

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.

God receives our offering

WE SING A HYMN/SONG AS OUR OFFERING IS RECEIVED

OFFERTORY (LHS 626 V5)

**Dear Christ-child, we bring our own offering to you;
we give you our hearts; keep them loving and true.
O let them be holy, and make us all one
with you, our dear Saviour, and God's only Son.**

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Prayer response:

Lord Jesus:
hear our prayer.

WE PRAY 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.**

God blesses us

Christ the Son of God give you joy and peace by his presence with you.
The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be
gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour, and give us peace.
Amen.

WE SING A HYMN/CAROL

Word & Prayer *Christmas Day*

God welcomes us

WE SING A HYMN/CAROL

WE COME TO GOD

To us a child is born!

To us a Son is given!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us:

and we have seen his glory.

From the fullness of his grace

we have received one blessing after another.

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

Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Friends in Christ, let us confess our sins to God our Father, because Jesus Christ came to earth as a human being for us, to take away our sins.

**Lord God, our heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against
you, not only in my words and actions, but also in my secret thoughts
and desires which I cannot fully know or understand, but which you
know completely. I am sorry that I have displeased you, and repent
of the evil I have done. For the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord, have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and graciously help me
in my weakness. 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.

WE SING A HYMN/CAROL

LORD HAVE MERCY

Let us call on Jesus, our incarnate Lord, and ask him to help us.
Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, hear our prayer and save us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, hear our prayer and help us.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus Christ, born for us, hear our prayer and give us peace.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORY TO GOD (LH 33)

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased.

WE PRAY A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have given us your only Son to take our nature upon himself, and to be born of a pure virgin. As we have been born again and adopted as your children by grace, so renew us daily by your Holy Spirit. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

God speaks to us

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 52:7-10
Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in Isaiah, chapter 52, verses 7-10
(after the reading)
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 98

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

EPISTLE READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in the letter to the Hebrews, chapter 1, verses 1-4
(after the reading)
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA RESPONSE

Alleluia! In the past God spoke through the prophets;
but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1:1-14

The holy Gospel for this festival of the incarnation is written in the Gospel according to St John, chapter 1, verses 1 to 14.
(after the gospel)
This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ, the light of the world

GOSPEL RESPONSE: LH 633 - V4

WE LISTEN TO THE ADDRESS

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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.