



# Christmas Communion 2021



## Hymn

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.*

2 God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created:

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in  
exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
"Glory to God in the highest:"

4 Yea, Lord we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh  
appearing:

## Greeting

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

## Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may walk in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Collect of The Nativity of our Lord

### Epistle Titus 2:11–14

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who

gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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

## **Gospel Luke 2:1–14**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 2 beginning at verse 1 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

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

## **Sermon | Spending Christmas with dad**

### **Hymn Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet  
head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying  
he makes.

I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from  
on high, and stay by my side until  
morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

## **Prayers of the People**

Jesus, Saviour, **hear our prayer.**

**Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary, you know us and love us,  
you share our lives and hear our prayer.**

**Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

## The Peace

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

## Hymn Love came down

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus:  
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.

## Taking the Bread & Wine

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

...Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: **dying, you destroyed our death,  
rising, you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

...for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Breaking Bread**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### **Receiving Communion**

You are welcome to receive Bread and Wine as a way of expressing your love for the one who came as a Babe in the Manger, our Lord Jesus Christ. As you come forward, follow the direction of a steward, keeping a good distance from the person in front of you, receive a wafer, then lift a glass of wine and return to your seat. Consume the bread and wine quietly in your own time. Leave the glass on the ledge in front of you.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food**

**of 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.**

### **Hymn *Carryduff and Killaney***

Hark! the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful, all you nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem':

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel:

*Hark! the herald-angels sing glory to the new-born King.*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!

Hail, the Sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings:

mild he lays his glory by,

born that we no more may die;

born to raise each child of earth,

born to give us second birth:

### **Christmas Blessing and Dismissal**

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh. Love and serve the Lord.  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Worship tomorrow: 12:00 pm St Stephen's Day Morning Prayer**