

# **St John the Evangelist Great Stanmore**



**Christmas Day 2020  
Online Holy Communion**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The people are welcomed and the first carol is announced.*

## INTRODUCTION

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### THE GATHERING

Priest I am bringing you good news of great joy for  
all people: to you is born this day in the city of David  
a Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord.  
*(Luke 2:10-11)*

### The Greeting

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

### The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Priest We light the Christ candle.  
May it light our way.

**Carol: Once In Royal David's City**

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## Prayers of Penitence

Reader Christ the light of the world has come  
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

*Please sit or kneel*

Reader You were born for our salvation:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Reader You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Reader You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest says the absolution*

Priest May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our  
sins and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

## The Collect

*The Collect is introduced with these words:*

Priest Let us pray in the peace of the Christmas celebration that our joy in the birth of Jesus Christ will last for ever.

*Silence is kept*

Priest Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching  
earth: accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.  
**All Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

*At the end the reader will say*

**All** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-14

*When the Gospel is announced, the reader will say*

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

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

*At the end*

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

## **The Creed**

Priest Let us declare our faith in God

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## The Prayers

*The following response is used at the end of each prayer*

Leader Jesus, light of the world,  
**All we worship and adore you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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### The Peace

Priest Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.  
*Isaiah 9:6*

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

### Offertory Prayer

Priest Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Holy Spirit we share in your riches  
**All Amen.**

## 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.**

Priest     Lord of all life,  
            you created the universe,  
            where all living things reflect your glory.  
            You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
            to discover and to cherish.

            You give us happy times  
            and things to celebrate.  
            In these we taste your kingdom,  
            a feast for all your children.

            You made us all,  
            each wonderfully different,  
            to join with the angels  
            and sing your praise:

**All**       **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.**

Priest We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, say-  
ing: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for  
many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day when suffering is  
ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving  
arms. And now with St John and all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**All Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Priest Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**All** **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Priest We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**All** **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## Giving of Communion

Priest Christ is the true bread which has come down from  
heaven.

**All** **Lord, give us this bread always.**

## Prayers after Communion

Priest God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**All Amen.**

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus  
Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and  
bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

Priest May the Father,  
who has loved the eternal Son  
from before the foundation of the world,  
shed that love upon you his children.

**All Amen.**

Priest May Christ,  
who by his incarnation gathered into one  
things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with joy and peace.

**All Amen.**

Priest     May the Holy Spirit,  
            by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-  
            bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of  
            Christ.

**All**       **Amen.**

Priest     And the blessing of God almighty,  
            the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
            be among you and remain with you always.

**All**       **Amen.**

### **Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

### **The Dismissal**

Priest     Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

**All**       **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**