



CHRISTMASTIDE

Communion Service

Let us worship our new born King and Saviour,
born of Mary in the town of Bethlehem,
Jesus, Son of God
We worship and adore you

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you

Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth;
Jesus is our King

As the Christmas candle is lit
Jesus is the light of the world
Jesus is our Way

With Jesus even dark places are light
Jesus is the truth

In Jesus we shall live for ever
Jesus is our life

Prayers to say Sorry

**Heavenly 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**

Hear God's words of forgiveness..

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.

Bible Readings

Short Reflection

Our Prayers

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

Jesus, whose mother was Mary:
we pray for our mums and dads,
brothers and sisters and all our families.
Lord Jesus **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, cradled in the manger:
we pray for those who have no homes,
and those who are hungry and thirsty and cold today.
Lord Jesus **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, sharing the stable with animals
we pray for our beautiful world,
help us to look after it.
Lord Jesus **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings:
we pray for the leaders of all countries
and we ask for peace in our world.
Lord Jesus **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, our Emmanuel:
we pray for all people who are in need,
those who are not well and those who are sad
Lord Jesus **hear our prayer**

ALL: Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary
you know us and love us,
you share our lives
and hear our prayer.
Glory to you for ever.
Amen

THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore with the woman who gave you birth,
with the man who took you on his shoulders,
with the shepherds who found you in a feeding trough,
with the wise men who knew of you from the silent stars,
and with the aged prophets who saw in you the redemption of the
world:

We sing to you.

With the angels and archangels who envelop us,

With all the saints before us and beside us,

With brothers and sisters, east and west, north and south:

We sing to you.

And with our loved ones,

separate from us now,

who yet, in this mystery are close to us,

We sing the hymn of unending praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of truth and light,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you,
O God of strength and vulnerability.
You are the midwife of our lives,
who pulls us, kicking, into life
and breathes Spirit into us.
Blessed is your servant Mary
and blessed is the holy child of her womb,
born into poverty and exile,
to proclaim the good news to the poor,
and freedom to all who are oppressed.

Blessed is your son, Jesus,
who emptied himself of power
and became foolishness for our sake:
heaven's child laid in a manger;
God's anointed laid in a tomb.
Born again from the shuddering earth,
he is embodied forever
in his living creation
and in these, its fruits of bread and wine.

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh;
who, on the night when he was delivered over to death,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:
**"This is my body, which is for you.
Do this to remember me."**

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying:
**"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."**

Therefore, here in this place,
we celebrate the life that was born at Bethlehem,

the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries,
And shares with us now.

Made one with him,
and thus one with each other,
we lay before you these gifts of bread and wine,
in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
for here we offer and present to you ourselves,
our bodies, minds and spirits,
to be a holy and continuous sacrifice to you.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ,
Brood over these bodily things,
this bread and this wine.

Because you are one with us, O Christ,
make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen

**Almighty God we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May our lives and our prayers be like lights shining in dark places.
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and your loved ones always.
Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen