



# CHRISTMAS DAY



**A short Family Service with  
Holy Communion**

## **Introduction and welcome to everyone!**

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**

**CAROL:**           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,  
O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.  
                          Sing choirs of angels,  
                          sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
                          “Glory to God in the highest”;  
                          O come, let us adore him,  
                          O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.  
                          Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
                          born this happy morning;  
                          Jesus, to thee be glory given:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
                          O come, let us adore him,  
                          O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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**

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.**

**CAROL:**

## **BIBLE READING & SHORT REFLECTION**

**CAROL:**

### **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**

**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.**

**CAROL:**

## **EUCCHARIST 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.**

*We receive communion or a blessing*

### **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.**

**CAROL**

**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**

**May the God Bless you and your family  
during this special season!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**