



**The Church of Saint John the Evangelist
Parish of Malone
Diocese of Connor ~ Church of Ireland**



Title: Difficult Journey - Transition to Bethlehem Date: 1890 Artist: Uhde, Fritz von, 1848-1911 Building: Neue Pinakothek Munich Germany

**A SERVICE
OF SIX
LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Sunday 19th December 2021
10.30am**

Hymn 177 Once in Royal David's city **(Solo)**
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven **(Choir only)**
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all should be



kind, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children
all in white shall wait around.

Bidding and Lord's Prayer

1st Lesson Genesis 3: 8-15, 22-24 – God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise ~ *Alexandra Heron*

Choir: This is the truth – English Trad. Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**2nd Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7 – The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour
~ *Paul Magee***

Choir: In the bleak mid winter – Gustav Holst arr. Mack Wilberg

3rd Lesson St Luke 1: 26-38 - The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ *Deirdre Donnelly*

Choir: The Annunciation – Charles Brennan

4th Lesson St. Luke 2: 1-7 – St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus ~ *Michael Kerr*

Choir: O little town of Bethlehem – Walford Davies

**5th Lesson St. Luke 2: 8-16 - The Shepherds go to the manger
~ *Bryan Milford***

Choir: What child is this? – Thomas Hewitt Jones



Hymn 184

Unto us is born a son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
of lords the Lord eternal.
of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their Owner know
becradled in a manger.
becradled in a manger.

This did Herod sore affray, **(Men only)**
and did him bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay,
and slew the little childer.
and slew the little childer.

Of his love and mercy mild **(Women & Children only)**
this the Christmas story:
O that Mary's gentle Child
might lead us up to glory!
Might lead us up to glory!

We adore him A and O,
cum cantibus in choro,
let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino.
Benedicamus Domino.

6th Lesson (Gospel) John: 1: 1 – 14 Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation ~ *The Rector*

Choir: My Lord has come – Will Todd

Collect and Blessing

Hymn 172 (v. 1,2, 6 & 7b)

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
born, the King of angels:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God_
in the highest:



Yea, Lord, we bless thee,
born for our salvation;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:

Organ: Final (Symphonie No 1) – Louis Vierne

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Services this week

Friday 24th December

Christmas Eve

11.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

Saturday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.00am Eucharist

10.30am A Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 26th December

Saint Stephen ~ Christmas 1

9.00am Eucharist

10.30am Eucharist

Monday 27th December

Saint John, Apostle , Evangelist

10.30am Eucharist

Tuesday 27th December

The Holy Innocents

10.30am Eucharist

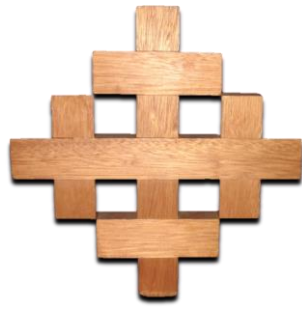
No services online or in-person on Wednesday or Thursday

Saturday 1st January 2022

The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

10:30am Eucharist





There will be a retiring collection (cash or cheque) at the North Porch Door in aid of
MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland Branch of the **Motor Neurone Disease Association** aims to provide the best possible support to local people with MND, their families and carers. MND is the name given to a group of related diseases affecting the motor neurones in the brain and spinal cord. It affects people in different ways so no two people will have exactly the same symptoms or experience of MND. MND affects not only the person with the disease, but also those close to them.

Our Branch is run entirely by volunteers:

- we provide trained Association Visitors volunteers to support people living with MND and their families and carers, to ensure they receive the best possible care
- we organise informal support meetings for people with MND and carers to meet together
- we provide advice and signpost to other services and can provide specialist equipment and access to small grants
- we provide materials and advice on how to fundraise or opportunities to volunteer for us;
- we deliver educational and learning opportunities for health care professionals.

We provide a regular newsletter of the Branch's activities – copies can be found [here](#).

If you want to know more about us and what we do, please get in touch with our Branch Contact, Siobhán by emailing NIBranch@mndani.com or calling 07434 839 842.

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<https://www.mndani.com/>

Please PRINT your name and the names of any accompanying you today and supply a phone number to enable tracking and tracing. If you become ill with any symptoms of Covid19 *and are subsequently tested positive*, please contact the Rector as soon as possible and follow government guidelines. Deposit this sheet in the box in the north transept on the way out. Thank you.

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PEW NUMBER(S) (FOUND AT THE PEW END):

DATE:

Note: Please disperse *directly* from your pew in the church into the churchyard whilst maintaining social distancing of 2 metres.

