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**Christmas Day 2011
9.00am Holy Communion**



Welcome to our service of Holy Communion this Christmas morning. We invite all who are baptised and love the Lord to join us at his table.

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

God of God,
Light of light,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created;

See how the shepherds,
summoned to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with glory gaze;
We too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps;

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
glory to God, in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing:

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father;
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our
own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Christmas Collect

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayers

Carol

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

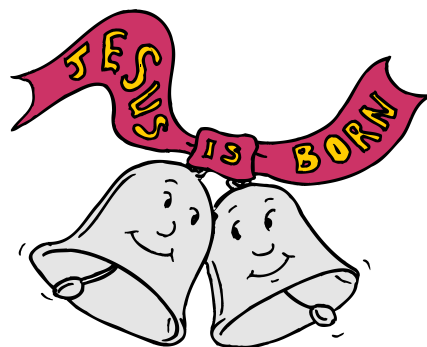
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by;
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King.'

Closing Prayer and Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ child be God's gifts to us this Christmas time and always. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

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



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So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
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O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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All: Thanks be to God.

Talk

Holy Communion

The Lord is here
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Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should
always and everywhere give thanks to you, O Lord, holy
Father, mighty Creator, and eternal God.

Because you gave us your only Son Jesus Christ to be
born for us. By the work of the Holy Spirit he was made
man, born of the virgin Mary his mother; but without
sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the
whole company of heaven, we praise and magnify your
glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most
high. Amen**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful
Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your
manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you
are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the
flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his
blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
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Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who receive this bread and wine according to your Son Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread and, when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

The Administration

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Strengthen us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Carol

Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
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