Christmas Eve 2023 Online Order

Introit.

Welcome and Introduction.

Hymn:

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour, all for love's sake becamest poor; Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour, all for love's sake becomes poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man; Stooping so low, but sinners raising heavenward by thine eternal plan. Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship thee."

Confession, Absolution and Collect.

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

All Lord God,

we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Absolution.

New Testament Reading Romans 16.25–27.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1.26–38

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Hymn:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel...

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...

The Address.

Dawel nos, Sanctaidd yw'r nos; cwsg a gerdd waun a rhos, Eto'n effro mae Joseff a Mair, faban annwyl ynghwsg yn y Gwair, Cwsg mewn gwynfyd a hedd; cwsg mewn gwynfyd a hedd.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly 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!

Prayers.

The Lord's Prayer:

Ein Tad yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw,
Deled dy dernas, gwneler dy ewyllys,
megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol, a maddau i ni ein dyledion,
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r gallu a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd.

Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever.

Amen.

The Intercessions.

Hymn:

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 dawel ddinas Bethlehem, bugeiliaid heno ddaw; dros bant a bryn at breseb syn oddi ar y meysydd draw; a chwilio wnânt am faban bach sy'n dod yn Geidwad dyn, yn obaith byw i ddynol-ryw, y Bugail da ei hun.

O dawel ddinas Bethlehem, pwy heno ynot sydd?
Pa ddieithr wawr sy'n dod i lawr, pa ryw dragwyddol ddydd?
Os cysgu'n dawel heno 'rwyt daw golau penna'r nef
i'r ogof laith i ddechrau'r daith: gogoniant iddo ef!

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!

Blessing.