

Christmas Day Family Communion



St Barbara's Church 10am

Welcome and notices

The Gathering

Let us worship the Saviour.
Heavenly King, born of Mary;
Jesus, Son of God
we worship and adore you.

Word of the Father,
Crying as a baby;
Jesus, Son of God
we worship and adore you.

Robed in glory,
Wrapped in infant clothes;
Jesus, Son of God
we worship and adore you.

Lord of heaven and earth,
Laid in a manger;
Jesus, Son of God
we worship and adore you.

**To you, Jesus, strong in your weakness
Glorious in your humility,
Be all praise and glory. Amen.**

Carol

We light the candles

Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

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.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.
Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you,
Glory in the highest
Give you thanks,
Glory in the highest
Praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us; **Have mercy on us;**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

Receive our prayer.

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Glory to God, glory in the highest,

Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Glory to God, glory in the highest,

Peace to his people, peace on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God

The glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory in the highest,

Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Amen. **Amen.**

The Collect (the church's special prayer for today)

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's Word to Us

Reading

The Gospel Reading

Today Christ is born.

Alleluia.

Today the Saviour has come.

Alleluia.

Today the angels sing on earth.

Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

Source of all being and life,

The one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

Who took our human nature,

Died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
Who gives life to the people of God
And makes Christ known in the world?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers

Using the following response
Lord Jesus,
Hear our prayer

Carol

The Communion

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, Unto us a son is given,
And his name is called the Prince of Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

We exchange a sign of peace with those around us.

Thanksgiving over the bread and wine

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for the love of our fallen race humbled himself, and was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

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:

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

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:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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**

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 and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The body and blood of Christ given for you.

Amen

Giving of Communion

The bread and wine are distributed to the congregation.

A carol is sung.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
whose Word 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

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Amen

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

May the Holy Spirit,
By whose overshadowing Mary
Became the God-bearer,
Give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.

**On behalf of all of us here at St Barbara's may we wish you
a very happy and special Christmas.**