can in front of you. No words are spoken. After the Priest has moved on remove face covering to receive. If you wish to just receive a blessing simply bow your head. At the end of communion please stand.

We say thank you

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All Amen

We are blessed

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

The Priest gives God's blessing

Then the figure of the child Jesus is blessed

God sent his angels from glory to bring to shepherds
the good news of Jesus' birth.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

You have heard his story,
the story of God's own Son.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

May he fill you with joy
to bring this good news to others today.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

Live in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh

All Thanks be to God.

As we sing 'Hark the Herald Angels sing' – the figure of the Child Jesus is placed in the Crib near the Font.

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.'

**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...

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.

Hark...