ST PETER'S CHURCH, OLD WOKING

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION



THE GATHERING

Welcome and opening prayer

<u>Hymn</u>

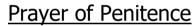
Lighting of Christmas candle

All: Lord Jesus, Light of light,

you have come among us.

Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world.

Glory to God in the highest. AMEN



Leader The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.

Let us come to the light of Christ,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith

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

Leader 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.

Leader Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:

forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy

All Lord have mercy

Leader

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.

The Collect (Prayer for the day)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bible Reading

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

<u>Hymn</u>

<u>Sermon</u>

Creed

Leader Let us 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 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.

<u>Prayers of Intercession</u>

This response may be used

Leader Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer



And at the end

Leader Merciful Father,

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace (All stand)

Leader Glory to God in the highest,

And peace on earth to all on whom his favour rests.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

The Peace is shared

Hymn (during which the offering is taken)

Communion Prayer

Leader The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

(Please sit or kneel)

Leader 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.

Leader 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.

Leader 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, saving:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:

his body is the bread of life.

Leader 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.

Leader 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.

Leader 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.



Lord's Prayer

Leader Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Leader 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 for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Leader 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

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

<u>Hymn</u>

Blessing

Leader

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 ...



Leader Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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