



# Holy Communion

Naming and Circumcision of Jesus  
1 January 2023

*A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.*

*We would ask that you do **not publish photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

*We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship. As we sing our first hymn the altar party and choir process into church.*

**CAROL 3.** Of the Father's love begotten

## GREETING

Minister In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you,  
All and also with you.

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## CONFESSION

Minister 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.

*cf Matthew 1.21*

All O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,

and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

Minister A thousand years in God's sight are like a single day.

All Like an evening that has already gone.

Minister Christ is the first and the last,

All the beginning and the end.

Minister Jesus stands at the door and knocks.

All Lord Jesus, enter our homes and our lives.

You hold the key to God's way of justice.

Open to us your kingdom of peace.

Minister The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

## COLLECT

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said:*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son was circumcised  
in obedience to the law for our sake  
and given the Name that is above every name:  
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,  
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,  
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Numbers 6.22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, thus you shall bless the Israelites: you shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you,

and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **SECOND READING** Galatians 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **CAROL** 18. Angels from the realms of glory

## **GOSPEL READING** Luke 2.15-21

**All Alleluia!**

Minister God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,  
so that we might receive adoption as children.

*Galatians 4.4,5*

**All Alleluia!**

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## CREED

Minister Let us declare our faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister In and through the name of Jesus  
let us pray to the Father.

*This response may be included:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

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

*Silence is kept.*

## PEACE

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

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

**CAROL** 11. Joy to the world

## TABLE PRAYER

Minister Jesus, true joy of loving hearts,  
we turn unfilled to you again.  
Come and be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

**All Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.

**All His spirit is with us.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you that on the eighth day  
he was circumcised in obedience to the law of Moses,  
that he might fulfil the law  
and reveal to us your grace and truth.

For here is foreshadowed  
his perfect self-offering upon the cross,  
the shedding of his blood  
to set us free from sin and death.

In baptism we die with him and are raised in him,  
that we might walk in newness of life,  
and proclaim the wonders of his saving name.

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:

**All 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.**

Minister We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All** Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.

Minister Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

*Silence may be kept.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Minister We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.

All Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Minister Christ is the true bread  
which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.*

**CAROL 5.** The first Nowell



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Eternal God,  
whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:  
grant that we who have shared  
in this sacrament of our salvation  
may live out our years in the power  
of the Name above all other names,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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.

## NOTICES

**CAROL** 10. Hark! The herald angels sing

## BLESSING

Minister The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The people and ministers depart.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in **body, mind or spirit**, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Andrew E, Hilly S.

**The housebound** and those in residential homes: Shirley C, Diana B.

*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.*

## REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Gordon Hunter, Ted Rudd, Irene Mary Gould, Mabel Clara Howell, Alice Coombes, Frank Linnell, Michael Jenner Wrenn, Dorothy Mary Linnell, Margaret Rosina Wittingham, Donald Richard Partridge, Phyllis Gwendoline Lambert, John Gregory Charles Holloway, Alan Biggs, Sylvia Pettit, Vera Ward, Mollie Bradfield, Winifred Dickenson, Frank Toseland, Edward Greig, Gladys Foden, Agnes Cope, Cicely Wilson, Mena Foster.

## NOTICES

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## DIARY

**Mon 2 Jan**

**Basil the Great**

**Tues 3 Jan**

9:00-9:30

Zoom

Morning Prayer

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

**Wed 4 Jan**

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

10:30-12:30

All Hallows

open to the public

12:15-13:00

All Hallows

Midweek Eucharist

**Thurs 5 Jan**

9:00-9:30

Zoom

Morning Prayer

10:00-10:30

All Saints

Holy Communion

**Fri 6 Jan**

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

18:15-19:15

All Saints

AS choir practice

19:30-20:30

All Hallows

AH choir practice

**Sat 7 Jan**

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

9:30-10:30

All Hallows

MU Corporate Communion

10:30-12:30

All Hallows

open to the public

**Sun 8 Jan**

**Epiphany**

9:15-10:30

All Saints

Eucharist

11:15-12:30

All Hallows

Eucharist

18:00-19:00

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