

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All: 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. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are  
yours, now and forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood  
which he shed for you.

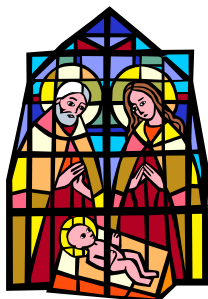
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with  
thanksgiving.

*(We go to receive Communion or a blessing)*

**All God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us  
to serve and worship you today and always,  
Amen.**

**The Leader will say a 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 upon you and remain with you,  
this Christmas day and always.

*We stand to sing our final carol*

**O come all ye faithful.**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## Christmas Day Celebration

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**Welcome and notices:**

**Opening Carol:**

I bring you good news of great joy: A saviour has  
been born to you. Alleluia!

**All Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.  
Alleluia!**

Hear the words of Saint Luke: "When the angels  
had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds  
said one to another, 'Let us go and see this thing  
that has happened which the Lord has made known  
to us'. So they hastened, and found Mary and  
Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger."

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

**All We worship and adore him. Alleluia!**

**We say sorry to God**

**Merciful God, our long-suffering parent, full of  
grace and truth. You create us from nothing and  
give us life.**

**You adopt us as your children through the water  
of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor  
cast us aside.**

**We confess that we have sinned against you and  
our neighbour.**

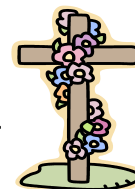
**We have wounded your love and marred your  
image in us.**

**Restore us for the sake of your Son Jesus, who  
gave himself for us, and bring us by your Spirit to  
your heavenly joy.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

May the God of love and power  
forgive *us* and free *us* from our sins,  
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,  
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**



**God helps us to learn:**

*The Collect – a special prayer for Christmas day.*

God and Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
was rich, yet became poor for our sake, make us  
rich out of his poverty, by your grace let our lives  
overflow in a wealth of generous service to you and  
to our neighbour, through the same Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **All Amen.**

*We stand to sing a carol, and remain standing for  
the gospel.*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 1.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We sit for a talk*

### **What we believe:**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **God helps us to pray:**

*We sit to pray.*

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**All Hear our prayer.**

*After the last prayer:*

Leader: Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **We share God's peace together:**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you**

*We remain standing to sing a carol (during which a collection will be taken)*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in our love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

