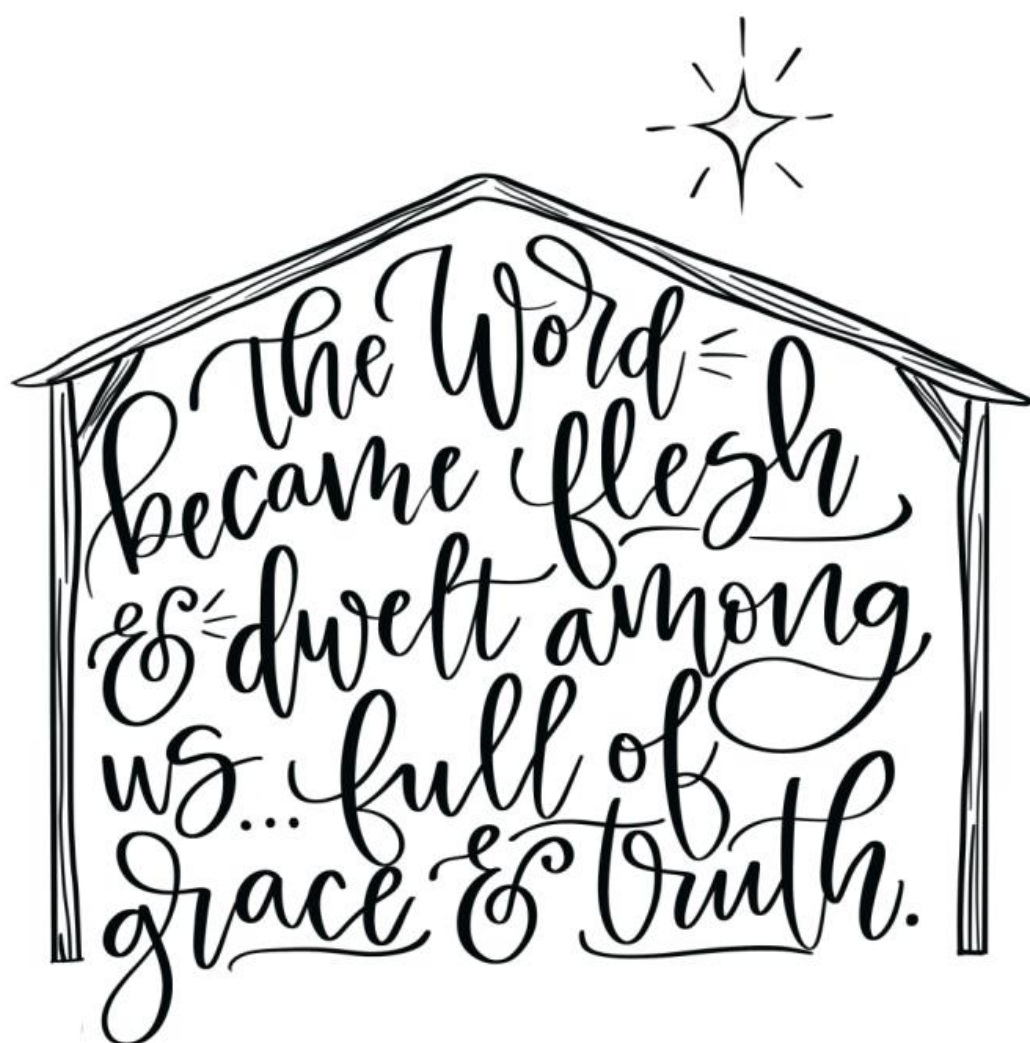


# Christmas Day Celebration Communion

Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee



**In the beginning...**

*Welcome! All the words you need to take part in this service are included on this sheet. Please stand for the carols and join in with the words in bold.*

### Opening Words

Today Christ is born

**Alleluia**

Today the Saviour has come

**Alleluia**

Today the angels sing on earth

**Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest.**

### **CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him,  
born the King of angels:

*O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

God of God,  
Light of light,

lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten not created: *O come let us adore him*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens  
of heaven above;  
'Glory to God in the highest.' *O come let us adore him*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing: *O come let us adore him*

*The Advent candles are lit*

### Confession

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.**

May God who love 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.**

**Game – Joy for the sake of it**

**CAROL Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

let earth receive her King;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!

let all their songs employ;

while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

*We remain standing for the Gospel reading*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you O Lord**

*John 1:1-5, 14 is read*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

**Short Talk** - Chris Henriette

**Snow ball Prayers**

*We pray for the needs of our world*

The Peace

Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

*We offer one another a sign of peace*

## **CAROL - O little town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!

so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in:  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

### Communion Prayer

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

When we turned away you did not reject us  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice  
to join the eternal song of heaven, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*Words of invitation to Communion are used.*

*Communion is shared.*

Prayer After Communion

**God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith  
light up our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.  
Amen.**

**CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark, the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:  
Hail, the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.      *Hark, the herald angel sing*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.      *Hark, the herald angels sing*

## Blessing

God sent his angels from glory to bring to shepherds  
the good news of Jesus' birth.

**Amen. We thank you Lord.**

You have heard his story,  
the story of God's own son.

**Amen. We thank you Lord.**

May he fill you with joy  
to bring this good news to others today.

**Amen. We thank you Lord.**

*Thanks to all those who've helped to make our  
Christmas services so special!*

## **FOODBANK COLLECTION**

A retiring collection will be taken for the **Helping Hands Foodbank**, a joint project run by Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL) and this parish, providing food and toiletries to over 100 vulnerable migrants each week.

If you'd like to give by text, text 'LEE + your amount' to 70085.

For example, text LEE 10 to donate £10. This text will cost you £10 plus a standard network rate text message. You can donate £1, 3, 5, 10, 15 or £20.

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