



## CHURCH@ HOME SERVICE ORDER

25 December 2025  
Christmas Day



### OPENING SENTENCES

*Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*

*This will be a sign for you:*

**You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.**

### INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

### GREETING ONE ANOTHER

#### O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

**O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold Him,  
born the king of angels:**

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
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,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet You,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to You be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:**

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

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### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,  
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your  
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the  
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be  
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to  
die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He  
has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.  
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

## **LORD HAVE MERCY**

*(spoken)*

*Lord Jesus, born in a humble stable,  
yet King of all creation, have mercy on us.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Christ Jesus, heralded by angels  
and worshiped by shepherds, have mercy on us.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Lord Jesus, light of the world  
and hope for all nations, have mercy on us.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **SONG OF ADORATION**

**Come to Bethlehem and see,  
Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**In the Word of God made flesh,  
Great and wonderful mystery,  
Now we see with vision fresh  
God's abundant majesty.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Therefore with the church on earth,  
And the hosts of heav'n above,  
Let us praise his name, whose birth  
Brings to us eternal love.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray.*

**Lord God, we thank you for making our lives shine  
with the true light of your Son.**

**As we celebrate his birth as a human child,  
fill us with the joy of heaven.**

**For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **BIBLE READING**

**Isaiah 62:6-12** - Your Saviour comes

I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled; but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary." Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'" They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Titus 3:4-7** - Saved by God's love

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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## **Luke 2:1-20** - The shepherds hear the good news of the birth of Christ

*Before the reading*

**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### **MARY'S CHILD**

**Born in the night Mary's Child**

**A long way from Your home; Coming in need**

**Mary's Child Born in a borrowed room**

**Clear shining light Mary's Child  
Your face lights up our way; Light of the world  
Mary's Child Dawn on our darkened day**

**Truth of our life Mary's Child  
You tell us God is good; Prove it is true  
Mary's Child Go to Your cross of wood.**

**Hope of the world Mary's Child  
You're coming soon to reign; King of the earth  
Mary's Child Walk in our streets again**

Geoffrey Ainger

### **MESSAGE**

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.  
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### **A CHRISTMAS CREED**

**From heaven to the cradle, from the cradle to the cross,  
Jesus, Son and Saviour, came to save the lost  
Changing darkness into light, my sin into his grace,  
Jesus, Lamb of offering, dying in my place.**

**I believe the Christmas story, I believe this ancient truth,  
That a Father sent a holy Child to die for me and you.  
I believe that He is living, I believe He rose again,  
I believe that I'm forgiven, that I'll always live with Him.**

**From the grave he rose to heaven, from the heavens now he reigns,  
Jesus, Lord and ruler, worthy of all praise.  
Jesus, prince of peace and author of true love,  
Jesus, my salvation, Lord of all above,  
Jesus, you're the story,  
Jesus, you're the truth,  
Jesus, you are Christmas, and we live to worship you. Amen.**

**GLORY (Let There Be Peace)**

**One star  
Burns in the darkness  
Shines with the promise Emmanuel  
One child  
Born in the stillness  
Living within us Emmanuel**

**We're singing Glory Glory  
Let there be peace let there be peace  
Singing Glory Glory  
Let there be peace let it start in me**

**One voice  
Speaks for the voiceless  
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel  
One love  
Brings us together  
Now and forever Emmanuel**

**We're singing Glory Glory  
Let there be peace let there be peace  
Singing Glory Glory  
Let there be peace let it start in me**

**Do not be afraid  
His love is strong enough to save us  
Nothing stands in the way  
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**Matt Maher**

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help us to take the angel's message to heart,  
celebrating Jesus' birth as good news for us and for all people.  
Lead us to respond to this wonderful news  
with loving and joyful service to you and to other people. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We rejoice with Mary and Joseph, the angels, and the shepherds, at the birth of our Lord Jesus. Let us now ask him to help us.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

When the time was right, you came to earth as one of us.  
Help those who wait for you to recognise your coming.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

You have come to live among us, full of grace and truth.  
Live in our hearts, and show your grace to others through us.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

You have brought us pardon and peace with our heavenly Father.  
Help us to please him by living at peace with each other.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

Your birth brought blessing to Mary and Joseph.  
Bless our homes this Christmas, and make our families a blessing to others.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

You gave up your riches in heaven, and were born among the poor here on earth.  
Show those who are poor your love through us.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

You are the Prince of Peace, and Lord of all.  
Guide the nations of the world, and help them to work together for justice and peace.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

You took on our human weakness.  
Strengthen the weak, heal the sick, and comfort those who suffer.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

You have brought great joy to all people.  
Gladden those who are sad, lonely, and depressed.  
**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

Your birth brings us light and life.  
Comfort the dying with the light of your presence, and lead them through death to eternal life.

**Lord Jesus, hear us.**

As we travel on the journey to our heavenly home, let your light shine on us, so that we may see your glory and, together with the angels and all your people, praise our heavenly Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING TO SHARE**

*May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth, bring joy to your hearts.*  
**May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth, bring joy to your hearts.**  
*May the God of love, who gave his only Son to be born for you,  
fill you with love and peace.*  
**May the God of love, who gave his only Son to be born for you,  
fill you with love and peace.**  
*May Immanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings*  
**May Immanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings. Amen.**

**JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
All creation joins to sing.  
Praise resounds as earth rejoices  
In the birth of Christ the King.  
In a manger lies a baby,  
Child of Mary, Son of God.  
Voices joined in joyful chorus,  
Praise you for your gift of love.**

**Joyful, Joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love,  
Little baby here among us,  
Sent to earth from God above.  
Shepherds kneel before the infant,  
Trumpets sound and anthems raise,  
As with joy our hearts are lifted,  
Joined in wonder love and praise.**