

Christmas Day 2020

10am - Holy Communion

We're not meeting in person in the church today but a Service of Holy Communion will be live streamed at 10am at our Facebook page - @AllSaintsChurchChatham

Welcome

Opening Responses

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

Unto us a child is born
Unto us a Son is given

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

Today, we celebrate Jesus
and the miraculous story of his birth
Jesus is our King!

Confession

As we kneel with the shepherds before the new-born Christ child,
we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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: Luke 2:1-20

Reflection

Intercessions

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer G

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God.....

....that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands....

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence.....

.....we worship you, Father almighty,

in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to communion

We take some moments in the quiet, as we receive spiritual nourishment through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you gracious Father,

for welcoming your children

to feast in your kingdom;

by your love unite us,

and with your Spirit send us,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.