



Holy Communion



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I bring to you good news of great joy:

All a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia

Unto us a child is born,

All unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

All We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.



*Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love*

Confession

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
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:
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:
forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us Amen

Absolution **Amen.**

The Collect

**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**



God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

*God rest ye 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.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

*The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The Blessed came to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*



*But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this infant lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

*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.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

Matthew 1:18-25.

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take



Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*

²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us').

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name **Jesus**.

Talk

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*

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



*Wise men journey,
Led to worship by a star
Kneel in homage
Bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so*

*Come and join the celebration
It's a very special day
Come and share our jubilation;
There's a new King born today!
"God is with us"
Round the world the message bring
He is with us
"Welcome", all the bells on earth are pealing
Come and join the celebration
It's a very special day
Come and share our jubilation;
There's a new King born today!*

Prayers

The Peace

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 Communion

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.

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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

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

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world; you have become one with us that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**All Lord by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.
Amen**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us.

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;**



**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and, his blood which he shed for you.
Eat in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**Lord, as we drink this wine,
We remember that you are the giver of life.
You are forgiveness, you bring deep peace to our souls and
your love flows with in us. Amen**

Prayer After Communion

All God our Father,
whose **W**ord 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. **Amen.**



Hark the Herald Angels Sing

“Glory to the newborn 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 newborn 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.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son 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.



Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

The Final Blessing

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon us all his children.
Amen.

May Christ
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill us with joy and peace
Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give us grace to carry the good news of Christ
Amen.

A Happy Christmas to You All



