

Parish of Tettenhall Wood

Holy Communion at Christmas

[2020]



Call to Worship

Welcome all wonders in one sight!

All **Eternity shut in a span.**

Summer in winter, day in night,

All **heaven in earth and God in man.**

Great little one whose all-embracing birth

All **brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.**

CAROL

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

God our Father, today the Saviour is born
and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light.

Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,

to live in the light of your Son

and to share the good news of your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,

the light who has come into the world.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

[Silence]

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself,
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all our sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle [from Colossians 1, Philipians 2 & Matthew 1]

- Your are to give him the name, Jesus,
All **for he will save his people from their sins.**
- Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the first born of all creation.
- All* **For in him, all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.**
- He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
- All* **He gave up the glory of heaven
and took the form of a servant.**
- In humility he walked the path of obedience
even to death on the cross.
- All* **Therefore God has raised him to the highest place,
and gave him the name above every name.**
- That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
- All* **He will be called Emmanuel:
for through him God is with us.
Alleluia. Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration
that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

[A moment of silence]

- All* **Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder
at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.**

First Reading

At the end: This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession: This response may be used:

Holy God, [or] Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer**

At the end: Merciful Father

All **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Christ our Saviour is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

CAROL [during which the table is prepared for Communion]

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share your riches. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer [Eucharistic Prayer B]

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Glory to Christ, Son of Mary;
born a child, he shares our humanity.

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of David;
born to rule, he receives gifts from the wise.

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

Glory to Christ, Son of Man;
born our Saviour, he is the light of the world.

All **Glorify to God in the highest.**

We celebrate the coming of our God
with all the voices of heaven, *SAYING:*

All **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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup; and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All 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 the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread
which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

May the body and blood of Christ
keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

**All 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 our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CAROL

Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All Glory, thanks and praise to God.

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