

Holy Trinity Eltham - Midnight Mass

Christmass 2020

Entrance and Blessing of the Crib

It came upon a midnight clear

When the procession arrives at the crib, the following is said

Priest Welcome all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span.
Summer in winter, Day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man.
Great little one whose all-embracing birth
Brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

The glory of the Lord has been revealed;
All **And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

*The celebrant continues with the blessing of the crib.
After the crib is censed and aspersed with holy water,
the celebrant says*

Priest Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

All **Now he is made flesh
and laid in a narrow manger.**

Priest From eternity to eternity you are God.

All **And now we see you as a new-born child.**

Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **And also with you.**

Penitential Rite

Priest God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully
to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest pronounces the absolution.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Hackney Mass

Alan Wilson

The Collect

The Old and New Testament Readings

Isaiah 9.2-7 Titus 2.11-14

The Gradual

Psalm 96

The Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Luke 2.1-14

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon ✠ Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

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

At the conclusion

Deacon This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

Please extinguish your candle after the Gospel reading.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

The Intercessions

Reader Holy God
All hear our prayer.

Greeting of Peace

The Offertory
The Rocking Carol
traditional Czech carol

*After the altar is prepared, the priest introduces
the Prayer over the Gifts.*

Priest Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name, for our good,
and the good of all his Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Preface follows, leading into

Sanctus & Benedictus
The Hackney Mass *Alan Wilson*

After the Institution Narrative

Priest Great is the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Priest 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.**

Agnus Dei
The Hackney Mass *Alan Wilson*

The Invitation

Priest This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy 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.**

Holy Communion

*Please remain in your seat until a steward invites you to move
to receive the Blessed Sacrament, which will be administered
in one kind.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this
sheet as a signal to the priest of that desire.*

Music during Holy Communion
In the bleak midwinter
words: Christina Rossetti *tune: Gustav Holst*

Post-Communion Prayer

Post-Communion Carol
O come, all ye faithful

Blessing and Dismissal

Organ Postlude
Variations sur la thème de la Messe de Minuit
Étienne Charpentier



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