

Holy Communion on Christmas Day

Carol (Please stand)

I bring you good news of great joy:
A saviour has been born to you. Alleluia!
Unto us a child is born, a son is given. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lighting of the Christmas Candle

People of God: shout and sing!
Tell the good news of peace on earth.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace.
All God's people *say*

Amen!

Angels dance
and the bright star shines.
All creation bows to the Lord of all.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's light.
All God's people *say*

Amen!

One with us,
yet born to save,
he will show us the way to God.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's love.
All God's people *say*

Amen!

People of God: shout and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

As we kneel with the shepherd before the newborn Christ child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith:

You Lord, were born for our salvation.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You came to bring light into the darkness of our lives.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and his peace, now and forever.

Amen.

The Gloria

**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.
Amen.**

The Collect (special prayer for Christmas Day)

Carol

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *n*

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon (please sit)

The Creed (please stand)

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayers (please sit)

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end all say
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace (please stand)

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.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Carol (during which the gifts of the people are brought to the front)

Preparation of the table

With this bread that we bring
We shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing you praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give thank
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night that he was betrayed
he came to the table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
We celebrate the cross
On which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
And is alive with you to lead for us and all the world

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by you name,
your kingdom come, you 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.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God
have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy.
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion

**God our Father,
whose word has come among us
in the Holy child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

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 the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you now and always.

Amen.

Carol

Son of Mary, Son of God,
may we who, like the shepherds,
have come to see the child in the stable
and to celebrate his birth,
now, like them, return to our homes
glorifying and praising God
for all that we have seen and heard.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.