

8th December 2024

Holy Communion Service with Children's Groups

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and preaching on
'Gabriel visits Mary' (Luke 1: 26-38) Rev Mark Pybus will be presiding

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

 **LET OUR PRAISE BE YOUR WELCOME,**
Let our songs be a sign:

We are here for You,
We are here for You.
Let Your breath come from heaven,
Fill our hearts with Your life.
We are here for You,
We are here for You.


*To You, our hearts are open,
Nothing here is hidden.
You are our one desire.
You alone are holy,
Only You are worthy,
God, let Your fire fall down.*

Let our shout be Your anthem,
Your renown fill the skies.
We are here for You,
We are here for You.
Let Your Word move in power,
Let what's dead come to life.
We are here for You,
We are here for You.

We welcome You with praise,
We welcome You with praise.
Almighty God of love,
Be welcomed in this place.
(Repeat)

Let every heart adore,
Let every soul awake.
Almighty God of love,

Be welcome in this place.
We welcome You with praise,
We welcome You with praise.
Almighty God of love,
Be welcome in this place.
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 **ALL THE SAINTS AND ANGELS**
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

*You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory*

Day and night, night and day
Let incense arise
Day and night, night and day
Let incense arise
Day and night, night and day
Let incense arise
Day and night, night and day
Let incense arise
(Repeat)

*O COME LET US ADORE HIM
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord*



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse 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.



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

ACTION SONG



ALL THE ANGELS SING

That Christ has come
To a manger bare
Mary laid him there
Come on fill the sky
With shouts of praise
Lift your voice with me
And sing, sing, sing, sing, sing!

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God is with us
It's the true meaning of Christmas
Jesus has come
And changed life forever
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God is with us
Every day and not just Christmas
Jesus has come
And changed our lives forever more*

All the angels sing
That Christ has come
To a world in need
Good news indeed
Love wrapped as a babe
Gave everything
For you and I
Let's sing, sing, sing, sing, sing!

Join with all the angels singing
Giving glory unto him
One and all now lift your voices
To him praises bring
All of heaven sings together
All creation worships him
He is Jesus Holy one
He is Christ the King

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TIME IN THE WORD

Bible Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON



IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER, 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 midwinter, 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 midwinter
a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
Angels and archangels may have
gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
But his mother only, 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.

Christina Rossetti



PRAYERS

THE PEACE *(we share the sign of the peace)*

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.
Amen.**

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.
Amen.**

NOTICES



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.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

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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OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

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