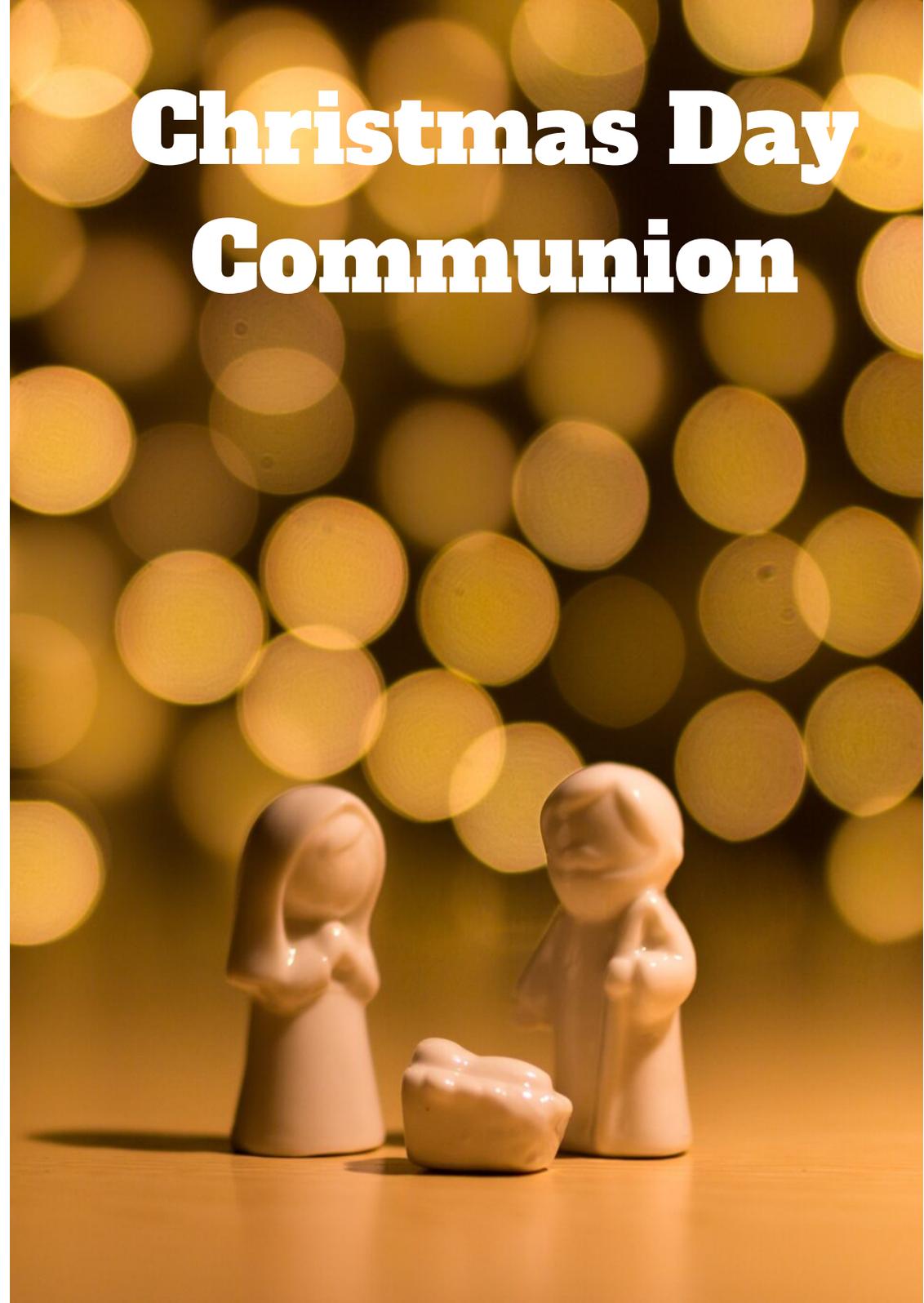


## Sending Out

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

# Christmas Day Communion



## Welcome and Notices

### Lighting the Advent Candles

*All the candles are lit.*

Today a Saviour has been born for us. He is Christ the Lord!

*We pray:*

God our Father,  
today we greet the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with joy.  
Help us to live in his light and to share  
the good news of your love to the whole world.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
the Word made flesh, who lived among us.

**Amen.**

### **O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL,**

joyful and triumphant,  
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels:  
*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:  
*O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

## **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 heav'n 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 heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n 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!"

### ***Prayer After Communion***

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Blessing**

May God the Father keep you in all your days.  
May God the Son shield you in all your ways.  
May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and pour upon you blessing and light.  
**Amen.**

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation!  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
in the highest:  
*O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

### **Confession**

**God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong  
that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **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.  
Amen**

**Reading:** Luke 2:1-20

**Talk**

## ***Breaking of the Bread***

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

## ***Giving of Communion***

Receive by faith  
the spiritual food of the body of Christ  
which was broken for you  
and the blood of Christ  
which was shed for you.  
**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**

### **We bring our prayers to God**

*Prayers using the response.*

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer**

*ending with*

Leader: Merciful Father

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your son  
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **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  
**and also with you.**

**AWAY IN A MANGER**, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

## **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

### ***The Eucharistic 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.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living  
things reflect your glory. You give us this great and  
beautiful earth to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and  
every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter  
earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with  
the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father because, when we turned  
away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on  
the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it  
with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave  
thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my  
blood, poured out for you and for many, for the  
forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his  
love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with  
these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more  
and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward  
to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is  
gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your  
saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the  
strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**Amen.**