

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday 1 January 2024

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

- 1 **A maiden most gentle and tender we sing,
of Mary, the mother of Jesus, our King.
*Ave, ave, ave Maria!
Ave, ave, ave Maria!***
- 2 **How blest is the birth of the heavenly child,
who came to redeem us in Mary so mild!**
- 3 **The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
the Lord of creation and Saviour of all.**
- 4 **Three kings came to worship with gifts rich
and rare,
and marvelled in awe at the babe in her care.**
- 5 **Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray!
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless Ave!**

St Bede the Venerable, trans. Andrew Carter

Greeting & Introduction

Collect

Most high God,
you come near to us this Christmas season
in the child born of Mary.
In the depths of darkness, she gave birth to light;
in the depths of silence, she brought forth the Word.

Grant that we who ponder these things in our hearts
may recognise in her child
our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Numbers 6: 22-27)

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you
and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name of the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

May God bless us in his mercy.

- 1 May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.
- 2 May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 2: 16-21)

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.



When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Litany for the New Year

After each intention:

R. Son of Mary, hear our prayer.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

- 1 **While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.**
- 2 **"Fear not", said he, (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind)
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind."**
- 3 **"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:**
- 4 **"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid."**
- 5 **Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:**
- 6 **"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from highest heaven
begin and never cease!"**

Nahum Tate (based on Luke 2: 8-14)

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfilment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion

Music: A New Year Carol – Benjamin Britten

Prayer after Communion *(by Joyce Rupp)*

God of this new year,
we are walking into mystery.
We face the future,
not knowing what the days and months
will bring to us or how we will respond.
Be love in us as we journey.
May we welcome all who come our way.
Deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes.
Fill us with hope and an abiding trust
that you dwell in us amidst our joys and sorrows.
Thank you for the treasure of our faith life.
Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day
with the assurance of your walking through the day with us.
God of this new year, we praise you.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

- 1 **When creation was begun,
God had chosen you to be
Mother of his blessed Son,
Holy Mary, full of grace.**
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
- 2 **When creation was restored,
you were there beside the Lord
whom you cherished and adored,
Holy Mary, full of grace.**
- 3 **Lead us to your Child above:
he will teach us how to love,
how to pity and forgive,
Holy Mary full of grace.**
- 4 **Praise the Father and the Son
and the Spirit, three in one,
since creation was begun,
now and evermore. Amen.**

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