

st giles' CRIPPLEGATE

**Children's Crib Eucharist**

**4pm The Eve of Christmas**





## Introduction

*The organ plays before the service*

### A. Corelli Pastorale from 'The Christmas Concerto'

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," he said (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind);  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind."

"To you in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign."

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song

"All glory be to God on high

and to the earth be peace;  
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease!"

## **The Gathering**

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

You were born for our salvation:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

You came as saviour to bring peace and joy:

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

You come to bring light into the darkness of our  
lives:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

*The absolution is pronounced*

**Amen.**

# Gloria in Excelsis

On the first Christmas night the angels sang to the shepherds. They sang these words – let's praise God with the angels.



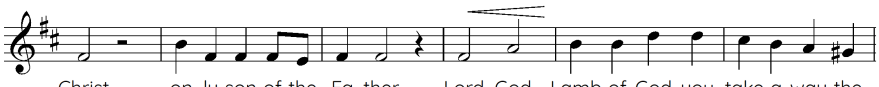
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we\_



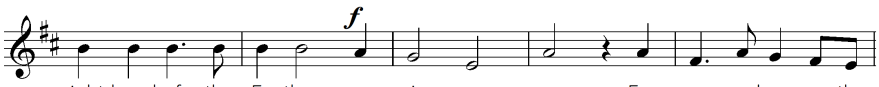
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus



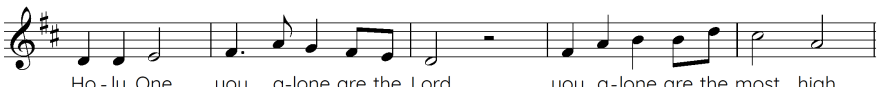
Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us; you are se-ated at the



right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the most high,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the\_ Fa-ther. A\_\_\_\_\_ men.

## The Collect

*The prayer for the day is offered*

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Reading

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Crib is built part one*

**Gospel**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

+Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the birth of JESUS Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name JESUS.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Crib is built part two*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy  
**All** hear our prayer.

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

*The Crib is built part three*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **The Offertory**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,







...for ever and ever.



A - men\_\_\_\_

Let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has 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.  
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.**

## **The Fraction & Invitation to Communion**

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Lamb\_ of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
*mf*

world; have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*poco rit.*  
*p* Lamb\_ of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:

*a little slower*  
 Grant us,\_\_\_\_\_ Grant us\_\_\_\_\_ peace.

*The anthem is sung (Bass solo John Ireland The Holy Boy). All are welcome. If you'd like to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, please carry this booklet in your hands.*

God our Father,  
 in this night you have made known to us again  
 the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
 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 Crib is built part four*

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.*

See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to His cradle,  
Leaving their flocks,  
Draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps;  
*Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born that happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing.  
*Refrain*



**2025**

Every Sunday at 10am  
& midweek services  
before work, lunchtime and after work

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Welcome to St Giles' - we are here to love God and make Christ known in word and deed. We are an inclusive church and welcome all.

St Giles' is an ancient church, one of the few medieval churches in The City of London. We serve a parish that stretches from the City's newer developments, through the iconic Barbican and Golden Lane Estates, embracing White Cross Street and Old Street residents, shops and businesses. As well as our own Parish School, St Luke's CE Primary, we serve a wonderful variety of educational establishments in the local area, as well as residents and commercial life from Aldersgate Street to Finsbury Square and City Road.

Our local story is rich and colourful. St Giles' Church and Parish has always been the home of creatives, free-thinkers, wonderers and wanderers. We still are today.

Our worship is enriched by beautiful music, thoughtful preaching, deep engagement with faith and the simple, purposeful ceremonial of the Church of England. In many ways our church is like a country parish church - here for all - in the centre of this city 'village'. Our Church community embraces people of many different perspectives.

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