

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

WE GO WITH GOD

Christ the Son of God give you joy and peace by his presence with you;
and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you
always.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL CAROL

Christmas Eve
Story of the First Christmas

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

INVOCATION

Hallelujah! Christ is born for us!
Come, let us worship him. Hallelujah!
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING VERSES

(Repeated response)
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

(Final response)
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

WE SING A CAROL

WE PRAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray for true Christmas joy.
Lord God,we thank you for making this holy night 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.

Story of the First Christmas

NARRATIVE: ISAIAH PROPHECIES

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NARRATIVE: MARY TO BEAR A SON

THE SONG OF MARY

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
who has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

NARRATIVE: JESUS IS BORN

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NARRATIVE: ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

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NARRATIVE: AN ARMY OF ANGELS APPEAR

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NARRATIVE: THE SHEPHERDS VISIT JESUS

Word of God

READING - TITUS 2:11-14

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in St Paul's letter to Titus, chapter 2, verses 11 to 14.
(after the reading)
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

* 'catholic' here meaning 'universal'

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Prayer response:
Lord Jesus:
hear our prayer.