



Online Morning Worship for Christmas and Epiphany

Welcome!

Christmas is the joyful celebration of Jesus' birth but it is also so much more. The task of the Christmas liturgy is to recall us, amid all the joyful customs and celebrations of Christmas, to the central truth of our faith; that Jesus is God made flesh for our salvation. For 40 days from Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

Please note the inclusion of hymns/songs will depend on who is leading the service and whether it has been pre recorded or is being broadcast live.

Welcome

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Introduction to the Service

(Hymn/Song)

Saying Sorry

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.

Time of quiet to think

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of Love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *us our* sins
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Gloria

Peruvian Gloria (signed or sung)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen,

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus....
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit....

OR

to the tune of Ode to Joy
**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,**

**mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

The Collect

Hymn/Song

A Bible Reading

Talk/Reflection/Meditation

Hymn/Song

What we Believe
(a Creed)

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, your Son our Saviour
was born in human flesh.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

There was no room for your Son in the inn.
Protect with your love those who have no home
and all who live in poverty.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

Mary, in the pain of labour,
brought your Son to birth.
Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.
Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice
in all the world.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

Shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.
Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

Strangers found the Holy Family,
and saw the baby lying in the manger.
Bless our homes and all whom we love.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

Heaven is come down to earth,
and earth is raised to heaven.
Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death
in the hope of your coming kingdom.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.
Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.
Holy God
hear our prayer.

OR

Other intercessions for this season

Our Prayers end with...

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers

**for the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by 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 forever.
Amen**

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 *ours* this Christmas;
and the blessing ...**Amen**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Final Hymn/Song