

Midnight Holy Communion
Youtube, 11.30pm Christmas Eve 2020.

Welcome

Prologue

The Greeting

I bring you good news of great joy:
a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.

Unto us a child is born,
unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.
We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

Hymn: Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.
He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.
Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Invitation to Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Silence

We say together:

**We need your healing, merciful God:
Give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
Some escape us,
Some we cannot face.**

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**Forgive us;
Set us free to hear your word to us;
Set us free to serve you.**

God forgives you.
Forgive others;
Forgive yourself.
Amen.

Hymn: Silent Night.
Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, oh, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace

Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

The Collect
**Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light;
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading
John 1:1-14
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

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 of Intercession

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
And also with you.

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts to heaven.

Where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
The first born from the dead,
The pioneer of our salvation,
Who is with us always,
One of us, yet from the heart of God.

In your mercy you are now our God.

Through Christ you gather us,

New-born in your Spirit,

A people after your own heart.

We entrust ourselves to you,

For you alone do justice to all people,

Living and departed.

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**Now is the acceptable time,
Now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore, with saints and martyrs,
Apostles and prophets,
With all the redeemed,
Joyfully we praise you and say:

**Holy, holy, holy:
God of mercy, giver of life;
Earth and sea and sky
And all that lives,
Declare your presence and your glory.**

All glory to you, Giver of life
Sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises,
Living God, for Jesus Christ,
The one perfect offering for the world,
Who on the night he was betrayed,
Took bread,
And when he had given thanks,
Broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this my body
Which is given for you;
Do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
And when he had given thanks,

He gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
This is my blood of the new covenant
Which is shed for you, and for many
To forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it
To remember me.
Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
Feed us with your life,
Fire us with your love,
Confront us with your justice,
And make us one in the body of Christ
With all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
With all who stand before you
In earth and heaven,
We worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
Our Father in heaven,

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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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

"Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen".

Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

**Son of Mary, Son of God,
we have joined the worship of the angels;
may we never lose that heavenly vision.
Like the shepherds,
we have rejoiced at the news of your birth;
help us to proclaim that message in word and deed,
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Hymn: O come all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten, not created
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him

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O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
All glory in the highest
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Blessing and Dismissal

The Word was made flesh and lived among us
and we have seen his glory.

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill

and make you partakers of the divine nature;
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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