

# All Age Service

# Christmas Day

## Welcome & Introduction

## Opening Carol



The Word was made flesh  
and dwelt among us:  
**and we beheld his glory.**

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

All

We have come together to worship God, and to  
celebrate the coming of his Son into the world,  
let us thank him for his goodness to us, and ask  
for his continuing presence with us at all times:

Eternal King of Heaven, you were born a tiny  
baby. In our minds and hearts,  
**Let us see and adore you.**

All

You have been endlessly worshipped by angels,  
but you were glimpsed by humble shepherds.  
In our minds and hearts,  
**Let us see and adore you.**

All

The whole world is yours for you created it,  
yet you were laid in a cold, stone manger.  
In our minds and hearts,  
**Let us see and adore you.**

All

You are the glorious Lord of all,  
yet you came to earth crying and helpless.  
In our minds and hearts,  
**Let us see and adore you.**

All

Accept the praises of those you  
came to serve and save  
**and be with us always. Amen**

All

## We sing a Carol

## We confess our sins

Lord of grace and truth,  
**we confess our unworthiness to stand  
in your presence as your children.  
Forgive and heal us.**

All

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

All

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty  
in a manger.  
**Forgive our greed and rejection of  
your ways. Forgive and heal us.**

All

The shepherds left their flocks to go to  
Bethlehem.  
**Forgive our self-interest and lack of  
vision. Forgive and heal us.**

All

The wise men followed the star to find  
Jesus the King.  
**Forgive our reluctance to seek you.  
Forgive and heal us.**

All

**May the God of love bring us back to  
himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us  
of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

All

## We sing the Gloria

*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.** *Refrain*

**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: receive our prayer.** *Refrain*

**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.** *Refrain*

## Readings

*(there may be a Carol also)*

## Talk

## We Praise

Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child,  
you share our humanity:  
**Heaven and earth shout their praise.**

All

Blessed are you, Son of David; born to rule,  
you receive gifts from the wise:  
**Heaven and earth shout their praise.**

All

Blessed are you, Son of Man; born our Saviour,  
you are the light of the world:  
**Heaven and earth shout their praise.**

All



With all the voices of heaven  
we celebrate the coming of our God:

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

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

All

Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

## We sing a Carol

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who  
strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Prayers *are said*

### The Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem draws us  
to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**

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## A Prayer for our families

**Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for our homes and families.  
We ask that your love may surround us,  
your care may protect us,  
and that we may know your peace at all  
times, for the sake of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

## The Peace

Unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called  
the Prince of Peace.

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

*we offer one another a sign of that peace by shaking hands  
with those around us.*



## We sing a Carol

(during which there will be a collection)

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## The Grace

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas and for evermore.

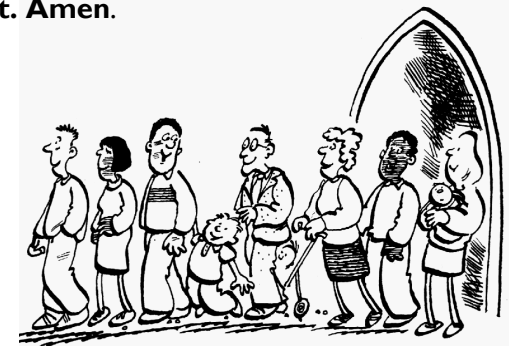
**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all now and for evermore.  
Amen**

## Dismissal

Jesus Christ was born  
of the Virgin Mary  
All **revealed in his glory;**  
worshipped by angels:  
All **proclaimed among the nations;**  
exalted to the highest heavens:  
All **believed in throughout the world.**  
Blessed be God, our strength  
and our salvation:  
All **now and for ever. Amen**



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



**Please do not take this order of service away with you**

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