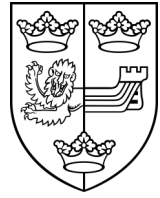


St Edmundsbury Cathedral



Crib Service



Christmas Eve 2020

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The Revd Sarah Geileskey, Cathedral Curate gives

The Welcome

The Choir sings

Walking in the Air
Howard Blake, b. 1938

The Preparation of the Crib

The Revd Ben Edwards, Cathedral Curate tells

The Christmas Story

As the Cathedral's lights are dimmed, the Choir sings

Away in a manger
arr. Will Todd, b. 1970

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If you have a mobile device, please make it ready for our Covid-safe 'Light of the World' prayers.

Prayers

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.
Shine in the dark places
where there are wars
and where people hurt each other.

Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.
Shine in the dark places
where people are ill or sad.
Please bring help and healing
to our relatives and friends who are sick.

Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we are your lights in the world.
Help us to show people your light
by loving them.

Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we are your lights in the world.
Help us to put the needs of others
before our own needs
for your sake.

Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we are your lights in the world.
Help us to live thankful lives
and to count our blessings.

Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

As the cathedral lights are raised please turn off the lights on your mobile devices.

The Choir sings

Hark! the herald Angels sing

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47

The Revd Sarah Geileskey, Cathedral Curate gives

The Closing Words

We stand for

The Closing Prayers

All God, you are with us,
rock us, rock us gently,
rock us with love.

All Cradle us, cradle us tenderly,
cradle us with love.

All Swaddle us, swaddle us firmly,
swaddle us with love.

All Bless us, bless us kindly
bless us with love.

May the smile of God warm us,
may the light of Jesus lead us,
may the Holy Spirit blaze in our lives
and fill us with love.
Amen.

We remain in our pews as Elli-Mae McGlone plays

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson, 1908-1975

*Please await the stewards' directions to leave at the end of the service.
We wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas.*

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