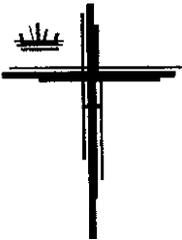


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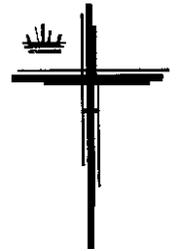
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25th December 2017



Christmas Day 2017

Welcome to our Family Communion Service.
At Communion those who are followers of Christ
remember with gratitude that Jesus came at
Christmas to bring us back to God.
Rev Rob Powell will be leading and speaking on
“Christ the Saviour is Born!”



VIDEO: Come and Worship

WELCOME, AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

 **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;

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

Yea, Lord we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
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RESPONSIVE PRAISE



Let us praise Jesus!
Eternal King of Heaven, you were
born a tiny baby:

Jesus, we praise and adore you!

You have been endlessly
worshipped by angels, but you
were seen by humble shepherds:

Jesus, we praise and adore you!

The whole world is yours for you
created it, yet you were laid in a
cold stone manger:

Jesus, we praise and adore you!

You are the glorious Lord of all, yet
you came to earth crying and
helpless:

Jesus, we praise and adore you!

Accept the praises of those you came to serve and to save:

Jesus, we praise and adore you!

Amen

CONFESSION



Because Jesus has come, sin has lost its power to keep us away from God. So, let us say sorry for the wrong things we have done.

Because Jesus has come:

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Let us say sorry for the wrong things we have said.

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Let us say sorry for the wrong things we have thought.

Because Jesus has come:

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

And let us say sorry for the good things we have failed to do, say and think.

Because Jesus has come:

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Amen

ABSOLUTION *Words assuring us of God's forgiveness*

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION,

*It's a very special day;
Come and share our jubilation,
There's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds hurry down to Bethlehem;

Gaze in wonder at the Son of God who lay before them.

Wise men journey, led to worship by a star

Kneel in homage, bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

God is with us, 'round the world the message brings

He is with us, 'welcome!' all the bells on earth are peeling.

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Children show their gifts

TIME IN THE WORD



THE READING

The New Testament reading is from **Luke 2 v 1-20** on page 1027.

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TALK & PRAYER: Rev Rob Powell

THE PEACE *we share a sign of peace with one another*



Unto us a child is born, unto us a

Son is given:

and he will be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

And also with you



WHAT HOPE WE HOLD THIS STARLIT NIGHT;

A King is born in Bethlehem.
Our journey long, we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground.

What fear we felt in the silent age-
Four hundred years can he be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God incarnate here to dwell.*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

Praise His name Emmanuel.

The Son of God here, born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering,
Exalted now, the King of kings.
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground.

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THE COMMUNION PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

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

**He opened his arms of love upon the
cross and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of
him: his body, is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of
wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of
the new covenant, which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of
him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and
this wine
may be to us the body and blood of
your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the
world we offer you this sacrifice of praise



and lift our voice to join the eternal song
of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:



**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 temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen

THE BREAKING OF 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.**

THE INVITATION

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, please
come forward for a prayer of blessing.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*After everyone has received Communion, we say
together:*



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

NOTICES

OFFERTORY HYMN



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING:

Glory to the new-born King!
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*Hark! The herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

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 man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace,
Hail, the Sun of righteousness;
life and light to all he brings,
risen with healing in His wings,
mild, he lays his glory by;
born that man no more may die;
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give us second birth:

C. Wesley (1707-1788) and others

OFFERTORY PRAYER



**Yours Lord is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour and majesty:
for everything in heaven and earth
is yours.
All things come from you
and of your own do we give you.
Amen**

THE 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 may the blessing of God
Almighty.....

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen