

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
in faith and trust we pray.

*All* **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.

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

Draw near with faith ...

*Those receiving Holy Communion please move forward as directed.  
If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward holding this paper.*

MUSIC during the administration of the Holy Communion may include:

*Choir* Away in a Manger – Wilcocks

*All* CAROL 43 **A great and mighty wonder ...**

*Choir* In the bleak midwinter – Darke

*All* CAROL 39 **Angels, from the realms of glory ...**

*All* **God our father,  
tonight you have made known to us again  
the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
may our Christmas celebration  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen**

THE BLESSING

*Stand* CAROL 34 **O come, all ye faithful ...**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Lemmens



The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



## MIDNIGHT MASS OF THE NATIVITY 2013

*Hearing-aid users should switch to position 'T' to benefit from the inductive loop*

WELCOME by Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

*Stand* CAROL 40 **O little town of Bethlehem ...** *up to verse 3*  
BLESSING OF THE CRIB  
*following which the choir sings an extra verse, then all sing verse 4*

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

*All* **And also with you.**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness from our  
hearts and minds. In his light let us prepare to confess our sins.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive our disobedience to your will. We have sinned:

*All* **Forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

*All* **Forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.  
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned:

*All* **Forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.  
Forgive our reluctance to seek you. We have sinned:

*All* **Forgive and heal us.**

ABSOLUTION is pronounced

*Choir* GLORIA

Darke in F

THE COLLECT for Christmas night

*Sit* READING : Isaiah 9.2 – 7

*Stand* CAROL 37 **While shepherds watched ...**

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
Choir The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.  
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL ¶ (2.1-16)

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit THE STABLE WITHIN

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Stand THE CREED

I invite you to profess the faith of the Church.

All **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All sing

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night,**

**Shepherds first saw the sight,**

**Glories stream from heaven afar,**

**Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;**

**Christ the saviour is born.**

Kneel or sit

THE PRAYERS *after each prayer there is a brief silence followed by:*

Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Stand THE PEACE

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

All **And also with you.**

CAROL 41 *omit verse 4* **It came upon the midnight clear ...  
A collection is taken – please be generous**

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

... Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Choir SANCTUS

Oldroyd

Kneel or Sit

THANKSGIVING *continues, recalling the Last Supper.*