

25th December 2025

All Age Communion for Christmas Day

Rev Dr Sue Clarke will be leading, speaking and presiding

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES



SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW,

Born for us on earth below,
See, the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn
Hail redemptions happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem

Say, you holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today?
Wherefore have you left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?
Hail, thou ever blessed morn...

'As we watched at dead of night,
There appeared a wondrous sight;
Angels singing "Peace on Earth"
Told us of a Saviour's birth.'
Hail, thou ever blessed morn....

Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss,
Down to such a world as this.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn.....



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

BIBLE READING: Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:8-29

TALK by Rev Dr Sue Clarke



AWAY IN A MANGER NO CRIB FOR A BED,

The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me for ever and love me I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

CHILDREN SHOW THEIR PRESENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

And also with you

(we share the sign of the peace)



IN THE BLEAK MID WINTER, FROSTY WIND MADE MOAN,

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,

In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;

Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;

In the bleak mid winter, a stable place sufficed

The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,

Cherubim and Seraphim thronged the air;

But only his mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

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;

O come, let us adore Him ...

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....

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....

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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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