



The Eucharist of Christmas Night

¶ The Gathering

Opening Hymn

Do I not fill heaven and earth?
says the Lord.

All **Now he is made flesh and laid
in a narrow manger.**

From eternity to eternity you are God,

All **And now we see you as a new-born child.**



Grace and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Dedication of the Crib

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of
Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crib,
that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin
Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

The president says a prayer of blessing

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Silence is kept.

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and
truth: forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in
a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to
your call: forgive the hardness of our hearts. Lord,
have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The absolution

Refrain *Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: re-
ceive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

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The Collect

*The president introduces a time of silent prayer
before praying the collect.*

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the Reading

At the end

All **This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**



Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and Gospel

Gospel



All Today Christ is born:

Alleluia!

All Today the Saviour has come:

Alleluia!

All Today the angels sing on earth:

**Alleluia! Glory to God
in the highest!**

The Gospel is introduced by the reader

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to N....

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

At the end the reader says
This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ
Please sit for the **Sermon**



The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel for the

Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition is said:
Lord in your mercy*

All **Hear our prayer.**

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

All **Most merciful Lord,**
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from
under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body
and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand for **The Peace**

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

during which the collection is taken

Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
The table is prepared, bread and wine are placed upon it.

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
All **Amen.**

Please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

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

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

The president praises God for his mighty acts
and all respond



All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and** 5
might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues and includes
one of the following acclamations

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.



The Prayer continues and leads into the Doxology,
to which all respond

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please KNEEL or SIT.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as
our Saviour has taught us

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our
trespasses, as we
forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not
into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

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All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Before the distribution the president says

Christ is the bread which has come
down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread for ever.**

The president and people receive communion.



Prayer after Communion

After a short silence the President says a prayer,
then we all pray together

All **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.

¶ The Dismissal

Please stand for the
Final Hymn

Blessing

The president gives a blessing,
then a minister says

All Go in peace.
Proclaim the Word made flesh.
**Glory, thanks and
praise to God.**



Please do not take this order of service away with you