

2nd Sunday of Christmas – 3rd of January 2021 - Hymns and Prayers

Entrance:

(R.) *Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
Our Jesus Christ is born*

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blesses Christmas morn. **(R.)**

Psalm:

(R.) *Glory and praise, glory and praise, glory and praise for ever!*

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages. **(R.)**

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. **(R.)**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. **(R.)**

Blessed are you who look into the depths
from your throne upon the cherubim,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. **(R.)**

Alleluia:

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord!
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord!
Sing Hallelujah, Sing Hallelujah,
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Priest: As we gather on this first Sunday of the New Year, we affirm our trust in the generosity of our Loving Father; and confidently make our prayers to Him.

Reader:

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis, and all religious leaders, at the start of this New Year. May they inspire us to make new beginnings and, together, to come closer to God and to each other. *Lord in your mercy ... Hear our prayer*

2. Let us pray that 2021 is a year of peace and greater understanding, throughout the World, between people of all religions and of none. *Lord in your mercy ... Hear our prayer*
3. Let us pray that the UK's new relationship with Europe will bring about the greatest good, for the greatest number of people. *Lord in your mercy ... Hear our prayer*
4. Let us pray for everyone whose life has been turned upside-down by the Corona-virus. May God bless scientists and front-line workers, whose concern and generosity mean that 2021 might be a year of hope. *Lord in your mercy ... Hear our prayer*
5. Let us pray for children and young people. Despite the disruptions to their education, family and social lives, may they find joy and purpose in the coming year. *Lord in your mercy ... Hear our prayer*
6. Let us pray for ourselves. May we find time, energy and wisdom, to review how we each live our lives – with family, friends, our community, our work and, most importantly, with our God. *Lord in your mercy ... Hear our prayer*

Priest: In this New Year, we affirm our faith and loyalty to our God and ask that He be always by our side. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood;
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever.
Amen.

Communion (1st):

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would calm the storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby
You kiss the face of God.

Oh Mary, did you know?
The blind will see, the deaf will hear,
The dead will live again,
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you're
Holding is the great, I Am!

Communion (2nd):

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

(R.) *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel*
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. **(R.)**

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. **(R.)**

Recessional:

Hark! The herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

(R.) *Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time, behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail th'incarnate Deity! flesh
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. **(R.)**

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die;
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth. **(R.)**