



The Seven Towers Benefice

Christmas Morning Eucharist



¶ The Gathering

I bring you good news of great joy:
All **a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.**

Unto us a child is born,
All **unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.**

Hymn

Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth;
All **Jesus is our king.**

The candle at the centre of our Advent ring is lit.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;
All **Jesus is our Way.**

With Jesus even dark places are light;
All **Jesus is the Truth**

In Jesus we shall live forever;
All **Jesus is our Life.**

Invitation to Confession

As we sit or kneel with the shepherds
before the newborn Christ child,
we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

Christ came in humility to share our lives;
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people;
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

¶ The Dismissal

Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

We go into the world
All **to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.**

Prayer after communion

Silence is kept

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

All **Amen.**

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.**

Hymn

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The President says:

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

All **Amen**

We stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

(tune: from The Ash Grove)

All **Sing glory to God in the height of the heavens,
salvation and peace to his people on earth;
our King and our Saviour, our God and our Father,
we worship and praise you and sing of your worth!**

**O lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, by the nations adored,
your blood takes away all the sin of creation;
have mercy upon us, for who it is poured.**

**For you, only you, we acknowledge as holy,
we name you alone as our Saviour and Lord;
you only, O Christ, with the Spirit exalted,
are one with the Father, for ever adored!**

The Collect

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.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

We sit

Old or New Testament Reading

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

We remain standing for the Gospel reading

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

All **Alleluia**

All **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,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

Giving of communion

Draw near with faith.
receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance
that he died and lives for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

All **This is our song;
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and the world.
This is our story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours forever and ever.
Amen.**

We sit or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

When the Gospel is announced the reader says
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us stand to affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing,
taking the form of a slave,
he humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore, God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

We sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand.

The Peace

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace on earth to all on whom his favour rests.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heavens song:

Sanctus (*tune Slane*)

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
In power, might and wisdom forever adored!
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above!**

**Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole
and whose death sets us free;
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height!**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
with signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said: