

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

We receive Communion or a blessing in our pews

Prayer after Communion

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. Amen

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.

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 ...

Carol: Hark the herald

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
and we have seen his glory.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the life of Christ, Amen



May you know the blessing and peace of Christ this Christmas

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**All Saints
Mudeford
Christmas
Communion
Celebration**

*Welcome to our Christmas Communion.
Please join in with the words in bold type.*

Carol: Come all ye faithful

The Greeting

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

Unto us a child is born,
Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.
**We worship and adore him.
Alleluia.**

We say sorry to God

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.

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.

The absolution:

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. **Amen.**

Gloria

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

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. **Amen.**

Bible Reading. *Isaiah 9v2-7*

We listen to a reading and respond:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Carol: Joy to the world

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2v1-14*

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

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: O little town

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic 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 him thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world; you have become one with us that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom. Therefore with all the angels of

heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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. *Please sit*

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.

Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, pour your Holy Spirit on us that, as we share these gifts, we may be fed by Christ's precious body and blood.

All honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus Christ your Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please sit or kneel to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Agnus Dei is said

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

We share Communion or a blessing.