

Address

The Reverend Canon Charles Royden

Hymn

See amid the winter snow

Prayers

The Lord's 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

Hymn

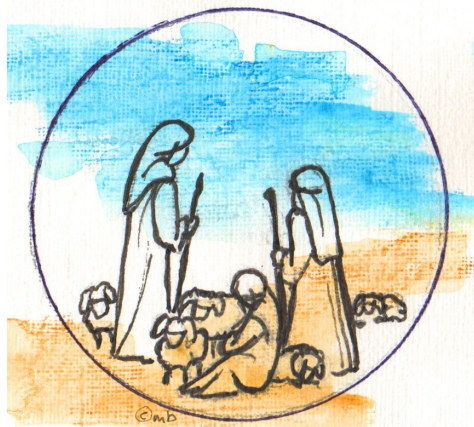
O come, all ye faithful

Final Prayer

God our Father, whose word has come among us in the Holy
Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illuminate our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds; through Christ the Lord.

The Blessing

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 of God
Almighty, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit be upon you and remain
with you always. Amen.



Go in peace
to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen.

Family Worship for Christmas Day 2016

Welcome

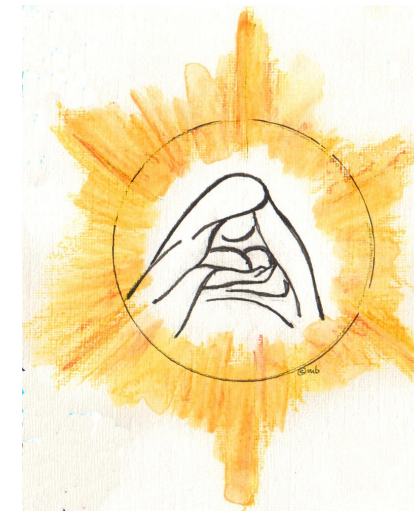
The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light
**On those living in the land of
the shadow of death a light has
shined**

Isaiah Chapter 9

In the name of Christ, the light of
the world, we welcome you.
Grace, mercy and peace be
always with you.

All: And also with you

Opening Prayer



**For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given**

**Lord Jesus, before whom the Magi laid their gifts, and whom humble
shepherds worshipped, accept our praises as we celebrate your birth
at Bethlehem, and be born in our hearts today. Amen.**

The Fifth Candle

The Last Candle - The Birth of Christ (White Candle) Jesus is born on Christmas Day

Leader: Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord
All: Thanks be to God
Leader: Today is Christmas Day the day on which we
celebrate the gift to us of the birth of Jesus and
recall the hope we have in Christ. Today we light
again the Candles of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

(Each candle will be lit as the reader speaks)

First Candle - We speak of hope - because God keeps his promises to us
Second Candle - We work for peace - because Jesus is the 'Prince of
Peace' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name.

Third Candle - We show love - because Jesus gave everything for us and
led us to know the forgiveness of God.

Fourth Candle - We share joy - because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts

and minds with the presence the God

Last Candle - Now we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ which we celebrate this Day.

Luke 2

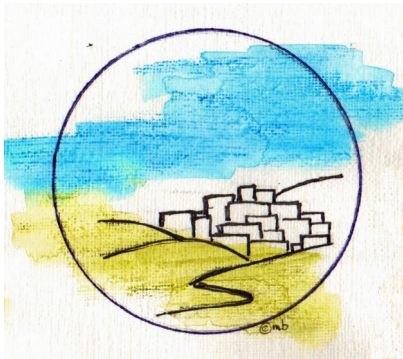
And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory 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 Saviour 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."

(Light the white Christ Candle now.)

God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who has come into the world. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Lord Jesus, you come as a tiny, fragile baby;
yet we know that you are God
and you are with us. May the
flame of this candle remind us
that you are the light
of the world and that if we follow you,
we will never walk in darkness,
but will have the true light of life**



Hymn

Angels from the realms of glory

Confession

Minister: Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

**All: O Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength and not by the
power of your resurrection.
We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as though faithless and unbelieving.
We have lived for this world alone
and doubted our home in heaven.
We turn to your mercy as those who were once in
darkness but have now received your light in Jesus
Christ, the light of the world. God's forgiveness**

Hymns

Come and join the celebration
See him lying

Offering

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Collect Prayer

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.

Bible Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

Hymn

Unto us a boy is born!