

# The Eucharist during the Christmas Season

## ¶ The Gathering

The Notices are usually given by the Warden on duty after which please stand for the hymn

## Opening Hymn



## The Greeting

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

All

Words of welcome and introduction are said

## Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess our sins. We remain standing

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

We have sinned:

**Forgive and heal us.**

All

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.**

All

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.**

All

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

We have sinned:

**Forgive and heal us.**

All

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

**Forgive and heal us.**

All

The absolution

## Gloria in Excelsis

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:**

Refrain

**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

## The Collect

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the **Reading**

At the end the reader may say

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

All

Please stand for the  
**Gradual Hymn** and Gospel



## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

All

**Alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to ....

All

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Stand for the **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

Either of these responses may be used

All

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

All

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

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament 4

Please stand for **The Peace**

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 bread and wine are placed on the altar.

The collection is taken. The response to the prayers is

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer

## The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

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.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

This is our story:

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in  
the highest**

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** We have a time for private prayer, reflection and meditation. The children's groups rejoin us for the Lord's Prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

As our saviour taught us so we pray

**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.**

**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

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

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

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

All **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.**

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You are encouraged to come forward straight away to receive communion or a blessing (following the choir if there is one!)

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

## Prayer after Communion

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**

## The Clarendon Team Prayer

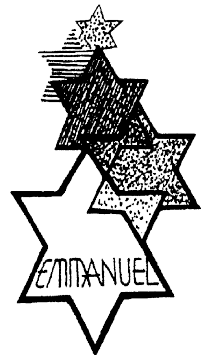
All **Lord God, the source of our unity, faith and love: bless the Clarendon Team, that sharing our gifts we may proclaim the gospel and reveal your glory In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Blessing

The president gives a blessing, then a minister says

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**