



# The Midweek Eucharist during the Christmas Season

## ¶ The Gathering

### The Greeting

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



*Words of welcome and introduction are said*

### 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.  
**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.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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

*The absolution*

## Gloria in Excelsis 2

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:  
receive 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.

## 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.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

### Gospel Reading

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

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ....  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Intercession 3

*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

*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.*

## 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.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

All **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All **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 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

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

All 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.**

### 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 tempta-  
tion  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glo-  
ry are yours now  
and for ever. Amen.

### Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread



All 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.**  
**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

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Before the distribution the president says

Christ is the bread which has come down from heaven.

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

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

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



Please do not take this order of service away with you

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