



Sharing the Feast of Life Midnight Mass



Minister:

Welcome, all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span.
Summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man.
Great little One, whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

Carol

The Dedication of the Crib

Reconciliation

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness and healing of God
through Jesus, who leads us in the way of liberation.

We have wounded your love:

O God, forgive and heal us.

We stumble in the darkness:

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home:

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Forgiveness

The prophet Isaiah said:

'Can a woman forget the infant at her breast,
or a mother the child of her womb?
As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you, says the Lord.'

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.

To God be glory for ever.

To God be glory for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

To Christ be glory for ever.

To Christ be glory for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.

Give us your freedom for ever.

Give us your freedom for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen.

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Prayer for the Day

O God,

you make this holy night radiant

with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light:

We welcome him as Lord, true light of the world.

Make us a people of this light,

and may the light of faith

shine always in our words and actions.

Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First reading

At the end of the first reading the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Carol

The Gospel

Before the Gospel reading the reader says:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia!

The Gospel reading is from ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Christmas address

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and to make new,
who works in us and in others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and his name is called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share the Peace, then gather round the altar.

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The Preparation of the Gifts

The minister thanks God for the bread and wine and for ourselves. At the end of each prayer we say together:

Blessed be God for ever.

Thanksgiving Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

The minister offers our thanks and praise, after which we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of heaven and earth adored,
Ceasing never, God for ever,
Holy, holy Lord.**

The minister says the words of institution, finishing with:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The prayer of thanksgiving continues, then we say the Lord's Prayer together:

O God in heaven,

**Mother and Father of us all,
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 the Bread

We break this bread ... [x4]

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Jesus, Lamb of God

We sing:

Jesus, Lamb of God:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace.

The Communion

As each person receives the bread and wine:

The body of Christ, the bread of life: **Amen**

The blood of Christ, the cup of blessing: **Amen**

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We remain standing around the altar until everyone has received communion, and then return to our seats.

Prayer after Communion

**Infinite, intimate God, in this Eucharist
we have celebrated your presence with us.**

**May we grow in the divine life of Christ,
who humbly shared our human life.**

Fill us with joy

and send us out to share this good news with others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

Carol

Blessing and Dismissal

The wisdom of the wonderful counsellor guide you,
the angels of the Lord of hosts guard you,
the strength of the almighty God uphold you,
the love of the everlasting Father enfold you,
the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours,
this Christmastide and for ever.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.