

THE CONCLUSION

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Glorify, thank and praise to God.

THE FINAL BLESSING



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing ... **AMEN**

‘Star Carol’

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
And also with you

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION & BLESSING OF THE CRIB

As we celebrate the birth of Christ we light the final candle in our Advent wreath.

Let us pray and bless the crib of Christ that all who worship Gods Son,
may come to share his life in Glory.

God our Father,
on this night your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary
for us and for our salvation: + bless this crib,
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;
may all who see it be strengthened in faith
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,
who is alive and reigns for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**ALL Blessed are you Lord God of all creation
You have called us out of darkness into light,
Open our eyes to your presence,
Open our ears to your call,
Open our hearts to your love,
Father, Son and holy Spirit.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God who loved the world so much that he sent his son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our saviour Jesu Christ. Amen

HYMN

CHOIR led 479 'O Come all ye Faithful'

THE READING

At the beginning of the reading you may like to say

Alleluia , Alleluia

The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia

At the end of the reading you may like to say

This is the Gospel of the Lord **ALL: Praise to you , O Christ**

SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Do you know what I know"

From John 1

In the Beginning was the word

And the word was with God,

And the word was God.

Through him all things were made;

Without him nothing was made;

That has been made.

In him was life,

And that life was the light of all people.

The word became flesh

And lived for a while among us;

We have seen his glory,

The glory of the one and only son

Who came from the Father,

full of grace and truth. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be used:

Jesus , Saviour **ALL: Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Jesus, Saviour **ALL: Child of Mary, you know us and love us,**

you share our lives and hear our prayer.

Glory to you for ever. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

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.