



# FAMILY FESTIVAL EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS DAY



25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
9.30AM

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood for our Festival Eucharist this morning as we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, and what that means for the reality of our lives today.

**Our worship celebrates Christ's love for all people.**

**We find rest in God's presence.**

**The Holy Spirit empowers our lives.**

**We enjoy building a loving community.**

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### **Private prayer of preparation**

God of love, open our hearts and minds this Christmas time to the good and saving news of Jesus Christ that we may find in the one born at Bethlehem all we need today, and much more besides. For his name's sake.

Adapted from Worship Now

The people's candles are lit at the start of the service

As the lights dim, please take a moment for quiet reflection  
as we prepare ourselves for worship.



**This service will be live-streamed to Facebook.**

## Processional Hymn

Please stand  
(REH 40)

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:  
**Refrain**

Child, for us sinners  
poor and in the manger,  
fain we embrace thee,  
                    with awe and love;  
who would not love thee,  
loving us so dearly?  
**Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God,  
in the highest:  
**Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:  
**Refrain**

Latin 18C, tr Frederick Oakeley  
(1802-80) & others

## Greeting and Welcome

The Lord is here.

**All:**     His Spirit is with us

The president welcomes and introduces the service

## Prayer of Preparation

Christ the light of the world has come,

**All:**     To dispel the darkness of our hearts.

Christ, for whom the angels sang,

**All:**     Gives the song of the kingdom to all.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,

**All:**     Gives peace on earth to all.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! O Lord, open our lips.

**All:**     And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

## **Advent Wreath**

Today is Christmas Day, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. Today we light again the candles of hope, peace, love and joy.

### **The first candle is lit**

We speak of hope - because God keeps his promises to us.

### **The second candle is lit**

We work for peace - because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name.

### **The third candle is lit**

We show love - because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know the forgiveness of God.

### **The fourth candle is lit**

We share joy - because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the presence the God.

Now we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

### **The central candle is lit**

Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

**All:     Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

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.

You were born for our salvation: Lord, have mercy.

**All:     Lord, have mercy.**

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace: Christ, have mercy.

**All:     Christ, have mercy.**

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives: Lord, have mercy.

**All:     Lord, have mercy.**

### **The president says**

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

**All:     Amen**

## The Gloria in Excelsis

INTRO

Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, \_\_\_\_\_ and peace to his peo - ple on earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 Fa - ther, \_\_\_\_\_ we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for \_\_\_\_\_ your  
 glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Je - sus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on us; \_\_\_\_\_ you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ re - ceive our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ you a - lone are the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ you a - lone are the  
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, \_\_\_\_\_  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

Please extinguish your candles.

## The Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 for ever.

**All: Amen.**

# **The Liturgy of the Word**

Please sit

## **Isaiah 9.2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

Please remain seated  
(REH 29)

**A great and mighty wonder,  
a full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the infant  
with virgin honour pure!  
*Repeat the hymn again!*  
*'To God on high be glory,  
and peace on earth to men!'***

The Word becomes incarnate  
and yet remains on high!  
And cherubim sing anthems  
to shepherds, from the sky.  
**Refrain**

While thus they sing your monarch,  
those bright angelic bands,  
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,  
ye oceans clap your hands.  
**Refrain**

Since all he comes to ransom,  
by all be he adored,  
the infant born in Bethl'em,  
the Saviour and the Lord.  
**Refrain**

And idol forms shall perish,  
and error shall decay,  
and Christ shall wield his sceptre,  
our Lord and God for ay.  
**Refrain**

Greek, St Germanus of Constantinople (c.645-740)  
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) and others

## **Titus 2.11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Gospel Reading***

Please stand

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

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

## **Luke 2.1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found

Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### ***The Sermon***

The Reverend Kayleigh Lucas

Please sit

### ***The Creed***

Please stand

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.

### ***The Intercessions***

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

**During the prayers:**

On this Christmas Day we want to say:

**All: Thank you, Holy God,**

**At the end of the prayers:**

Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary, you know us and love us, you share our lives and hear our prayer. Glory to you for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

#### ***The Peace***

Please stand

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

**All: And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### ***The Preparation of the Table***

Bread and wine are brought up and placed on the altar.

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### ***Offertory Hymn***

(REH 35)

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
for Jesus Christ, our Saviour,  
was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we were gone astray:  
**O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

From God our heavenly father  
a blessed angel came,  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same,  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name:

**Refrain**

The shepherds at those tidings  
rejoicèd much in mind,  
and left their flocks a-feeding,  
in tempest, storm and wind,  
and went to Bethlehem straightway  
this blessed babe to find:

**Refrain**

And when they came to Bethlehem  
where our dear saviour lay,  
they found him in a manger,  
where oxen feed on hay;  
his mother Mary kneeling down,  
unto the Lord did pray:

**Refrain**

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all you within this place,  
and with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas  
all other doth efface:

**Refrain**

English traditional carol, possibly 18<sup>th</sup> cent

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

All: Amen.

## ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the  
high - est; ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the

high - est; ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bles - sed is he, bles - sed is he, bles - sed is he who  
 comes in the name, he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est; ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the  
 high - est; ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come a - gain.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All:**     **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.**  
          **Amen.**

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

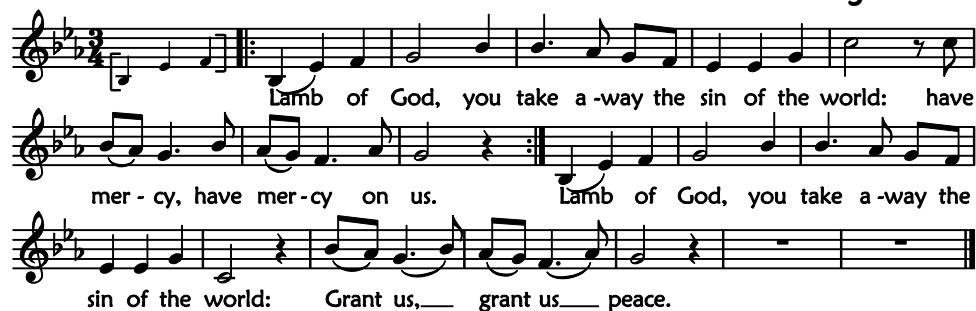
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All:**     **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

### ***The Agnus Dei***



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have  
mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.     Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world:     Grant us,\_\_\_ grant us\_\_\_ peace.

### ***The Giving of Communion***

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All:**     **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Everyone in church is now invited to come forward  
to receive either communion or a blessing.

If you wish to receive the communion wine from the common cup, please  
receive communion at the chancel step.

If you wish to receive communion by intinction of the wafer in the wine  
please receive communion from the side-aisle.

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### Private devotion before Communion

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We pray thee, O Lord, to purify our hearts that they may be worthy to become  
thy dwelling place. Let us never fail to find room for thee, but come and abide  
in us that we also may abide in thee, who as at this time wast born into the  
world for us, and dost live and reign, King of kings, and lord of lords, now and  
for evermore.

*William Temple*

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### **Communion Hymn**

(REH 36)

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and all are blessed for evermore:  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save.  
Calls you one, and calls you all,  
to gain his everlasting hall:  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save!

*John Mason Neale (1818-66), altered*

### **After Communion**

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 the Lord.

**All:     Amen.**

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.

## **Final Hymn**

(REH 37)

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:

**Refrain**

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 man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth:

**Refrain**

Charles Wesley (1707-88) and others

## **The Dismissal**

Please remain standing

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, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you this Christmas and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please remain standing and in your places  
until the procession has left the church.

Please join us for coffee immediately after the service.

**With grateful thanks to**



**for supplying the Christmas Tree in church.**



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