

25th December 2024

All Age Communion for Christmas Day

Rev Rob Powell will be leading, speaking and presiding

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME

Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and
nature sing

Joy to the world the Saviour reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

*Joy, unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy
Rises in my soul
Never lets me go*

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders and wonders of His love
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WHAT HOPE WE HOLD THIS STARLIT NIGHT

A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger
ground

What fear we felt in the silent age
Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name, Emmanuel*

The Son of God here born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering
Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger
ground

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RESPONSIVE PRAISE

Let us praise Jesus.
Eternal King of Heaven, you were
born a tiny baby.

**Lord Jesus,
we praise and adore you.**

You have been endlessly worshipped by
angels, but you were seen by humble
shepherds.

**Lord Jesus,
we praise and adore you.**

The whole world is yours for you created
it, yet you were laid in a manger.

**Lord Jesus,
we praise and adore you.**

You are the glorious Lord of all, yet you
came to earth crying and helpless.

**Lord Jesus,
we praise and adore you.**

Accept the praises of those you came to serve and save.

**Lord Jesus,
we praise and adore you.
Amen.**



CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children. We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

Your son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek you. We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

Amen.



ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

CHILDREN SHOW THEIR PRESENTS

ACTION SONG



THE SHEPHERDS CAME TO SEE THE BABY,

Stood by his mother's side.
Here laid the Saviour
Inside a manger
Oh, what a glorious night,
Oh, what a glorious night.

*I hear the angels singing halleluiah,
Let the earth receive her King.
I know that love has come,
Sing it out
Jesus Christ is born!
Jesus Christ is born!*

The shepherds wondered,
They couldn't hide it,
Told everyone in sight.
All were amazed when they heard how
God came down on the glorious night,
God came down on this glorious night.

*I hear the angels singing halleluiah,
Let the earth receive her King.
I know that love has come,
Sing it out
Jesus Christ is born!
Jesus Christ is born!*

Glorious, Glorious
What a Glorious night! (repeat)

All is calm now, all is quiet,
A star shining in the sky.
Below in Bethlehem,
The King is sleeping.
Oh, What a Glorious Night
Oh, What a Glorious Night.

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BIBLE READING VIDEO

TALK by Rev. Rob Powell

THE PEACE (we share the sign of the peace)



SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT

All is calm all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories streams from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

*Holy holy
Hope in a manger for you and for me
Bow down and worship
Come rest your eyes on the king
Jesus our heavenly peace*

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

THE COMMUNION PRAYER



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.

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

**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.

**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:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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.
YES!**

WORDS OF INVITATION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.
 and the whole earth
 Amen.

NOTICES



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;
 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:

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

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