



COLLEGIATE
CHURCH of
SAINT NICHOLAS,
GALWAY

Tuesday 31st December 2019

Consecrated to the Glory of God 1320

A SERVICE TO MARK THE
BEGINNING OF THE 700th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The Service is in three parts - the Service of the Light, the Vigil of New Year
and the Gospel Proclamation.

The Service of Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is the strength of my life.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1. 1-5

A minister brings in a light, and says

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:

All: a light no darkness can quench.

Carol

Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say;
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
He has opened heavens door,
And all are blessed for
evermore.
Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save:
Calls you one, and calls you all,
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

All: He is worthy of all
thanksgiving and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe: to you be
glory and praise for ever! You
give the sun for light by day, the
moon and the stars to govern the
night; in the changing year, your

light never fails. At the
beginning you laid the
foundations of the earth, and the
starry heavens are the work of
your hand: they shall perish,
worn out like a garment; but you
are the same, and your years will
never fail. Teach us to number
our days; receive us into your
merciful protection, that we may
walk in the light, and be led to
the perfect vision of glory, where
with the saints of every age and
nation you live and reign in
majesty for ever.

All: Amen.

May God, who gives us the light
of his grace, grant that we may
come to behold the light of his
glory.

All: Amen.

The Vigil of the New Year

First Reading

The Lord created me at the
beginning of his work
Proverbs 8.22-31

Second Reading

There is a time and season for all
things - Ecclesiastes 3.1-15

Carol

When the crimson sun had set,
sinking 'neath the frosty plain,
On a bright and cold midnight
Broke the glad angelic strain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, watching by their
flocks,
Upward look with wond'ring
gaze,
In the sky bright hosts espy,
Filling all the heav'nly ways:

Hie they then in quick accord
Hasting to the manger-throne,
Bending low with hearts aglow,
God of God the Babe they own:

Joy with us, good Christian men,
Christ is come to set us free;
He was born on Christmas morn,
Sing the glad Nativity:

The Gospel Proclamation

Acclamation

We proclaim not ourselves, but
Christ Jesus as Lord,
All: and ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

For the God who said "Let light
shine out of darkness"
All: has caused his light to shine
within us

To give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God
All: in the face of Jesus Christ

The Gospel

"I am the light of the World" -
John 8.12-19

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus
Christ

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

Hymn

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the
earth

To touch their harps of gold!
Peace on the earth,
good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they
come

With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music
floats

O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling
years,
Shall come the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the
earth

Its ancient splendours fling,
And all the world give back the
song

Which now the angels sing.

Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876) Noel
trad. English melody arr. Arthur Sullivan
(1842-1900)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the
first and the last, the beginning and
the end. Revelation 22 : 13

A thousand years in God's sight
are like a single day:

All: Like an evening that has
already gone.

As we await the passing of the old
year and the coming of the new, we
think of our city and our world,
and the Good News that has come
to us in Jesus Christ that is for all
people.

A moment of silence

To a troubled world

All: peace from Christ

To a searching world

All: love from Christ

TO a waiting world:

All : hope from Christ.

All : Almighty God, come and
scatter the darkness of our hearts
by the light of your presence; that
we may know you the Light of the
world, and the one true God,
blessed this night and for
evermore. Amen.

The Collect of a New Year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, whose years never fail, and
whose mercies are new each returning
day: let the radiance of your Spirit
renew our lives, warming our hearts
and giving light to our minds; that we
may pass the coming year in joyful
obedience and firm faith; through him
who is the beginning and the end, your
Son Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lords Prayer

The Blessing

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your
ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and
peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all the
darkness from you and pour upon you
blessing and light.

All: Amen.

*We proceed outside to listen as the
bells ring in the year of our Lord
two thousand and twenty and St
Nicholas' 700th anniversary year,
and the ships in port respond and
sound their fog horns.*