



# Christmas Communion 2021



## Hymn

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 alleluia;  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
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Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, 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.

## 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.**

## Penitence

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

## Confession

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

## Glory to God

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

## **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. 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.**

### **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.

## **Sermon: Spending Christmas with Dad!**

### **Prayers of the People**

Holy God  
**hear our prayer.**

### **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?
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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.**

... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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.**

...and we look for his coming to fulfil all things according to your will.

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

... in songs of never-ending praise:

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

