

### Address

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### 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

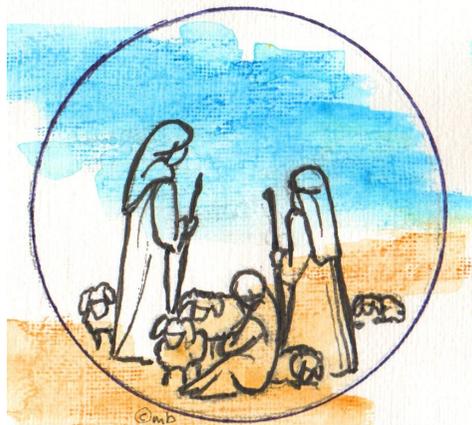
O come, all ye faithful

### 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

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



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

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

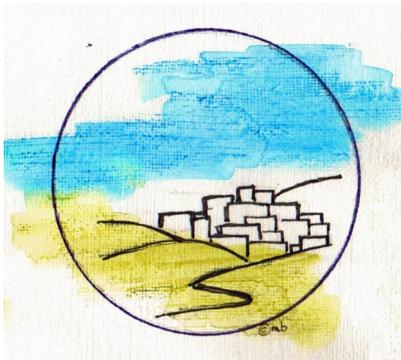
And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory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