



Midnight Mass

On this holy night we welcome you to our online service of Holy Communion. The first Communion of Christmas. Join with us as we celebrate the gift of Jesus, the light that shines in the darkness.

Welcome

Carol

In the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit
Amen

The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light

For unto us a child is born
To us a Son is given

His name will be called Wonderful counsellor, mighty God
The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth

Invitation to Confession

This is our opportunity to say sorry to God for the times when we have let him down and to receive his forgiveness)

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the
darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and
confess our sins
We pause for a moment to call to mind our sins

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

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

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

We Hear That We are Forgiven

Peruvian Gloria

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, alleluia amen
Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father...

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

Collect

Our special prayer for the day

Bible Readings

At the end of the readings:

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Carol

The Gospel Reading

We remain standing (if comfortable) as the gospel is read .
Alleluia, Alleluia
The word became flesh and dwelt among us
And we have seen his glory
Alleluia
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...
Glory to you, O Lord

After the Gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

The Sermon

The Creed

*We stand to proclaim the faith that we hold, joining with
Christians across the world and through the ages.*

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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified.**

He 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

This bidding may be used:

**Emmanuel, God with us
we welcome you**

At the end of the prayers we say together

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace

This holy night the angels sang,
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

We offer one another a sign of God's peace

Carol

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 always right to give you thanks,

God our Creator,

loving and faithful,

holy and strong.

You made us

and the whole universe,

and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,

Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;

he died to save us from our sins;

he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit

to bring new life to the world,

and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels

to celebrate and sing:

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.

Father, on the night before he died,

Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.

He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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 it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us,
And lead us not in to temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory
Are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

Jesus Christ is holy

Jesus Christ is Lord

To the glory of God the Father.

Giving of Communion and Prayer of Spiritual Communion

We are a worshipping community gathering together; a physical barrier to receiving Communion is no barrier spiritually and so we join in this prayer of spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen. (St Alphonsus)

Carol

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

God sent his angels from glory to bring to shepherds
the good news of Jesus' birth.
Yes! We thank you Lord.
You have heard his story, the story of God's own Son.
Yes! We thank you Lord.
May he fill you with joy to bring this good news to others today.
Yes! We thank you Lord.
And the blessing ...

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Glory, thanks and praise to God.

Final Carol

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