

*Thank you for joining us on this Telephone Service today.*

*We hope you have enjoyed this service and found it helpful and meaningful.*

*May the light of Jesus shine brightly in your life this Christmas, and always.*

The United Benefice of  
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## **Holy Communion at Christmas** *(on the telephone)*



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O come let us adore him

# Holy Communion at Home Christmas Eve at 7.30pm

## Instructions for how to access the service:

At approx 7.25pm, from your land line or mobile dial this number:  
**0333 1133 850**

Listen to the welcome message and then input the room number:  
**44584684#**

Then you will be asked to input the PIN number, which is:  
**8868#**

### Some points to note:

- When you first enter the 'conference room' please will you say your name(s) so that those already there know that you have arrived.
- Once the service begins, all microphones will be muted except for those taking part in the service. Mics will be unmuted again at the end so people can say good bye to each other.
- If you don't currently give to your parish church by *standing order* or *direct debit*, please consider doing so. If you want to find out what is involved, have a chat with your church treasurer about it. Thank you.
- Call costs: calls to 0333 numbers should be included in your call package, or charged at local rate if you don't have inclusive calls.

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
**Amen.**

*On Christmas Eve Night, the central candle on the Advent wreath is lit. If you have an advent wreath at home you may light the central candle now.*

### Hymn - O Come all ye faithful

### The Blessing

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**All** Amen.

May God who has brought us out of darkness  
give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his Son.

**All** Amen.

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and transform your lives,  
to bring his light to others.

**All** Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you now and always.

**All** Amen.

## Breaking of the bread

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people

**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*As the president receives the sacrament on behalf of us all, please pray this prayer quietly while music is played:*

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given us,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.  
Since we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
We ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen**

## Prayer after communion

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **If you look for Me at Christmas**

you won't need a special star -  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are.  
You may not be aware of Me  
amid the celebrations -  
You'll have to look beyond the stores  
and all the decorations.  
But if you take a moment  
from your list of things to do  
And listen to your heart, you'll find  
I'm waiting there for you.  
You're the one I want to be with,  
you're the reason that I came,  
And you'll find Me in the stillness  
as I'm whispering your name.  
Love.... Jesus

## The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All and also with you.**

*Lighting of the advent candles - if you have candles at home, you may light them now*

## Prayer of Preparation

**All Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.

In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Father,  
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All 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.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love,  
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw *you* to himself,  
that *you* may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
and be cleansed from all *your* sins  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## The Peace

On the night he was born, the angels sang, '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  
**All and also with you.**

## Hymn - Silent Night

### Holy Communion

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**All 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.  
**All 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.

*The Gloria in Excelsis may be said*

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

Eternal God,  
in the stillness of this night  
you sent your almighty Word  
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:  
give to the earth the peace that we long for  
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**All Amen.**

## Bible Reading(s)

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Statement of Faith

**All** **We believe and trust in God the Father  
who created all things,  
who was and is and is to come.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son  
whose coming to us as a human child  
we celebrate today.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who brought the Good News of Jesus to Mary  
and still works among us.**

**We believe and trust in God, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end.  
Amen.**

## Prayers

*These or some other prayers of intercession are used*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
Father, your Son our Saviour was born as a child among us.  
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ....  
Holy God

**All** **hear our prayer.**

There was no room for your Son in the inn.  
Protect with your love those who have no home  
and all who live in poverty....  
Holy God

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Jesus came as a light shining in the darkness.  
Bring comfort to all who are in pain or distress and who suffer in  
the darkness of our world....  
Holy God

**All** **hear our prayer.**

The angels sang 'Peace to God's people on earth'.  
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice  
in all the world....  
Holy God

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Strangers found the Holy Family,  
and saw the baby lying in the manger.  
Bless our homes and all whom we love....  
Holy God

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.  
Keep in safety all those who have passed through death in the hope  
of heaven....  
Holy God

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.  
Open our hearts that he may be born in us today....  
Holy God

**All** **hear our prayer.**

**All** **Jesus, born to save us, give peace to all who seek you  
this Christmas time and for ever more. Amen.**