

## **Readings, Collect & Post Communion for the Midnight Communion Service**

### **The Collect**

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First reading: Isaiah 52.7-10**

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion,  
“Your God reigns!”  
Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.  
When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.  
Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel: John 1. 1-14**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Receiving Holy Communion:** as our continued response to Covid we currently offer Holy Communion by either a wafer, or the wafer dipped in the wine. We are not passing the Chalice at this time. When you come to the Communion Rail please hold out one hand for just a wafer, two hands for a wafer dipped in wine or, to receive a blessing, keep your hands down by your side. If you can't make it to the Communion Rail please let the Sidesperson on duty know and they will arrange for you to have communion at your pew.

*The Church of England warmly welcomes communicant members of all other Christian Churches to receive Communion but, if for any reason, you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to receive a prayer of blessing.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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.**