

**GIVING OF COMMUNION** - We prepare to receive from God

Jesus, we come to this your table,  
not because we are strong,

**All** but because we are weak.

Not because any goodness of our own  
gives us the right to come,

**All** but because we need your mercy and your help.

Not because of anything we have achieved,

**All** but because you died for sinners.

Glory be to you,

**All** our living Saviour and Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All** Son of God, born of Mary,  
we have joined the worship of the angels;  
may we never lose that heavenly vision.  
Like the shepherds,  
we have rejoiced at the news of your birth;  
help us to proclaim that message in word and deed,  
to your praise and glory.

**SONG / CAROL**

**BLESSING**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ

**All** Thanks be to God.

*The Minister and people depart*

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# Christmas



# Communion

A service for all the family

**St John the Baptist, Windlesham**

## WELCOME

*Notices may be given and Banns may be read*

## PREPARATION

I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10,11*

## OPENING PRAYER

The people who walked in darkness

**All** have seen a great light.

For to us a child is born

**All** to us a Son is given.

His name will be called

wonderful, counsellor, mighty God,

**All** the everlasting Father,  
the Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest

**All** and peace to his people on earth.

## SONG / CAROL

*Sharing our Presents*

## CONFESSION

Christ the Light of the world has come to shine in our hearts. In his light let us see ourselves and say sorry for all we do which is wrong.

The table of bread and wine is now ready.

So come to this table, you who have much faith,  
and you who would like to have more.

You who have been to this communion often,  
and you who have not been for a long time.

You who have tried to follow Christ  
and you who have failed.

Come! It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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, saying:  
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.

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.

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.

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.

*Silence is kept*

Lord of grace and truth,  
for all that we have done wrong.  
We are sorry

**All** forgive and heal us.

As Mary accepted your call to be Jesus' mother,  
Help us to listen to you.

For the times we have not done all  
that you have called us to do.

We are sorry

**All** forgive and heal us.

Jesus was born in a borrowed manger.  
Jesus taught us that there will always be poor people.  
When we have plenty and want even more.

We are sorry

**All** forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks  
to go to Bethlehem.

Forgive us when we do not trust you  
but put our trust in other things.

We are sorry

**All** forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star  
to find Jesus the King.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

We are sorry

**All** forgive and heal us.

## **Absolution**

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

*COLLECT - The prayer for the day is said*

*A SONG / CAROL may be sung*

## **READING & TALK**

*A SONG / CAROL may be sung*

*CREED - We declare our belief in God*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS - We talk and listen to God**

**THE PEACE** - *We put ourselves right with one and other  
before receiving from God*

To us a child is born, to us a child is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **SONG(s)**

**EURCHARISTIC PRAYER** - *We remind ourselves of God's love for  
us as we remember Jesus' life, death and resurrection.*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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.**

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.**