

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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Christmas Day Communion

Welcome

We stand and greet one another:

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world.
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory.

Lighting the Christmas candle:

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.
The shepherds kept watch by night,
and your glory shone round about them.
The darkness is not dark to you,
the night is as bright as the day.
Let your light scatter the darkness
and fill your Church with your glory.



We sit or kneel and say sorry to God:

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

**Father God, we are sorry
for the things we do and say and think which make you sad,
and for not thinking of others before ourselves.
Please forgive us, and help us to love you and other people
more and more. Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Collect

**Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.**

Reading of The Gospel *please stand*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Christmas address

Creed *We stand to affirm our belief in the Word made flesh:*

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 all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light that gives light to everyone 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 did receive 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 Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

We sit or kneel to pray

The Prayers

The Peace *We stand*

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light.

For to us a child is born

to us a Son is given.

His name will be called

Wonderful counsellor, mighty God,

the everlasting Father,

the Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest

and peace to his people on earth.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

The Communion Prayer *Please join in with the responses*

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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