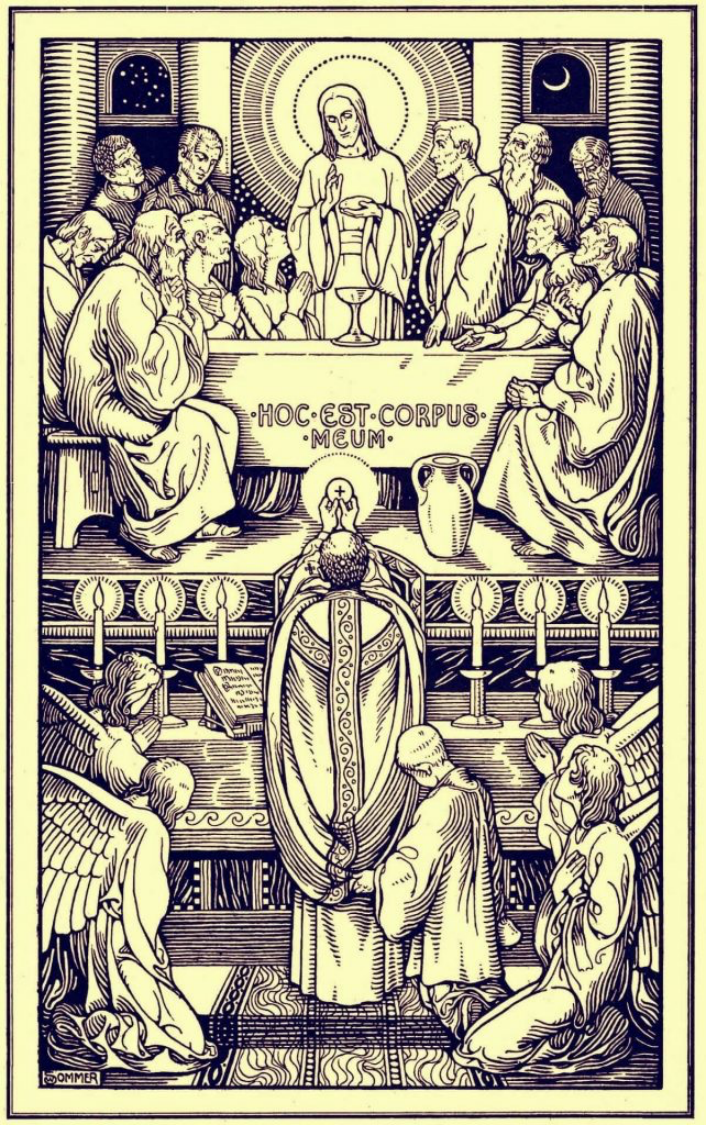
Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Second Sunday before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday

Sung Mass

15th November

1030am

Welcome to Christ Church!

Whoever you are and wherever you are from, know you are very welcome to join us for our worship this morning.

The service proceeds without announcement or interruption – everything you need is in this booklet; notices & other information are in the accompanying 'Week Ahead' booklet.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on the Altar from 10am, during which time we also offer Morning Prayer. All are welcome to join, using the books or booklets at the back of church.

Please be reverent & keep silence from 10am when Our Lord is exposed on the altar so as not to disrespect Him & allow others to pray

After the Mass, please join us for refreshments at the back of church. Today Mick & Jane Hart invite the congregation to join them in raising a glass in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Children & families are very welcome here: there is a 'Children's Chapel' space with books and toys in the South Aisle, for young children and their parents to use at any point during Mass. Toilets are available at the back of church and in the crypt, accessed via the stairs at the end of the South Aisle.

DURING THE MASS

'Talk to God before Mass, and each other afterwards!'

Please follow the directions to *sit, stand or kneel in italics* and join with the words in bold. Please remember that people are trying to pray before Mass, so keep silence as much as possible and don't disturb those at prayer.

Please also remember that the time after receiving Holy Communion is for quiet prayer and contemplation – not to have conversations.

AT HOLY COMMUNION

At the Giving of Holy Communion, if you are confirmed and wish to receive the Sacrament, please come forward to receive Communion via the main aisle following the directions of the stewards.

Everyone is very welcome to come forward for a blessing: if you would like one, please bow your head at the altar rail.

Holy Communion is offered at the communion rail in both forms. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue, (or if preferred on the hands). If you wish to receive from the Chalice, please assist the Eucharistic Ministers by guiding the Chalice towards your lips and not bowing your head forward.

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Please stand when the bell rings for the entrance of the sanctuary party

Entrance Hymn

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
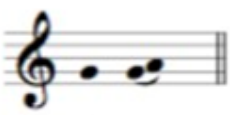
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

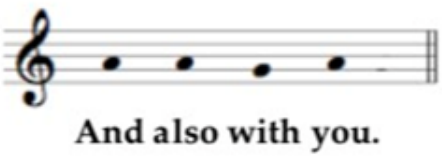
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



The Lord be with you.



The Mass then continues with **The Penitential Rite** *as the Priest leads the people to prepare to confess to God with the Collect for Purity:*
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Priest invites the people to consider our sins in silence, before we confess them to the Lord saying:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.
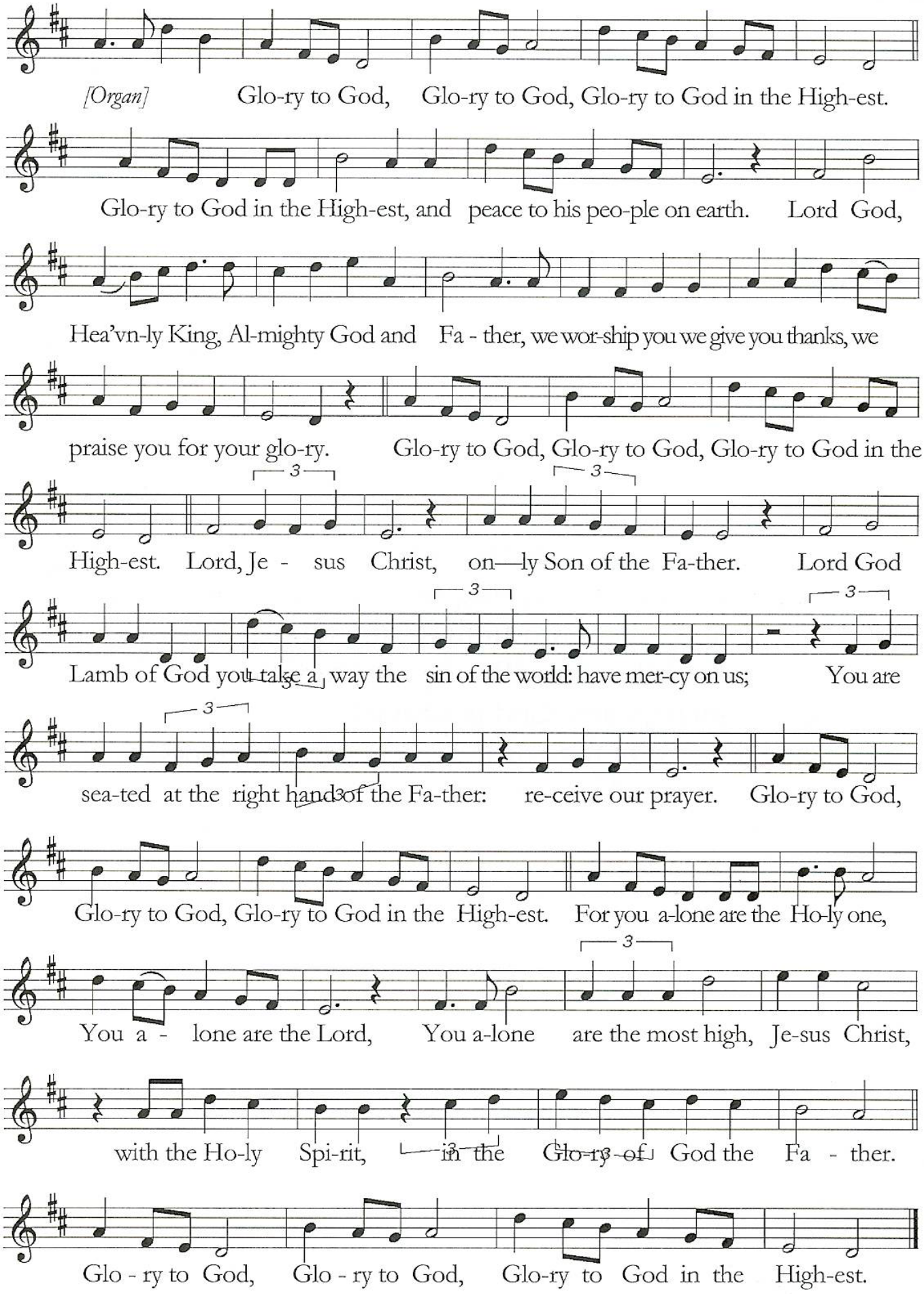
The Priest pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Choir lead the **Kyrie**

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy,

The Choir lead **The Gloria**


[Organ] Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.
Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
Hea'vn-ly King, Al-mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the
High-est. 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
sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. 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.
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

The Priest sings the ***Collect:***

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 *I Thessalonians 5:1-6*
Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Please sit for the readings

First Reading A reading from the Book of Proverbs
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 90 vv.1-4 R/ O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.

Second Reading A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**
Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me , as I make mine in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Please turn to face the Gospel, proclaimed from the midst of the people

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.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Please remain standing for

THE RENEWAL OF VOWS &
BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE
OF MICK & JANE HART

Please sit for the **Homily**

Today's Homily, on this Safeguarding Sunday, is followed by a short presentation from our Parish Safeguarding Officer, concluding with prayers.

Please stand for the **Intercessions**
After each petition: Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**
As we pray for the dead: Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

After the final petition we entrust all our prayer and petitions to the unceasing prayers of the Saints in heaven, especially to the Blessed Virgin Mary who we greet saying: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

The Priest concludes the prayer, and all respond: **Amen**

The Peace
The Priest introduces the peace, then shares it with the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace
All share a sign of peace with those near them

Please then sit for the offertory hymn as bread and wine are brought forward for the preparation of the altar, as we sing ***the Offertory Hymn.***

During this hymn a collection is taken towards the costs of Christ Church's ministries – if you don't have cash, there is a contactless reader by the entrance or you can donate online here:

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand when the congregation is censed by the thurifer.

Offertory Hymn

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God our almighty Father.

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 holy Church.

The Priest offers the Prayer over the Gifts, and all respond. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give Him thanks and praise

The Priest continues with the Opening (Preface) of the Prayer of Thanksgiving at the end of which the choir leads the ***Sanctus***

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as the Priest continues the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

He first invokes the Holy Spirit to sanctify the offerings of bread and wine.
He then recalls the Lord's actions the night before He died.
A bell is rung as the Priest elevates the consecrated Host and Chalice.
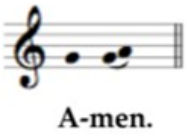
He then says:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

At the end, all respond:



Please remain kneeling for **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

As the Priest breaks the bread, he says:
We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The choir lead the ***Agnus Dei***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Please remain kneeling as the Priest shows the Body of Christ

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Before coming forward to receive Holy Communion, all pray together:
We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

As the Priest receives Holy Communion, a bell is rung & the people begin to come forward. If you are confirmed and wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward via the main aisle, following the directions of the stewards.

All are welcome to come forward for a blessing:
if you would like one, please bow your head.

Holy Communion is offered in both forms at the Communion Rail. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue (or, if preferred, on the hands.) If you don't wish to receive from the Chalice, you can return to your seat after receiving the Host.

Intinction (dipping the Host in the Chalice) is not permitted.

During the receiving of Holy Communion, the Choir sing an **Anthem**
I would be true – Londonderry air

All then join in the ***Communion Hymn***

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

As the Sacred Vessels are cleansed, all give thanks together with the
Prayer of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion:
Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

Please stand for the Priest to sing the ***Prayer after Communion***

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Please remain standing for **The Blessing and Dismissal**
Notices are in the Week Ahead booklet & on our website

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

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, let us go in the peace of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

As the Sanctuary party departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
They came with me and the dance went on. ***Dance then…***

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
They left me there on a cross to die. ***Dance then…***

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I'm the dance and I still go on. ***Dance then…***

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me - I am the Lord of the Dance said he. ***Dance then…***

As the procession approaches the Image of Our Lady, all turn to focus on the Blessed Virgin as the Priest leads the singing of **the Angelus**

The angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Behold the handmaid of the Lord **Be it unto me according to thy word**
Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary....

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God
That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ

The Priest sings the collect, and all respond **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Please join us after the Mass for refreshments at the back of church.

Today Mick & Jane Hart invite the congregation to join them in raising a glass in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary