



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
PERSHORE



All Age Eucharist
for Christmas Day

WE GATHER

Notices and Welcome

Carol - No10 from your Carol Sheet
Hark! the herald-angels sing

During which there is a procession of Choir and ministers

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Starshine in the night, lead us to Jesus.
All **Lead us to Jesus.**

Starshine on this day, lead us to Jesus.
All **Lead us to Jesus.**

Starshine in our hearts, lead us to Jesus.
All **We praise your name!**

We say sorry

'When the goodness of God appeared, he saved us.'

That's what today is about: God's goodness and love shown to everyone. But we sometimes forget. Let's pause and remember the times we have let God down.

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.**

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.**

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria

Collect for the day

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.

All **Amen.**

WE LISTEN

Reading

After each reading we respond:

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Carol – No 6 from your Carol Sheet
Away in a manger

Gospel Reading

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

We listen to the Gospel reading.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

WE RESPOND

Let's remind ourselves that we all belong to the family of God.

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers

After each section we respond by singing

All Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king.

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 with you.
All and also with you.

Carol – No 7 from your Carol Sheet
While shepherds watched

WE CELEBRATE

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us,
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**All 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.**

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:
All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

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

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.

The 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.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
All Jesus Christ is holy.
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

We all share in Communion

Prayer after Communion

All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

WE GO OUT

Carol – No 12 from your Carol Sheet
O come, all ye faithful

God sent his angels from glory to bring the shepherds
the good news of Jesus' birth.

All **Amen. We thank you, Lord.**

We have heard his story,
the story of God's own Son.

All **Amen. We thank you, Lord.**

May he fill you with his joy
to bring good news to others today.

All **Amen. We thank you, Lord.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you, and those you love
this day and always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Choir and ministers process out

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